

**Full School Opening**

We are pleased to report that our first week back with all our children has gone really well. Children are thrilled to be back with all their friends and have returned to whole class learning with enthusiasm. Wellbeing Wednesday was particularly popular, with classes taking part in music, crafts, gardening and personal and social activities.


**Focus Value:  
Empathy**


Please see our Twitter account [@WisGreenPrimary](https://twitter.com/WisGreenPrimary) for more photographs.

This week children have focussed on our empathy value by considering what it was like to stay at home during lockdown compared to attending school in smaller mixed groups. Some interesting comparisons!

**Drop-Off and Pick-Up**

On Monday we were greeted by a large number of families arriving early to drop off and pick up their children (we do understand your enthusiasm!). This caused a considerable amount of congestion and made social distancing very difficult. As the week has progressed this has improved considerably but we do ask that you stick to your child's allotted times and do not arrive early:

<b>Year 5/6</b>	<b>8:40am</b>	<b>3:05pm</b>
<b>Year 3/4</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>3:10pm</b>
<b>Year R/1/2</b>	<b>8:50am</b>	<b>3:15pm</b>

**Only children in Years 5 and 6 and their siblings should be arriving at 8:40am. If you do not have a child in this category, please arrive at the appropriate time to reduce congestion in this slot.**

One area where it is particularly difficult to socially distance is the narrow pathway leading from School Road into the side gate to the playground. To assist with this, we will provide distanced red markers. If you do arrive prior to the gate being opened at 8:40, please allow room for one family per line.

**It would be really helpful if families with siblings could pick-up at the same time. If you have not already put this arrangement in place, please do so and let the office know.**

**Despite our request that children and younger siblings do not play on the tyres or trim trail, several families have continued to do so, with parents chatting nearby.** This adds to congestion around the tyre area and makes social distancing difficult for other families. Please enter and exit the playground as swiftly as possible.

We are really keen to keep to these time slots in order to provide maximum learning time for all classes but if we continue to have issues with congestion, we will have to revert to slots that are more spaced out.

### Wellbeing

Most children have been excited about returning to school but a couple may still be anxious or worried. If you or your child are still concerned, please have a look at the resources below. The Wellbeing section of our website also has a range of resources that might be helpful.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/MHF-Scotland-Parents-Pack.pdf>

<https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/uploads/Files/PDFs/Resilience%20Activities/Going%20back%20to%20school.pdf>

Please let your children know that we have really enjoyed having them all back in school!

### Homework

Following the period of remote learning that involved children spending longer on a screen than usual, and all children now returning to full time school, we have decided not to issue weekly homework until after Easter. You may have noticed that your children have been more tired than usual – we have even had a couple falling asleep in class! We ask that you continue with daily phonics/reading and practise spellings, number bonds and times tables for the next few weeks.

### Wraparound Care

At the start of the school year we informed you that we would do our best to find replacement wraparound care for Treetops. Although the pandemic has made this far more difficult, we are pleased to say that one of the companies we contacted have now expressed an interest. They are in the process of compiling a parent questionnaire in order to gauge interest and we will email this to you as soon as it is ready.

### Comic Relief

**Comic Relief Red Nose Day is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.** Children will be finding out more about the work this charity does to help all sorts of people going through tough times. This links nicely with our focus value of empathy this half term.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to sell red noses in school but please feel free to buy or order your own and let your child wear them in school on that day. **Children may also wear red clothes if they wish.**

Please find the link below for any donations: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

### West Sussex Holiday Provision: children eligible for FSM

You may have seen in the press that the government will be providing activities and food for children during the school holidays. The programme has been nationally planned to offer four days of activity and lunch during the Easter break, 16 days during the summer holiday period and four days at Christmas.

West Sussex have planned four days during Easter for children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). They have decided to avoid involving schools based on the possibility of activities still being virtual and in order to provide schools with a break. The Easter provision will take place through a network of libraries and community hubs to ensure accessibility to all localities and will focus on healthy eating and nutrition linked with literature. Details are expected in the next couple of weeks.

The focus for the summer will be around outdoor and sport and physical activity, with opportunities for children to work collaboratively and build their confidence and social skills, which will be so important after a long period of lockdown.

### Hot Meals

Please see our [website](#) for the new Chartwells Summer term menu.

### PTA News

**Sponsored Read** - Well done to all the children for their fundraising efforts. Over £800 has been raised so far and there is still time to donate. To see our current total, and pay in your money, please use our Go Fund Me link.

[gofundme.com/f/wisboroughgreenschoolsponsoredread](https://gofundme.com/f/wisboroughgreenschoolsponsoredread)

**Cake Raffle** - Please see Twitter [@WisGreenPrimary](#) for this week's winner

**Class Film Night** - Year 3 tickets on sale through Classlist until tomorrow (Saturday) at 6pm

**Our next PTA Meeting is on Thursday 25th March at 7.30pm. All parents welcome!**

### Important Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 6 Bikeability

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 Film Night

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Comic Relief Red Nose Day

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Year 5 Film Night

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Last day of term

*Stay Safe and Take Care*

*Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums*



**Covid Hotline** – If you receive a positive Covid result for your child over the weekend or during the evening, please email [covid19@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk](mailto:covid19@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk) straight away.