

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30th April 2021



A Note from the Headteacher

Children have continued thinking about the importance of honesty this week and the consequences of telling lies.

Quotes from Year 6 included:

"If you've done something wrong by accident, you should just be honest and apologise."

"A lie can make things even worse - people might wonder what else you've lied about."

Year 5 agreed that:

"If you lie you can get into more trouble so it's better if you don't lie. When you lie you can make the person feel upset and when you tell the truth they might feel cross but they're glad you've told the truth."

Reception decided:

'If you do tell a lie then people may not believe you when you need help.'

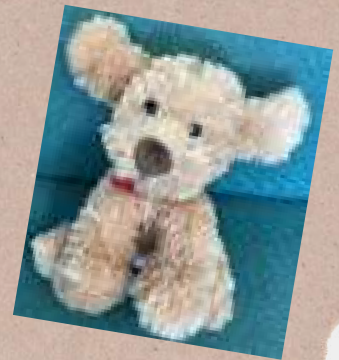
'Lying makes other people sad and upset.'

Focus Value

for this

half term:

Honesty



Swimming Lessons

You will be aware that our swimming pool has been out of action for some time. Previous indications were that the canopy and lining needed to be repaired. The PTA worked hard to raise a considerable amount of money to fund some of these repairs but unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions and weather conditions, we were only able to complete the canopy repairs last term. This week the WSCC Facilities Management Services Team inspected our pool in order to clarify the exact internal repairs needed for the pool to pass its annual survey. To our surprise and great disappointment, we were informed that far greater work will be required than originally expected. This means that the pool will be out of use for considerable time whilst additional fund sources are obtained, certainly into the start of the next academic year.

In the meantime, we have been in discussions with Billingshurst Leisure Centre regarding temporary swimming lessons for our children. The National Curriculum requires that 'all schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

As the leisure centre only has one weekly slot available for 2020/21, and Year 6 have the least amount of time in which to achieve and be assessed against these standards, we have arranged for Year 6 to attend the weekly swimming session for the rest of this term. (Year 6 parents have received a separate email with further details).

We will continue to investigate options for next year and will provide further information as soon as arrangements have been confirmed.



West Sussex Parent Services

Several free virtual events are currently being provided by West Sussex, the next of which is the **Expert Parent Programme on May 6th**, which is focusing on pre-school and primary age children. Details of this and future events can be found on their Facebook page where parents can also sign up to a newsletter and emails by clicking on the blue 'Sign Up' button - [West Sussex Parent Carer Forum | Facebook](#). If parents are not on Facebook then they can sign up by emailing office@wspcf.org.uk or calling 01903 726188.

You may also wish to further your knowledge of Autism by attending webinars run by the **Curly Hair Project**. Attending these webinars is currently free for people living and working in West Sussex thanks to the partnership of West Sussex Mind and WSCC, and the funding continues throughout May.

Details of the promotional code can be found here: [Webinars on Autism in young people - PLEASE READ DESCRIPTION TO BOOK Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

A list of upcoming webinars can be found here: ["Life Changing" Asperger's and Autism Training and Webinars \(thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk\)](#).

West Sussex will also be running a **FREE online self-harm session** for parents and carers of a young person engaged in or at risk of engaging in self-harming behaviour. This webinar will be presented by the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust and is available to parents and carers across East Sussex, West Sussex, and Brighton & Hove. The session will be hosted via Zoom and there is a limit for 100 attendees per local authority. The webinar will take place on the **11th May 2021 from 12:00 - 13:00** and is bookable via [Eventbrite](#).

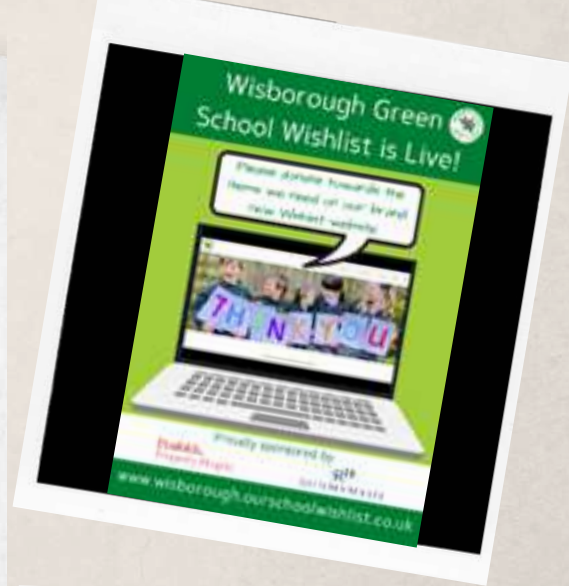
The New PTA Wishlist Site is Now Live!

The school and PTA are excited to be launching our new fundraising platform, the Wisborough Green School Wishlist, to raise much-needed funds and buy essential items for our lovely school.

To check out the Wisborough Green School Wishlist or make a donation, visit www.wisborough.ourschoolwishlist.co.uk.

Donating towards the School's Wishlist is completely voluntary and we welcome all donations - large or small. We hope you like it! We feel it can really make a difference to our children's school experience. Please do share the link on social media and send to aunts, uncles, grandparents - anyone you think might like to help us. We are extremely grateful to our generous sponsors, Penfolds Estate Agents and Runnymede Homes.

Please be patient if you come across any issues with the site and let the PTA know by emailing them at wisboroughgreenschoolpta@gmail.com. Thank you for your ongoing support as always.



Dates for your Diary

3rd May:	Bank Holiday (school closed)
4th May:	Extra-Curricular Clubs Start
11th May:	Rockstars Relaunch
12th May:	Y4 Film Night
17th May:	Walk to School Week
20th May:	Outdoor Classroom Day

Team Points
GREEN: 169
BLUE: 165
RED: 145
YELLOW: 118

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.

PTA News

Cake Raffle - Please see Twitter @WisGreenPrimary for this week's winner



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