

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



Focus Value for
this half term:
Positivity

A Note from the Headteacher

The first week of our Positivity Potato was a great success. Several children in Cherry Class observed one of their peers showing a growth mindset and a positive attitude to their learning, trying different approaches to tackle problems. This week, Miss Maguire started us off with a child in Rowan Class who overcame anxiety with fractions and a little guesswork to gain a more secure understanding of mental and visual methods to support their learning. Well done! We look forward to finding out who else was selected.



Reindeer Run

We will be holding our Reindeer Fun Day on **Wednesday 13th December** to raise sponsorship for children and young people with life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses and their families, through Chestnut Tree House, our focus charity. Children will be provided with antlers and a nose on the day to take part in a sponsored reindeer walk of a mile. They will be able to keep them afterwards to bring home.

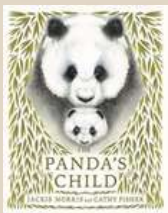


An envelope was sent home yesterday (please check school bags) for you to collect any sponsorship money or donations raised, to be brought to school on the day or after the event up to Friday 15th December. Even if your child does not wish to raise sponsorship, a small donation would be greatly appreciated to cover the cost of the antlers and noses. Last year we raised an amazing £587.23! We would love to beat this amount with your help and help children with life-limiting conditions this Christmas. Thank you for your support.

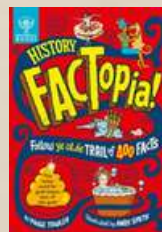
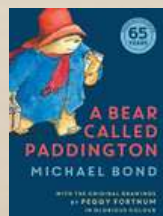
Intervention Support

Please be aware that, for several reasons, we are currently having to reduce our provision slightly for interventions and emotional and social support groups. If your child usually takes part in any of these groups, it may mean that they attend less sessions than usual or that the sessions are slightly shorter in length. We expect to return to full provision shortly.

Reading aloud combines the benefits of talking, listening and storytelling within one activity and helps to develop children's social and literacy skills. It can also enable children to access more exciting stories and can help them learn how to express their own thoughts and emotions. With Christmas fast approaching, it is a great time to stock up on new books to share with all the family. Here are just a few ideas to get you started! Follow [this link](#) for more great reading suggestions.



This 65th-anniversary edition contains the very first eight-chapter Paddington adventure with an introduction by Michael Bond. This beautiful hardback will be a joy to read and share. A timeless children's story, A Bear Called Paddington is the perfect book present.



400 seemingly unrelated fun historical facts neatly segue into each other on a trail that takes in ancient civilisations, sports, mythology, the history of medicine, culture and more. With compelling photography, bold graphics and quirky cartoons, children aged 8+ will be fascinated. It's perfect for children who like to dip into non-fiction.

An original festive story about Brian, who finds a discarded Christmas tree and decides to take it home and care for it so that it can be used again next year. This is a sensitive and inspiring story with a clever and conscientious sense of sustainability. A good book to read and discuss with younger children.



Only a boy and the spirit of the forest can save a panda's child in this generational tale of nature, empathy and conservation. With a lyrical verse story, The Panda's Child is a joy to read to younger children and one that will inspire children to consider and discuss how people and animals can live together.

Nativity



KS1 and Early Years are looking forward to performing 'Lights, Camel, Action!' as their Nativity production. We have a very small number of tickets left for the morning performance of Wednesday 6th December. A reminder that babies and young children are not permitted to attend this performance due to filming. After each performance we will be collecting for our chosen charity, Chestnut Tree House. Please bring some cash with you if you would like to make a donation. **Tickets will be available for collection from the School Office from Monday at 8.30am.**

Trim Trail Update

As a healthy school we are always keen to encourage children to be active, from playing outdoor games at lunchtime to taking part in a Weald sporting event, representing their school. To encourage activity at breaktimes, the school has a well-used trim trail and set of tyres for children to use. Unfortunately, during the winter months, wet weather often prevents these from being accessed. Leaders have worked tirelessly to obtain planning permission for an all-weather surface underneath our trim trail. However, our current trail is now coming to the end of its useful life and will also need to be replaced prior to the surface being installed. This will of course have further cost implications. As a result, we are collecting quotes for the work and will work closely with the PTA to explore our funding options. We will let you know as soon as we have an update.



Swimming

You may also be aware that our swimming pool was condemned following lockdown and has been out of use since then. This would require an enormous fund-raising effort and significant donations or grants if it is to be rebuilt. As soon as the new trim trail and surface have been installed, we will focus all our efforts on the swimming pool and how best to move forward. In the meantime, we will continue to provide swimming lessons at Billingshurst Leisure Centre for Year 4 and older children who have yet to achieve the required standard in swimming and water safety - life skills that are greatly valued at Wisborough Green Primary School. Your patience and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

We would like to announce that our Christmas Card Post Box is now available opposite the Year 5 classroom for children to post cards to their friends or classmates. Our Year 6 Ambassadors will deliver the cards each afternoon. Please ensure that your child writes the correct year group clearly on the envelope along with the recipients name. Please include their surname if there is more than one child with the same first name. Thank you.



PTA Events

Today the PTA held their annual Pop-Up Shop, one of our most anticipated events. Children loved selecting presents for their families! Enormous thanks to all the PTA parents and carers who helped to organise and run this event and to everyone who donated gifts. Our best yet!



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

Dates for Next Week

- Monday 4th: Chestnut Tree House Assembly
- Tuesday 5th: Nativity Dress Rehearsal for KS2
- Wednesday 6th: Nativity Production 9.30am & 2.00pm
- Thursday 7th: Nativity Production 9.30am

Stay up to date with all the latest news on our Twitter page:

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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