

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Focus Value
for this
half term:
Unity

Friday 3rd February 2023

A Note from the Headteacher

Thank you to all our parents and carers for being so supportive and understanding with regard to the NEU day of industrial action this week. I appreciate that this can be frustrating and may cause difficulties for working parents. We all hope that a settlement has been negotiated before the next proposed date of industrial action, Thursday 2nd March. If not, further details will be sent out nearer to the time. Please do not assume that the same partial opening arrangements will apply on each day of action, as a separate risk assessment will need to be completed each time. We will of course keep you fully informed of any future decisions relating to industrial action.

I would also like to thank our teachers and parents for our high level of engagement with parent-teacher meetings last term. 98.1% of parents met with teachers to discuss their child's learning. Research carried out by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that parental engagement and support in their child's learning has a positive impact on average of 4 months' additional progress.

Computing

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to generous funding donations, we have been able to purchase ten new iPads, seven for staff and three further iPads for the children. Enormous thanks to the PTA and Billingshurst Lions, for their kind contributions. It makes such a difference across the curriculum!



We would also like to highlight Safer Internet Day which we will be holding on Friday 10th February. Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns. This year, each class will take part in a range of celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Please check out the parent page on Barnardo's for helpful advice about how to keep your child safe online.



We are looking forward to taking part in World Book Day this year. As Thursday 2nd March has been identified for potential industrial action by the NEU, we have decided to celebrate this important occasion on Friday 3rd March. Due to the success of last year's hat competition, we have decided to continue with this theme. Children are invited to make or decorate a hat to represent a favourite book or book character. There will be a prize for the best hat in each class.

We have also organised a Book Fair which will be held in the hall after school from Tuesday 28th February to Thursday 2nd March, 3:15-3:45pm. Books will be available to buy from ages 2 to 11+. Please see the attached flyer for details.



Tell Me More About the Curriculum

Don't forget, if you would like to find out more about our curriculum, we are holding a 'Tell Me More' session for parents and carers on Friday 10th February at 10:00am. Please come along for a coffee and a chat about our learning.

Staff Car Park

Despite several reminders, we are disappointed to see that parents and carers are still parking in the staff car park, particularly when picking up after clubs or dropping off a child after 8:50am. Our car park is for staff use only unless invited. Please be aware that, should an accident occur when parking in an unauthorised area, this could have a detrimental effect on any insurance claim made.

INSET Days 2023/2024

In response to parents' feedback, we have planned ahead and confirmed our INSET Days for the academic year 2023/2024. This should provide greater flexibility when families are booking holidays, avoiding the need to take children out of school. Thanks to the consideration of our parents and carers, we are very pleased to inform you that the latest national data shows that, in summer 2021 absence at Wisborough Green was in the lowest 20% of all schools (2.9%). Persistent absence in summer 2021 was also in the lowest 20% of all schools (5.1%).

INSET Days for 2023/2024 are as follows:

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Monday 4th September 2023 (school starts Tuesday 5th September)
- Friday 20th October 2023
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Monday 3rd June 2024

Bikeability

Year 6 are looking forward to their Bikeability Week, starting next Monday 6th February. Don't forget to check that your child's cycle and helmet are roadworthy. The week begins with an explanation of the basic bike checks. Both front and rear brakes must be in full working order, the tyres must be in good condition and pumped up, and the handlebars securely attached and fitted with bar end plugs. Children will then complete Level 1 on the playground, followed by a 2-hour Level 2 (on-road) session in pairs later in the week. Remember your child will require an outdoor coat for the week.

Reception Numicon Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the Numicon workshop this morning. Parents spent time finding out about how we use Numicon in school to help children see connections between numbers in a multi-sensory way. They then visited the classroom and outdoor area to see the children using Numicon in a variety of ways. Maple Class were very excited and loved sharing their learning!

Today's presentation has been uploaded to our website, Maple Class page.



Congratulations to the
winner of
this week's PTA Cake
Raffle!

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| YELLOW | - 179 |
| RED | - 179 |
| GREEN | - 182 |
| BLUE | - 174 |

Diary Dates - February 2023

Monday 6th: Y6 Bikeability Week
Friday 10th: Internet Safety Day
Friday 10th: Tell Me More - Curriculum
Monday 13th: Half Term Week
Monday 20th: INSET Day
Friday 24th: Family Reading @ 9.00am
Tuesday 28th: Weald Book Awards Evening

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174,849 kWh



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