

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

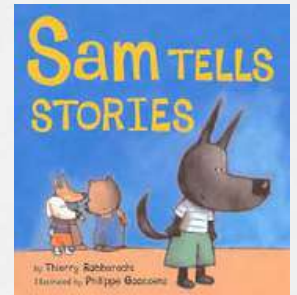


Focus Value for
this half term:
Honesty



A Note from the Headteacher

I am pleased to report that our value of Honesty is being held in high regard, with several examples highlighted across school in which children have told the truth in sometimes difficult circumstances. One Year 3 child said, "If you have done something wrong but are honest, you might get into trouble but not as much as if you kept lying." Another child explained, "People can't trust you if you are being dishonest." This week, we shared the book 'Sam Tells Stories' by Thierry Robberecht, and discussed the difference between making up stories to impress people and using your imagination in a good way.



Choir

We are very pleased to announce that our school choir club will start next half term. It is open to children of all ages and will be held after school each Tuesday until 4:15pm. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 31st October 2023. Children will be brought to the front entrance of school for collection at the end of the session. If you would like your child(ren) to take part, please contact the school office to book places office@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk. Please note that snacks WILL NOT be required as fruit will be available at the start of the session. Mr Harder and Mrs Schaeffer have already started planning school and locality events for KS2 or all choir members throughout the year so there will be opportunities to see your child(ren) perform. We can't wait to start!



Admissions 2024

Applications opened this week for children due to start Reception in September 2024. Any parents or carers who would like to book a tour of the school, [please see the Admissions page](#) of the website for details of dates and times and how to apply. Places are filling fast, so please book early. In a recent analysis by DfE, Wisborough Green was listed as the 9th hardest primary school to get into in West Sussex in 2023, so we expect demand in 2024 to be high! The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.



Congratulations to all our class librarians voted for by their classmates on Democracy Day. The librarians are looking forward to their training of the school's library system where they will be learning how to scan books in and out. They are also keen to make a start on ensuring the library is left in a tidy state so that children can enjoy sitting in there and sharing a book with a friend. We are sure that they will do a fantastic job.



Grandparent's Day

This week, Year 1 invited their grandparents into school to share stories, photos, toys and games from the past. It was wonderful to see so many grandparents attend, sharing memories and comparing their childhood with present day. Thank you so much to everyone who attended and for bringing such interesting and much-loved photographs, books and resources. Thanks also to our Year 6 Ambassadors who helped the day to run smoothly and did a great job! Oak Class had a fantastic time and now have a wealth of ideas for their history focus this half term.



School Development Plan

Following the success of our recent Ofsted Inspection, school leaders are keen to build on the strengths identified and move the school into its next phase of improvement. As part of this process, we have reviewed our strategic plan for improvement with leaders and governors and recorded our targets as part of our School Development Plan (SDP). This brings together the school's priorities, the main measures it will take to raise standards, and the key outcomes and targets it intends to achieve. We have provided a summary of our [2023-2024 SDP](#) on a one-page document for your information and added it to the website under School Information.

WonderDome Planetarium Workshop

Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a visit from the WonderDome Planetarium last week, it was a wonderful way to launch their "space" topic and learn about the planets first hand. Everyone had a fantastic time.



Parent Carers

To support parents of children with special educational needs or disabilities, West Sussex offer a Parent Carers Forum (PCF) set up to make sure that the services they plan and deliver meet the needs of those children and their families. Further information about WSPCF including how we started, what we do, and our current events can be found on our website [West Sussex Parent Carer Forum | Information | Training \(wspcf.org.uk\)](http://West Sussex Parent Carer Forum | Information | Training (wspcf.org.uk)).

Measles

The DfE has recently announced that measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated, nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. The DfE have asked us to advise you as follows:

- If your child has missed their first or second dose of MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.
- If you are unsure if your child is due a vaccination or has missed a vaccination, check their red book or contact your GP practice.
- For adults, it is never too late to catch up on any missed MMR vaccinations, contact your GP practice to book an appointment
- For more information visit the NHS website.

Home Learning

A reminder that Home Learning has been provided for Years 1-6 this week. The deadline for submission, if applicable, is Tuesday 10th October 9:00am. Years 2 to 6 are now set up on Google Classroom. Initially, teachers will introduce daily reading, a maths activity (TTRS or Numbots as applicable) and a spelling task. Next half term, occasional, additional activities will be introduced. 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.

Mental Health Awareness Day

Next Tuesday is Mental Health Awareness Day. We will be raising awareness of mental health in school. We will explore what we can do to help look after our mental health and how to seek support if needed. Please take a look at the following link to see how you can provide more support on this topic from home. <https://www.annafreud.org/resources/schools-and-colleges/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-children-at-primary-school/>

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>	
RED	- 169
GREEN	- 121
BLUE	- 151
YELLOW	- 144

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



Dates for Next Week

- Monday 9th 1:30pm Reception 2024 School Tour (fully booked)
- Tuesday 10th World Mental Health Day
- Tuesday 10th 9:15am Reception 2024 School Tour (fully booked)
- Wednesday 11th pm Year 3/4 Multiskills Event @ The Weald



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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