

A Note from the Headteacher

Impact of Lockdown

I am sure that you were as pleased as I was when all children were able to return to school on 8th March. It has been lovely to hear children playing and learning with their friends again and initial feedback from teachers is that many children have maintained knowledge and have even made progress during the lockdown period. Although this is great news, staff have found that learning attitudes, including independence and resilience appear to have suffered. Many children had quite a high degree of adult support during lockdown and are now finding it difficult to stay focussed for longer periods or tackle problems by themselves.

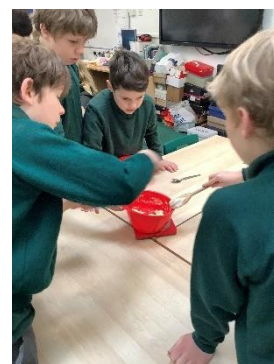
Focus Value:
Empathy



In addition, although thrilled to be back with their class, children are finding that friendship groups have adjusted slightly and that working and playing within a large group is requiring more effort than previously. This comes as no surprise under the circumstances and many other primary schools are reporting exactly the same. We will continue to do all that we can to settle children in quickly and smoothly but please do not be overly concerned if we talk to you about your child's behaviour or attitude over the next few weeks.

You may also have noticed that your child is far more tired than usual since returning to school. This can result in children having less patience and understanding than usual. Several parents have also reported that their child's behaviour at home has deteriorated so please don't think you are alone if this is the case! To support your child, as well as making sure that they get plenty of sleep, we ask that you encourage independence as much as you can at home and talk to them about taking turns, listening to others, following rules and showing empathy, our focus value, towards others.

Wellbeing Wednesday has really helped children to work and play together, providing opportunities for groups to work as a team and value each other's contributions. This week's activities included cooking, singing, gardening, board games and even doughnut baking outdoors!



Testing for COVID-19

Some parents have expression confusion regarding the use of rapid lateral flow tests at home. Current advice from the DfE clarifies as follows:

‘Households of primary-age children will have access to regular lateral rapid flow testing. Children of primary school age or younger will not be asked to test at this time. **We are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and book a PCR test for the child.**’

Please access the NHS advice website for further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Parent-Teacher Conversations

Just a reminder that bookings for parent-teacher meetings close at 4pm on Tuesday, 30th March. If you haven't yet booked a slot, please do so via SchoolCloud <https://wisboroughgreen.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

If your child has Special Educational Needs (SEND) you may also book an additional chat with Miss Greenway, our SENDCo and Deputy Head, for Friday 23rd April.

Premises Manager

We would like to inform parents and carers that Mr Waghorne, our Premises Manager, will be leaving us at the end of term. We are sure that you will join us in thanking him for his time at Wisborough Green and wish him luck in the future.

The vacancy is currently being advertised on our [website](#) with a closing date of Tuesday 30th March.

Wraparound Care

We are pleased to inform you that an independent company, Clubs Complete, have expressed an interest in offering before and after-school care at Wisborough Green. In order to assess engagement and viability, they have asked that parents and carers complete their survey ([link in email](#)), indicating their interest and requirements. We strongly recommend that you provide as much detail as possible in order to give them a clear picture of possible demand. **The deadline for completion is end of Thursday 1st April.**

Comic Relief

Congratulations to Kira in Year 3 who completed a sponsored Mud Fun Run to raise funds for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. At the last count she had raised just over £400! Well done Kira and a big thank you to everyone who contributed!



End of Term

Just a reminder that we finish earlier on the last day of term, Thursday 1st April as follows:

Years 5 and 6	1:55pm
Years 3 and 4	2:00pm
Years 1/2/Reception	2:05pm.

Multisport clubs for Years 1 and 2 will finish at 2:55pm, and children will be ready for pick up at 3:00pm.

Other Information

Charity Collection – One of our families will be collecting donations of soft toys for an annual charity postage to children in Gambia. There will be a box on the school playground on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please feel free to bring any clean soft toy donations on those days, and adhere to social distancing when donating to the box.

Pick Up Times - If you have siblings in school and would like to collect them both at the earlier of their pick-up times, please ensure that the school office have been informed in advance.

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 31st March: Year 5 Film Night

Thursday 1st April: Last day of term (early finish)

Monday 19th April: Year 1 and Year 6 Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 20th April: Reception and Year 4 Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 21st April: Year 2 and Year 5 Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 22nd April: Year 3 Parent Teacher Meetings

Monday 26th April: Class Photos (more information to follow)

PTA News

Easter Trail - This will be taking place for 10 days between Friday 2nd April until Sunday 11th April. Clue sheets will be sent out shortly.

School Fair - Sunday 27th June. Please contact Ashley Roberts or Sarah Nicholls if you would like to get involved with the planning and on the day. ***Please note that this event is currently provisional and will be confirmed once DfE restrictions in schools have been relaxed.***

Cake Raffle - Please see Twitter [@WisGreenPrimary](https://twitter.com/WisGreenPrimary) for this week's winner.

Year 5 Film Night - Last chance to get tickets today

Ticket sales close tonight on Classlist. This event is taking place on Wednesday 31st March.

Our School Wishlist - Launching soon. Thank you to our generous sponsors Penfolds Estate Agents and Runnymede Homes.

Next PTA Meeting - Thursday 22nd April at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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 straight away.

Stay Safe and Take Care