

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 16th September 2022

Focus Valve
for this half
term:
Positivity

A Note from the Headteacher

As the new year begins, classes are starting to learn about their new topic under the theme 'Far Away and Long Ago'.

Key Stage 1 are really looking forward to visiting the Knucker Hole, home of a local legend, and Arundel Castle as part of their local history studies, 'Dragons and Castles'.

Years 3 and 4 have already started to immerse themselves in the Roman Empire and will be learning about its impact on Britain, leading up to a visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace in November (details to follow).

Years 5 and 6 are far away and long ago in Ancient Greece, studying Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. They will take part in a one-day workshop in November, finding out about some of the greatest philosophers, writers and athletes.

For further details of each year group's learning this term, please see the [Curriculum page](#) on our website. We are currently on Cycle B, Autumn Term.

Safety & Welfare Within School Grounds

Despite our polite reminder in last week's newsletter about supervising younger children on bikes and scooters, another serious incident took place yesterday during pick up. A heavily pregnant woman was knocked to the ground and was severely shaken. As a result, and to avoid further injuries, we will now need to insist that bikes, tricycles and scooters are either left outside of school grounds or are parked in the bike shed if entering via the back gate from School Road. We are relieved to say that mother and baby have been checked out and all is thankfully fine.

We have also noticed several children climbing trees at the front of school when being picked up from clubs. Please discourage your children from doing so - there are plenty of opportunities for tree climbing within the safe and secure environment of our Forest School sessions.

Volunteers

Now that we are settled back in school, we would love to invite our volunteers to return too! If you were a Reading Angel, Friend of Forest School or Lead Librarian last year and would be happy to return this term, please let us know. Everyone welcome - from an hour a week to a half-day session, we would love to see you. If you are interested in helping in school but haven't done so before, please contact Sarah Taaffe, our Business Manager, for more information.



All children from Years 1 to 4 will now have a banded reading book and a Reading Diary. This should come home each day and be returned to school each morning. This enables parents, carers and staff to record daily reading and highlight any target words or sounds. Regular reading with an adult will help your child to become a confident and fluent reader, and will hopefully develop a lifelong love of books!



Democracy Day

Please help your child to prepare their speech or presentation for Democracy Day if they wish to put their case forward for one of our positions of responsibility on Friday 23rd September. All children may come to school wearing red, white and blue on this day.

As part of our democracy studies, Mr Gareth Evans, a Loxwood Councillor, will be visiting Year 5 this half-term to explain a little about how the democratic process works at a local level. Year 6 will be having a virtual tour of the Houses of Parliament and extending their understanding to a national level.

Extra-Curricular Activities

It has been great to see so many children already taking part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Some clubs are now full, with a waiting list held in the office, but there are still places for the KS2 Art Club and Irish Dancing. Art on Wednesdays has now been opened up to Year 2 so if your child would like to join, please see the [club list](#) for details. Irish dancing for Years 1 to 6 begins on Monday 26th September, with the first session free of charge!

Medical Information

Please be reminded that, if your child requires an inhaler or Epipen, then two should be kept in school at all times.

Parents and carers must also follow the guidance from the UK Health Security Agency and the NHS, which stipulates that children with diarrhoea or vomiting must remain away from school for **48 hours after their last episode**. Please see the attached list for isolation details of other common childhood illnesses.

Tour Dates for Prospective Parents

For some of our families it is time to start thinking about applying for a school place in September 2023. Tours of the school are available on the following dates:

Wednesday 12th October: 9.15 - 10.15am
Tuesday 18th October: 9.15 - 10.15am
Wednesday 19th October: 9.15 - 10.15am
Wednesday 19th October: 1.30 - 2.30pm

Please contact the office if you would like to book a place. Applications for places open on Monday 3rd October 2022, with a deadline of Sunday 15th January 2023. Please see our website for details of how to apply.

Parent-Teaching Meetings

Our autumn parent-teacher conversations started today with Year 6. If you would still like to book an appointment for Years 1 to 5, please do so via BromCom. We encourage all parents and carers to take the opportunity to discuss how their child has settled in and how best to support them to achieve their targets for learning.

Bank Holiday

A reminder that all schools will be closed on **Monday 19th September**. This day is a bank holiday as a mark of respect for the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Chartwells Census Day

Chartwells is holding its Census Day 'Children's Choice' menu on Thursday 6th October. Please see the attached flyer for further details and booking information.

Diary Dates - September

Monday 19th: School Closed: Bank Holiday
Tuesday 20th: Y2 Parent Teacher Meetings
Friday 23rd: Democracy Day
Monday 26th: Olympic Athlete Visit
Monday 26th: Y3 Parent Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 27th: Y4 Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday 29th: Y1 Parent Teacher Meetings
Friday 30th: Y1/Y2 Visit to Arundel Castle
Friday 30th: Y5 Parent Teacher Meetings



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