

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023



Focus Value for
this half term:
Honesty

A Note from the Headteacher

This week, we began looking at our focus value of Honesty. We listened to the story of 'The Honest Woodcutter', one of Aesop's Fables, and discussed the moral of the story. Through the events children observed how honesty was rewarded and those who were dishonest were supported to make the right decision in the future. A noble attitude that we all aim to emulate.

Democracy Day

Each year, children across school are given an opportunity to stand for one of several positions of responsibility within their class. It has been great to see so many children taking part in this democratic process, explaining how they would like to contribute to the life of the school. Next week, children will vote for the Year 6 Sports Captains who will represent their house teams and Mrs Bennett will complete the extremely difficult task of selecting this year's School Ambassadors from those who have written a letter of application. We will announce the results as soon as all the positions have been confirmed.



Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Within the maths curriculum, it is expected that, 'by the end of Year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table and show precision and fluency in their work'. At the end of Year 4, children complete a Multiplication Tables Check, which is reported to parents and the DfE. To assist children with the recall of these multiplication facts at speed, we provide individual Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) accounts for children from Year 2 and encourage children to practise at their own level, several times a week, at school and at home. One way in which we monitor whole-school progress is by comparing the average speed of a correct answer with that of other local schools. We are pleased to announce that we are currently 5th, our highest place so far, out of 30 nearby schools, primary and secondary. Enormous congratulations to everyone who has contributed to our mean speed of 3.46 seconds per question. Well done!



Family Reading

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, grandparents and siblings at our first Family Reading session of the year! Over 60 adults attended from Years 1 to 6 and children loved sharing their books and new classrooms with their families. Thank you for helping to maintain the profile and enjoyment of reading for all.

There is a wealth of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development (See DfE Research evidence on reading for pleasure, Education Standards Research Team, May 2012).



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs after school are proving very popular but there are still plenty of spaces before school. If your child is interested in trying a free taster session w/c 18th September for any of the following clubs, please email the school office to request a place, stating which club your child would like to try:

- Monday am Football
- Tuesday am Tennis
- Wednesday am Dodgeball
- Thursday am Golf
- Friday am Gymnastics



A free taster session is also available for Hockey, after school on Friday of that week. Please be aware that low or no demand for any of the clubs provided by Premier Education could result in the club being withdrawn.

New Reception Cohort

Maple Class have had a fantastic first week of school. They have all settled into the school routines beautifully and have enjoyed getting to know their new friends and their classroom area. We really look forward to welcoming them all next week to stay for lunch and start full time from Wednesday the 20th. Well done Maple Class.



PTA AGM

Thank you to all our parents, carers and staff who gave up their time to attend the PTA AGM. We are very pleased to announce our new PTA Committee as follows:

Chair - Lorna Byles

Vice Chair - Stephanie Cook

Treasurer - Victoria Martin

Secretary - Jeanette Clark

Communications Officer - Rachel Evans

An enormous thank you to everyone who works so hard to raise funds throughout the year. We cannot wait to see what 2023/24 brings!



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

HOUSE POINTS

RED - 103

GREEN - 89

BLUE - 80

YELLOW - 79

Dates for Next Week

- Monday 18th all Reception Class stay for lunch
- Monday 18th Year 6 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm
- Wednesday 20th Reception Class first full day
- Thursday 21st Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm



Stay up to date with all the latest news on our Twitter page: @WisGreenPrimary and check our 'Local Events' website page.

For future diary dates, please visit our website's [school calendar](#). Thank you.

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174,849 kWh