

# Wisborough Green Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023



Focus Value for  
this half term:  
Positivity

### A Note from the Headteacher

It was great to see Year 5 being awarded the Positivity Potato this week! Each child was selected for showing a positive approach to a difficult or tricky situation or problem. It is lovely to see such a great attitude but also children spotting positivity in the actions or behaviour of others. Well done Year 5!



We were also enormously proud of Reception and KS1 who performed the songs, dances and acting of their Nativity 'Lights, Camels, Action' four times this week with such enthusiasm and positivity, even when the music cut out part way through a song! Well done to everyone who took part - an excellent job and special memories made to last.



### Christmas Carol Service

A reminder that the whole school will be attending a Carol Service at St Peter's Church on **Thursday 14th December at 1:30pm**. Children will sing a range of Christmas carols and songs including some from the Nativity. The choir will also be singing. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Lost Property

A reminder to name all uniform, PE kits and Forest School clothes as we have almost 200 children in school and therefore a lot of clothes! We do endeavour to return lost, named items to their owners but, as you can imagine, this is very time-consuming for staff. We currently have a very large amount of unnamed uniform, including coats, in our lost property box, available at the front of the school office. If your child is missing any items, please do pop in to check. We will also display all lost items in the playground before and after school on Thursday 14th December. Any unnamed items that are not claimed will be passed to the PTA second-hand uniform collection or donated to a charity shop.

### New Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Parent Governor. Congratulations to Mrs Shaw, a parent of two children in the school!

The Weald Book Award group in Year 6 are halfway through the competition already! They are thoroughly enjoying reading all the books and taking part in the competitions. So far, they have entered photos of themselves reading in strange places, created their own alternative book covers and they are currently working on poems and raps based on their chosen book. We are very much looking forward to the WBA evening in February!



## Attendance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. Our average attendance so far this academic year is 96.7%, just above the national average for primary schools of 95.2%.

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable fulltime education from the age of 5. For most parents, this will mean making sure your child is in school every day except when:

- Your child is too ill to go to school.
- You have permission for a leave of absence from school for them not to attend. You should only ask for this in exceptional circumstances.
- Your religious body has a day especially for religious observance.

For further information regarding illness, see the [NHS advice](#) to help you decide whether they can go to school.

We understand however, that for some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others and we are committed to working together with families to solve problems and support your child's school attendance. Attending school usually helps to protect your child's mental health, for a range of reasons including giving them a chance to be with friends and to benefit from learning. However, some children can be anxious or worried about going to school. This is a normal emotion, and not necessarily indicative of an underlying mental health condition. If your child is suffering with anxiety and it is starting to become an attendance issue, please speak to us together with your child about why they are anxious and what can be done. You can also find some useful advice at [Young Minds](#), to help work through likely reasons together with your child, what to do and how to make sure that you get the right support if there are more serious issues.

## Science Week

The first week of spring term will be 'Science Week' for all our children. Week commencing 2nd January 2024, we will study our science topics in depth, focussing on a different aspect of 'how to be a scientist' each day. These will include learning and practising skills such as observation, spotting relationships and patterns, classification, completing research and presenting findings. Each class will make a film of their work to share with parents and carers later in the half term.

It will then be time to start our new 'Extreme Survival' topics with a strong geography focus as follows:

- Celebrations Around The World and Pole to Pole (EYFS)
- Pole to Pole (KS1)
- Mountains and Rivers (LKS2)
- The Americas (UKS2).



Details of each topic may be found on the [curriculum page](#) of our website, Cycle A. We are looking forward to a great term of outdoor learning and hope the weather plays along!

## Forest School

As part of Science Week, each class will be taking part in an outdoor Forest School session as follows:

- **Tuesday 2nd January**      **Y3 am Y6 pm**
- **Wednesday 3rd January**   **Y5 am Y1 pm**
- **Thursday 4th January**      **Y2 am Y4 pm**

If your child has a morning slot, please send them to school in their Forest School clothes, with their uniform in a labelled bag. Children taking part in the afternoon should bring their Forest School clothes in a named bag. Please remember that all wellies/boots should be left in the Welly Shed.

From week 2, all classes from Years 1 to 6 will be having music and languages (KS2) in these slots and will not need to bring any Forest School clothes for the rest of the half term.

Reception will continue their Forest School sessions on a Monday morning.

## Chestnut Tree House

A reminder that we are 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. 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.

Enormous thanks to everyone who donated to our chosen charity during our Nativity performances. Our collection jars are so full we are having to order more. Thank you for your contributions, which will be greatly appreciated.



## Clubs

Please be reminded that only the Premier Education clubs are running next week. All other clubs have ended for the term. Thank you.



School closes at 2.00pm on Friday 15th December!!



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

### Upcoming Dates

- Monday 11th December Year 6 Hockey at The Weald
- Monday 11th December Year 3 Geography Fieldtrip
- Tuesday 12th December Year 5 and 6 DT Day
- Wednesday 13th December Sponsored Reindeer Walk
- Wednesday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)
- Wednesday 13th December Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 14th December Carols at the Church 1:30pm
- Friday 15th December last day of term finish at 2pm
  
- Tuesday 2nd January Return to school
- W/c 2nd January Science Week
- Friday 5th January Family Reading 9:00-9:20am
- Friday 5th January BLUE Team Own Clothes

Please note that our Open Evening has now moved to Wednesday 28th February 2023. Details will be provided nearer the time.

### HOUSE POINTS

RED - 268

GREEN - 250

BLUE - 290

YELLOW - 274

The term's House Points winners is the BLUE team - well done to all. Pupils in BLUE house may wear own clothes to school on Friday 5th January.

As this is our last newsletter of 2023, please may we take this opportunity to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and to thank you all for your continued support.



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



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Total Solar Energy Generated  
174,849 kWh