

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

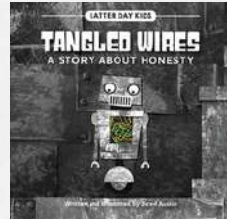


Focus Value for
this half term:
Honesty



A Note from the Headteacher

Our assembly story this week was 'Tangled Wires' by Jared Austin. Children learnt about a robot whose wires tangled a little more each time he told a lie, to the point that he was unable to function properly. As soon as he started to tell the truth, he felt a lot better and returned to normal. Children compared this to how they sometimes feel if they don't tell the truth and agreed being honest feel much better!



I would like to remind parents/carers that, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the learning provision or behaviour of your child, you are advised to request a face-to-face or telephone appointment with your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience. This should help to avoid any unnecessary upset or misunderstandings and will provide the information that you require first-hand. Thank you for your continued support.

500 Words

This year sees the return of BBC 500 Words, a writing competition first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show. The competition has now opened for submissions and will run until Friday 10 November 2023. This year, the two age categories will be 5-7-year-olds and 8-11-year-olds. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. Some of our classes have already started thinking of ideas and are very excited to hear that Mrs Bennett will be helping to judge the first round of one of the region's entries. Please follow the link for more information and details of how to enter.



Coats

Several children have been coming to school without a coat this term. As part of our Healthy Schools initiative, we provide daily opportunities for children to play outdoors. Only the very worst weather will prevent us from going outside, so please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school each day, especially if rain is forecast! Thank you.



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!

Each year we encourage as many volunteers as possible to join us as Reading Angels to support children across school with 1:1 reading. If you are interested in volunteering and could offer an hour a week (or longer!) please contact Mrs Taaffe in the school office for details of how to apply. Please also mention this to grandparents as they are very welcome too!





Harvest Celebration

This year we will be holding our Harvest Celebration at St Peter ad Vincula Church on the afternoon of **Wednesday 18th October**. We will be collecting food donations for Horsham Matters, a local foodbank, on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week. They are currently short of custard, pasta sauce, instant noodles, coffee, tinned potatoes, rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned meat and long-life milk but would welcome any other dry, packet, jar or tinned items. Thank you in advance for your support at such a difficult time for many families.

The Weald Sports Events



Well done to all the children who represented the school at recent Weald Sports Events this week. On Tuesday, they took part in a swimming gala, competing in a range of races. They showed great sportsmanship, cheering on each other and the competing teams. Congratulations to Hugo who won several races and the whole team for taking part. On Wednesday, our talented athletes spent a day competing in a range of sports including football, netball, athletics and obstacle races. They reported that, although it was challenging, they loved competing in a range of sports requiring lots of different skills.

Home Learning

Now that the children have settled into the new year and are set up on Google Classroom (Years 2-6), classes will begin to be provided with home learning. Initially teachers will introduce daily reading, a maths activity (TTRS or Numbots if applicable) and a spelling task. Next half term, additional activities will be introduced throughout each term. Please see our revised [Home Learning Guidance](#) for further details. A reminder that home learning, with the exception of daily reading, is optional for years 1 to 4.

In response to feedback from parents with several siblings, home learning tasks for all classes will now be released each **Thursday**, with a deadline for submission, if applicable, by **9:00am the following Tuesday**. This will start next week on **Thursday 5th October**. We hope that this consistent approach is helpful. Please let us know.

Key Dates

As we know that some of our parents appreciate plenty of notice for key events, we can provide provisional dates for the following school fixtures. Please be aware that these will be confirmed nearer the time with additional events added throughout the year:

- Remembrance Service afternoon of Friday 10th November 2023
- Nativity (YR-Y2) Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December 2023
- Christmas Carol Service afternoon of Thursday 14th December 2023
- Open Evening Wednesday 17th January 2024
- World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024
- KS2 SATS w/c 13th May 2024
- Sports Day Friday 24th May 2024

HOUSE POINTS	
RED	- 98
GREEN	- 88
BLUE	- 83
YELLOW	- 69

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for its contribution of **£500 per class** for educational trips this year!



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

Dates for Next Week

- Monday 2nd: Y1 Grandparents Afternoon
- Friday 6th: National Poetry Day



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.

Total Solar Energy Generated
174,849 kWh