

Wisborough Green Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

Focus Value for
this half term:
Empathy



A Note from the Headteacher

We started our focus on Empathy watching a video of 'What Is Empathy?'. We discussed the meaning of empathy (lots of children were able to explain that it means putting yourself in someone else's shoes and thinking about how they are feeling) and watched examples of children showing empathy. We then considered how we could apply the three steps demonstrated in the video:



You may wish to ask your child to explain the three steps..

Democracy Day

This week, children have been deciding upon and contributing to their class rules and the rights associated with these. Today, we held our 'Democracy Day', whereby all the children were given the opportunity to stand for important roles and responsibilities within the school. Each class will vote democratically for who they wish to represent their year group after listening to individual speeches and presentations about reasons why the class should vote for them. We hope to announce the results next week! Well done to everyone who put themselves forward.

Guitar Lessons

Our West Sussex Music guitar teacher currently has availability for more pupils. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, ukulele or bass guitar, please contact Leo Marsden via the [West Sussex Music website](#).



A reminder that our first Family Reading session will take place on **Friday 27th September, 9:00-9:20am**. We look forward to welcoming you then!

We are also keen to encourage volunteers to be Reading Angels, supporting 1:1 reading across school. If you would like to volunteer or find out more, please contact the office for details.



School Development Plan

You may recall that 2023-2024 was the final year of our three-year School Development Plan. Leaders and governors have reviewed the targets set and we have used this information, combined with 2024 statutory and internal assessment to set new targets for 2024-2025. Our focus areas include:

- English, particularly grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths, embedding a mastery approach and improving retention
- Metacognition and questioning to support greater progress.

Please see the [SDP page of our website](#) under the 'Our School' tab for further details.

Online Safety

As children return to school, it is important to give them the tools they need to make positive choices online. [Internetmatters.org](#) have provided tips for school online safety to help children settle back to school. Please follow the link to see their advice and guidance for how you can help your child make the most of their school year.

A reminder that Miss Greenway, Deputy Headteacher, has organised an E-Safety Workshop for parents and carers to be held on **25th of September from 6.30 to 7.30pm**. This will include a webinar about e-safety and will help to maintain a consistent message from school and home.

Flu Vaccination Programme : Advice from the DfE

For many, the start of the school term will mean mixing with different groups of people, which is why the autumn term is also known for its colds and bugs. This term, all school children in England will be offered a flu vaccination in school. This can help protect children against flu, reduce absence and reduce transmission within the community - including the likelihood of teachers catching flu from pupils. The DfE have also published a [blog](#) with top tips on how to keep children healthy at school. While it's usually safe for parents and carers to [send their children to school with mild illnesses](#), like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat, there are steps you can take to ensure your child is better protected against illnesses, so they don't miss out on vital time in school.

Census Day Lunches

Census Day is an important day in the Primary School calendar, as the Government will use the numbers of those who eat school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives. Put simply, the more children eating a school meal on this day, the more funding our school can access.

This year, the menu runs an American theme with burgers, and pancakes for dessert! If you would like to support the school in getting more funding, please book your child in for a Census Day meal - the **deadline is 18th September**.

For more information, please see the attached poster. Thank you.



Next Week

- **Friday 20th - Year 1 and 2 Trip to Arundel Castle & Lyminster Church**

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



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



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Total Solar Energy Generated
174,849 kWh