



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading the first newsletter of term two. I am excited to share with you that next week we look forward to welcoming a new member of staff to our team, Mrs Simpson, who will be a teaching assistant at Wansdyke Primary.

As a school we highly value parent/carer views to help highlight our strengths as a school and prioritise areas to develop further. Based on this academic year so far and if you have not already done so at parents evening, please complete this [parent/carer survey](#) if you have a child in Year 1-6 and/or this [parent/carer survey](#) if you have a child in Little Acorns. The Senior Leadership Team are visible daily on the playground, so please let us know if you would like to share your thoughts about our school at any time.

Best wishes,

Emily Harris
Headteacher



Big Oaks joined Whitchurch & Pensford Royal British Legion schools' remembrance parade on Friday and represented Wansdyke with pride. The whole school also came together in an assembly on Friday and paused for two minutes to pay respect to our Armed Forces community, past and present.



Key dates

Term 2

- o Friday 17th November- Children in Need, the school community are invited to wear spots
- o Wednesday 29th November- Wreath marking workshop in the hall, all welcome (ticketed event hosted by FoW)
- o Thursday 30th November- Rocksteady concert (2.30pm)
- o Friday 1st December- Christmas Jumper day for all.
- o Wednesday 6th December- Parent/carer coffee morning with the school nurse (9am)
- o Wednesday 6th December- KS1 Christmas afternoon performance
- o Thursday 7th December- KS1 Christmas evening performance
- o Friday 8th December- Christmas lunch
- o Friday 8th December- Wansdyke Christmas shop for children (more information to follow)
- o Wednesday 13th December- KS2 Christmas afternoon performance
- o Thursday 14th December- KS2 Christmas evening performance
- o Friday 15 December 2023- last day of term

Key dates for term 2 can be found [here](#)

Term dates for the academic year 2023-24 can be found [here](#).

Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and coat to school everyday.
- We ask that children do not climb on any play equipment or facilities such as bikes stands at school drop off and pick up times.
- Please can parents in year 2, 4 and 6 remember to pay camp deposits using the MCAS app. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask at the school office.

Year 6 meeting

Parents/carers of children in Year 6 are invited to a meeting on Monday 27th November at 3.30 pm with Mr Osborne, who will be sharing how you can best support your child in their final year at primary school. The meeting will include further upcoming dates including a parent/carer SATs meeting and parent/child workshops beginning in term 3.

Anti-bullying week

This week is anti-bullying week and the theme is Make A Noise About Bullying!

Today children wore odd socks to celebrate being unique and in assembly explored the difference between banter and bullying.

The Young Minds team are creating an informative leaflet about what bullying is and how together we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's make a noise about bullying.

MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING

We are supporting children in need

A reminder that Children in Need is tomorrow, Friday 17th November.

Children are invited to wear spots and bring a donation of £1 for this brilliant cause.



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Safe and responsible social media use

At Wansdyke Primary School, we want our pupils to grow into respectful young people, who understand how to settle differences in a respectful and constructive manner, both online and offline.

Our acceptable use agreements set clear expectations for pupils and parents about online conduct. The agreements can be found on our school website and below.

[Acceptable use of the internet: agreement for parents and carers](#)

[Pupil Acceptable Use Policy](#)

We expect parents/carers to abide by these guidelines so that you can help us model safe, responsible and appropriate social media use for our pupils. This includes voicing opinions about the school in a way that respects the hard work, dedication and professionalism of our staff, and speaking to or about other parents and children in a way that is respectful and appropriate.

Letters to Santa RAISING MONEY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION UK

ALL CHILDREN THAT WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA WILL RECEIVE A PERSONALISED REPLY LETTER COMPLETE WITH RIBBON AND A WAX SEAL FOR FREE HOWEVER WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION UK AND ANY DONATIONS WILL BE REALLY APPRECIATED.

(CASH IN A ENVELOPE OR VIA THE JUST GIVING LINK ATTACHED TO THE POST BOX)

THE POST BOX WILL BE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE FROM THE 20TH NOVEMBER UNTIL THE END OF TERM.

IF YOUR CHILD'S WRITING ISN'T EASY TO READ PLEASE INCLUDE A LITTLE NOTE WITH THEIR LIST ON IT & PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ADDRESS IS CLEAR. (THIS MAKES SANTA'S JOB MUCH EASIER)

Suggested donation: £2.00

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Celebrations

Congratulations to the children photographed below who have been awarded a certificate of achievement in a recent celebration assembly.



Attendance

Attendance award winners during term 2

Week 1 - Year 2 92.2%

Week 2 - Year 2 97.7%

Overall attendance this year 95% (school target- 96%)

The school's [attendance policy](#) can be found on our school website and an informative school attendance information leaflet can be found [here](#).

Congratulations to the children photographed below who have won the lunchtime trophy for consistently demonstrating our school rules.



Exciting highlights...

Here are some of the children in Year 3 wearing their odd socks in support of anti-bullying week.



The house captain team and the school council have been busy making playtimes even better at Wansdyke. This week children have enjoyed using new equipment during break and lunch with Hollie from Year 6 commenting, "I have never seen so many children smiling," and Hope from year 4 commenting, "It's been really fun with my friends and using the equipment as a team."



Year 5 and 6 girls performed brilliantly in the girls' football league at the Imperial Sports Ground. Mr Osborne was incredibly proud of the team's determination and skill.



Year 4 enjoyed a trip to our school library with the wonderful Mrs Hunt who volunteers her time each week to organise our library.

Displays around our school have been updated to celebrate learning from the Autumn term so far.

