

# Wisborough Green Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th June 2023



Focus Value for  
this half term:  
Empathy

### A Note from the Headteacher

This week we read 'Teach Your Dragon Empathy' by Steve Herman in assembly. We considered different situations that might arise at school and how children could show empathy in the most supportive way. We also discussed where the dragon got it wrong!



Following on from last week's reminder about school uniform, we have noticed some children wearing sports shorts for school. Whilst we understand that the hot weather can be uncomfortable, we would like to remind you that our uniform includes 'school shorts' only, not sports shorts, in plain grey or black. Children may continue to wear black sports shorts for PE lessons. Thank you for your support.

### Staffing

It is with huge sadness that we need to inform you that Mrs Bates, our much-loved Year 1 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mrs Bates has worked at Wisborough Green for 20 years across all age groups and has seen many families go all the way through school. I am sure that you will join us in wishing Mrs Bates all the best with her new ventures. Although Mrs Bates will be greatly missed by us all, we are hoping to tempt her back for occasional cover teaching, so watch this space!

Interviews for our two vacant teaching posts were held today. As soon as positions are confirmed, we will let you know, along with class staffing for 2023/2024.

### Cherry Class Residential

We can't wait to welcome back the Year 6 pupils from their Isle of Wight trip this evening. From the photos, it certainly looks like they have had a fantastic time! Staff report that behaviour, teamwork and resilience have been exemplary all week, which is lovely to hear. We look forward to more photos and stories of all their adventures when they return.



It's that time of the year again when West Sussex Libraries organise the Summer Reading Challenge, which starts in all West Sussex Libraries on Saturday 8th July. This year the challenge is called **Ready, Set, Read!** and aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break. One of the librarians will be joining our school assembly next week to talk to the children about this year's exciting challenge. They will bring official Summer Reading Challenge invitations for all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 classes to take home and a poster for our noticeboard.



### French Connection

We have loved having Marilou, a French student, for the week in Year 5! Thank you, Matilda, for inviting her. We have learnt a few French phrases and found out about school life in Marseille. Some of us were quite jealous of the four-day week and no uniform but we were pleased to hear that our school has nicer grounds and better PE lessons. Mrs Bennett was intrigued to hear that no electronic devices are used in school. We may keep that information from Mrs Schaeffer, our Computing Lead!



### Sporting Events

A great week for sport - Year 5 sent a dance squad to The Weald to take part in a dance workshop with other local schools. Children performed paired, group and whole class dances to South American music and enjoyed putting together their own sequence of dance moves. Our Year 5 talented athletes also visited The Weald. They took part in a range of sports including athletics, tennis, rounders, sprint and relay races. The children said, "It was a great experience and lots of fun but also hot and tiring!"



### Bike Week

This week, Willow Class had a great but very hot bike week! They have practiced breaking gently and had a go at weaving in and out of obstacles. Next week, it is the turn of Oak Class. Please park your bikes in the playground near the Early Years fence on Monday morning.



### 2023/2024 New Starters

It was wonderful to welcome some of our new September 2023 starters from Climbing Bears this week. The children were so excited to explore and play in their soon-to-be new classroom and outside area. Maple Class were fantastic role models, sharing what Reception is all about and the great fun they are going to have during their first year of school. We look forward to welcoming them again next week!

### Dates for Next Week

- Year 1 Bike Week
- Wednesday 21st Street Cricket @ The Weald
- Friday 23rd Year 3/4 History Day: School Life
- Friday 23rd New Reception Parent Meeting 9:15am

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



### Other Diary Dates

#### June 2023

Monday 26th: Y3 Bike Week  
Tuesday 27th: Y6 @ The Weald (see letter from The Weald)  
Wednesday 28th: SEND Sports Festival @ The Weald  
Thursday 29th: Y5/Y6 Summer Production 6pm  
Friday 30th: Y5/Y6 Summer Production 9.15am

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Total Solar Energy  
Generated  
174,849 kWh