

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Focus Valve
for this half
term:
Positivity

Friday 23rd September 2022

A Note from the Headteacher

Children are really embracing our value of positivity, showing a 'can do' attitude towards learning across a range of subjects. In addition to introducing new topics, staff have spent the first few weeks getting to know the children and assessing fluency in reading, spelling and mental maths. To support further learning in these areas, teachers will now begin to set weekly home learning tasks from Friday 30th September. The tasks are designed to develop fluency and confidence (through reading or practising numbers facts and spelling patterns) or develop inquiry skills (through work that is linked to current classwork).

As there is some evidence that short focused tasks that help to consolidate learning can be effective in improving children's attainment, particularly where parents or carers are engaged in their child's learning, we ask that you support your child in these weekly activities. Homework for Years 2 to 6 will be provided via Google Classroom. Year 1 will be provided with a Home Learning Book which is returned to school each week.

Please find attached our Home Learning Guidance which has been reviewed to reflect current research and means of communication.

Growth Mindset

During our recent 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, teachers discussed the importance of positive learning behaviour and children developing a growth mindset. This is the belief that intelligence is not a fixed characteristic and can be increased through effort. Research suggests that holding this belief enables pupils to work harder and achieve better results. Please support your child's learning at home by encouraging them to persevere (one of our core values) when things seem tricky and to understand that mistakes are celebrated, as they help us to learn. We don't say, 'We can't do it', we say, 'We can't do it YET'.

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.

Talented Athletes

This week our PE team have selected a group of talented athletes from Years 5 and 6 to participate in a sports festival at the Weald in October. This will be a great opportunity for the children to take part in a range of activities, practise their skills and compete against children from other schools. Well done to everyone who was chosen!

Medical Information

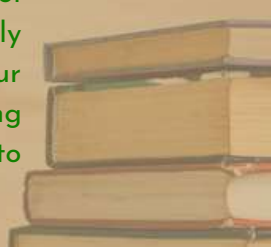
Please be reminded that, if your child requires an inhaler or Epipen, then two should be kept in school at all times.

Irish Dancing

Following an exciting assembly, the Irish Dancing club is open to Year 1 - 6 and still has some spaces! See our website for booking details



Our new Reception class are now fully immersed in school life. They were extremely excited about learning our Song of Sounds phonics song and invited Mrs Bennett to watch!



Democracy Day



We were incredibly impressed with all the children who put themselves forward for a position of responsibility today, especially those who wish to be Year 6 Sports Captains and presented to the whole school. Most positions have now been decided. The quality of applications for Year 6 Ambassador positions was exceptionally high and is still under discussion. As soon as all classes are agreed, winners will be announced and badges allocated accordingly. New roles will then begin with several council meetings already booked for this half term.



Parent-Teaching Meetings

Our autumn parent-teacher conversations are well under way. Thank you to everyone who passed on positive feedback about how well their child had settled into their new class. It is always lovely to hear! If you would still like to book an appointment for Years 1, 3, 4 and 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.

Significant Dates

During the last two years the pandemic often prevented whole school family events from taking place or meant that we were organising them with quite short notice. As this year appears to be a return to usual practice, we wanted to inform you of some of our key dates well in advance:

- Thursday 20th October pm Harvest Celebration at St Peter ad Vincula Church
- Friday 18th November Year 3/4 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
- Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December KS1/Reception Nativity performances
- Thursday 25th May 2023 Sports Day (whole school)

Further information will be sent for each of these events nearer the time but we appreciate that you may wish to add the dates to your diaries now.

Stay up to date with all the latest news, and this week's cake raffle winner, on our Twitter page: @WisGreenPrimary



Swimming at Wisborough Green

We are aware that we have not provided an update regarding our swimming provision for some time. This is due to the difficulty in finding companies willing to take on the rebuild project and provide quotes. Please be assured that we continue to search and have sought WSCC and external help on the matter. As soon as we have any more information, we will let you know. In the meantime, Year 5 and a few of our Year 6 children have started this term's swimming sessions at Billingshurst Leisure Centre and are really enjoying their weekly lessons.

Diary Dates - September

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

October

Monday 3rd: West Sussex Fire/Rescue Visit
Tuesday 4th: PTA AGM @7pm
Wednesday 5th: Y1, 2 & 3 Drama Workshop
Wednesday 5th: Y5 & 6 Talented Athletes @ The Weald
Thursday 6th: National Poetry Day
Friday 7th: Y5 Local Councillor Visit
Monday 10th: Bonfire Night Ticket Sales Open to Parents
Friday 14th: Flu Vaccinations



HOUSE POINTS
YELLOW - 117
RED - 127
GREEN - 195
BLUE - 219