



# Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

Dear Parents

Please take some time over the bank holiday weekend to read this Newsletter. As always, it is filled with important information/dates, and lots of things to celebrate. Have a great weekend, hopefully in the sun, and see you all on Tuesday.

Regards,

*Andrew Overy*

### Value of the Month for May is: P E R S E V E R A N C E

Teachers often say that **perseverance** is something that many children find difficult. Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without **perseverance**. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1-10 at perseverance?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined **perseverance**?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with **perseverance**?

### Duck Race



**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Tickets for entry in to the Rotary Club Duck Race on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May are on sale in the school office priced at £1 per duck. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £1000 with 6 prizes of £100. The race will take place at Westcott Recreation Ground (although you do not need to attend the race to purchase a duck). Money raised will go towards Brighter Futures and other charities supported by the Rotary Club.



### Football



Holy Cross	6 - 1	Wanborough
Wanborough	4 - 0	Chiseldon

Today the team play Covingham in a cup semi-final at Liden. It has been a tremendous achievement to get to the Semi-finals whatever the result. Well done to all the squad.

### Musical evening

Can I say a big thank you and well done to all the musicians who performed last Friday night at our first musical evening involving children, parents, staff and former pupils and others connected to the school. It was a lovely evening showcasing the fantastic musical talent within our school community. We will definitely do this again next year as it was such a success. A big thanks to Mr Flippance, Mrs Davies for all of their hard work in putting the evening together and of course Mr Simmonds for manning the bar all night!



w/c 14<sup>th</sup> May  
SATs week

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May - 2.15pm  
Rec Class Assembly

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May  
School Finishes at 3pm for Half Term

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Y3 Trip to STEAM

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Y6 in France

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June - 2.15pm  
Y5 Class Assembly

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Sports Day

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Class Photos

4<sup>th</sup> July  
Reserve Sports Day

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July DATE CHANGE**  
Y6 Productions - 1.30pm and 6.30pm

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July - 6pm - **tbc**  
George Gibbs

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July - 6.30pm  
Leavers Service @ Church

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Teacher Training Days - 2017 2018  
26<sup>th</sup> July

Teacher Training Days - 2018 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sept/22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Oct/25<sup>th</sup> July



### Mobile Phone/ Electronic Device Policy

Please refer to our website for our latest policies. Recently we have updated the Mobile Phone / Electronic Device Policy and would advise you to have a read.

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## Other Activities/Achievements

### After School Club

Our After School Club has now been up and running on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for over 10 weeks and is proving to be hugely successful. With the help of the Club Leader, Miss Cullen, and the Assistant, Miss Brophy, we are able to provide pupils with a fun, safe environment between 3pm and 6pm. We have received fantastic feedback from parents, and here are some quotes from some of the children who attend on a regular basis:



Parents can pay for After School Club using Childcare Vouchers. More information, together with registration and booking forms, can be found on our website, or please contact the school office for more information.

We like doing Arts and having a choice!  
(Jessica Y4 / Annabelle Y2).

I like the choices of Arts and Crafts, going outdoors, and the staff. (Izzy, Y5).

I enjoy going outside and playing football. (Alex, Y2).

I like the lovely staff and all the fun activities.  
(Amelie, Y5).

I like the teachers and that there's lots of choice. (Emily, Y5).

I like to go outside, play on ipads, and do lots of drawing. (Emelia, Rec).

I enjoy Crafts.  
(Jake Y3).

### Daily Mile

Our new running track is proving to be a hit with the children with improvements in their stamina and awareness of their fitness levels already becoming evident. Please have a look at the daily mile website which inspired us to do something similar. Seven laps of our track is a mile, we are hoping as children progress through the school that they can jog/run for a complete mile without stopping, able to do this on a regular basis and that the exercise and being out in the fresh air will improve their concentration and alertness when back in class.

<https://thedailymile.co.uk>



Brett in Year 2 achieved his Level 2 Skiing award in the Easter Holidays.



Molly in Year 2 achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Showjumping.



I am convinced we will be seeing some of our Year 2 children in the Olympics in the future - what a talented bunch they are!

## PTA Update

Although it may seem like a distant memory now, we want to thank all children (and parents!), for every egg that was entered into the egg competition. We hope the winners in each category enjoyed their chocolate prize, kindly provided for by Richard James Estate Agents in Wroughton. We raised a total of £170 from the egg competition.

We also had an unprecedented amount of cakes donated for the bake-sale. These sold extremely well and we raised £167. As we had so many cakes, those that were left over were kindly taken by Miss Hughes and donated to a homeless shelter in Oxfordshire.

You couldn't fail to notice the number of bags donated for Bags2School that were left outside school on 18<sup>th</sup> April. We raised £144.80 and so thank you to everyone who donated a bag.

One of the final events held at The Plough before it recently closed under the current tenants, was Music Bingo. We want to thank The Plough for hosting the event for us over the past year. We raised £130 and thank you to all those that attended.

Finally, to round off a busy period of fundraising, we provided refreshments at the Music Night recently held at the school. It looked like there was some amazing talent being showcased and we raised £80 and so thank you to those that purchased refreshments throughout the evening.

The running track is now up and 'running' – excuse the pun, and already all classes are benefiting from it. Each class is using it as part of the Daily Mile Initiative (7 times around the track is 1 mile), and running clubs have also been set up. It is so rewarding to see a tangible benefit to the money we raise through our events and what better way than to help our children get more active.

### Key Stage 2 Party – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ The School 6.30-9pm

The Key Stage 2 Party is fast approaching. Invites have gone out and we have everything crossed that the weather will be kind to us so that everyone can enjoy a few drinks on the terrace. All is on track for a great party with a disco and karaoke planned alongside hot and cold refreshments. We will also be offering festival art this year which will hopefully appeal to all key stage 2 children...and maybe some of the parents!

Help required.....As there will be a lot going on during the evening we are putting out a request for as many volunteers as possible to help the evening run smoothly. So, if you are able to help in any way please let us know. This could be to help set up, man the bar, sell refreshments, or to clear up at the end. We don't expect you to give up your whole evening (unless you want to!), but even just 1/2hr of your time will help spread the load. In addition, if you work for a company that provides 'matched funding', and you take part in any fundraising activity, this will provide additional donations towards the school.

### Donations for Raffle Prizes

We are continuing to ask for generous donations of raffle prizes. If there are any items or services you could provide, or you know of anyone who could donate, then please let us know at the below e-mail address as we need as many prizes as possible.

### PTA Copper Challenge – 16<sup>th</sup> April – May ½ Term

This term all classes are taking part in the Copper Challenge. Each class needs to collect as many 1p and 2p coins up to the May ½ term. The coins will be counted and the class who has raised the greatest funds will receive a special reward.

### Reminder of Upcoming Events

18<sup>th</sup> May – Key Stage 2 Disco

20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day Refreshments

30<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Party

Please remember to follow us on Facebook at 'Wanborough Primary PTA'. We continue to post updates to this page to keep everyone up to date on all PTA activities. If you want to contact us regarding volunteering, suggestions for fundraising, or to sign up to events, please e-mail us at [contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org](mailto:contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org).