

# Wanborough Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

We have nearly made it to the end of another very unusual year here at Wanborough Primary School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, pupils, and family members for their support and resilience during what has been a very difficult time for many people. Following the recent announcement that the country will move to Step 4 of the roadmap on Monday, hopefully September should see a much more 'normal' routine here at school.

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July we intend to continue as we have been since we returned to school in March. The only exception will be facemasks for parents dropping off and collecting will be optional. I'd encourage everyone to socially distance and have copied the close contact guidance which will help with avoiding the spread of the disease (as cases are still rising) and subsequent self-isolation, especially for those who are hoping to attend holidays and weddings etc in the near future.

For September, start and finish times will go back to 8.30am - 3pm for all year groups (although we will encourage parents to continue to use the one-way system, and for KS2 parents to drop children at the gate, excluding Year 3 who can accompany their child for the first couple of days as they settle in to the new routine) with children able to access the school from 8:15am. Children will be able to enter the classrooms at 8:20am - with the playground and outside gates supervised from 8:15am. Lunch times will return to normal times. 'Bubbles' will be abandoned and we will be able to have assemblies etc. Classrooms will be rearranged so that children no longer have to sit in rows facing the front. Another change which we feel works well and we will stick with next year is children coming in to school in their PE kit on PE days (see below):

Rec	Monday	Wednesday
Y1	Thursday	Friday
Y2	Monday	Friday
Y3	Monday	Tuesday
Y4	Monday	Tuesday
Y5	Wednesday	Friday
Y6	Tuesday	Thursday

Whilst many COVID restrictions have been lifted, we will continue to clean frequently and do our utmost to keep the children safe whilst in school.

Finally, I am delighted to share the exciting news that once again we hear the patter of tiny feet here at Wanborough Primary School. Mrs Marshall in Reception is expecting baby number 2. Please join us in congratulating her on this exciting news!

*Andrew Doney*

#### Close contact definitions:

- anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:
  - *face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre*
  - *been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact*
  - *been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)*

A person may also be a close contact if they have travelled in the same vehicle or plane as a case



## Teacher Training Days

2020/2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sept / 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct / 23<sup>rd</sup> July

2021/2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sept / 20<sup>th</sup> Oct / 4<sup>th</sup> Jan / 27<sup>th</sup> May / 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### Summer Activities

There are loads of activities going on in and around Swindon this Summer. Please look at our website under 'What's New / Local Summer Holiday Activities Information' for more information. This also includes free activities for those children entitled to Income Based free school meals.

### Annual Reports

Annual Reports will be sent out early next week.

### LAST DAY OF TERM

We finish school for the Summer on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July as follows:

Rec	1pm
Y1/Y2	1.10pm
Y3/Y4	1.20pm
Y5/Y6	1.30pm

After School Club will run between 1pm - 4pm.

Good Luck to our Year 6 Leavers. We will miss you!

# Other news/celebrations...

## ERASMUS

As part of our ERASMUS project, we have been focussing on the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), especially Reusing. Read on to see a couple of the things our pupils have been doing to help with reusing items, instead of throwing them away...

### Front Garden Bric A Brac

A huge thank you to all those who took part in the Front Garden Bric a Brac, whether hosting a stall or walking about and taking items. It was fantastic to see all the stalls around Wanborough and we hope to repeat the event again next year. Thanks to all those who have donated to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, donations to small charities like these go a huge way.

### Upcycling

All classes have been busy upcycling old t-shirts and pillow cases, with the help of tie-dye! We were very lucky to have Beckha Walley come to visit each class and teach us different tie-dyeing techniques and she was blown away by the children's enthusiasm. I'm sure you'll all agree the finished products are brilliant and the children have been very excited when their new product has been revealed to them!



## Quadkids

Some children from Years 1/2 and 3/4 recently took part in a Quadkids event organised by Swindon Schools. All participants worked hard in various events and represented the school well. On top of their overall achievements, Daisy in Year 2 also walked away with a bronze medal for being the 3rd highest scoring girl overall at the competition in her age range!

We are super proud of you all.



Jameson in Reception recently achieved his Green Belt in Taekwondo. He's working very hard and is looking forward to achieving the next 2 belts, after which he'll join his big sisters in the advanced class. He started learning TKD just before his 2nd birthday, and this is his 14th belt!



Sofia in Year 3 recently achieved her black belt. This was something she achieved during lockdown via a Zoom assessment session. She has to do reclassifications to show that she is still deserving of this great achievement and will earn tags to add to her black belt.



Max from Year 4 travelled to Sheffield with his Swindon Ice Hockey team to compete in a U9's one day tournament. They won all 5 of their games, including the final! Overall Max scored 13 goals over the tournament and was selected as captain to collect the trophy.





# Other news/celebrations...

Isabella in Year 6 was chosen to play the young Cinderella in Birmingham Royal Ballets production of Cinderella at the Repertory Theatre in Birmingham. Isabella was chosen through her attending Elmhurst Young Dancer Saturday classes and Elmhurst Ballet school having a direct association with Birmingham Royal Ballet.

She appeared in the productions between 23rd - 26th June 2021. What a fantastic achievement - we are so proud of you Isabella.



Ellie-Mai in Year 3 recently had her beautiful hair chopped off so she could donate it to Little Princess Trust. See <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/> for more information. That was an amazing thing to do Ellie-Mai, and you are rocking the new hair style!



## Year 5 Pianists

What a very musical Year 5 we have! Over the past few months Annabelle K, Bella, Brett and Tamsin have taken their Piano Prep Test and Aiden has passed his Grade 1 Piano. Well done everyone! We're wondering how many hours of practice they will have notched up between them.... Do watch this space for more musical achievements from next year's Year 6 - they really are a very talented bunch!



## PTA News

Before you head off for your summer staycations just a quick reminder about the PTA's second-hand uniform. Unfortunately, we've missed our opportunity to sell at Sports Day this year ... however, this doesn't mean you have to miss out.

We've a range of polo shirts, jumpers, summer and winter skirts/dresses, trousers and PE t-shirts all in good condition. So, before you splash out this summer and the kids grow out of it by December - why not [contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org](mailto:contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org) Emma will be happy to help. You may have seen her impromptu stands (at a safe social distance) on the field next to the school. We've boxes of clean clothes, all with loads of life left in them. These are available for a small donation to the PTA.

If you have good quality uniform to donate please drop it into the school office and we will clean, sort and sell to help more parents, whilst raising money for the school.

On behalf of the PTA we wish you a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you in September - when hopefully we'll be able to arrange a programme of FUNd raising events. Good luck to all the year 6's as you join your new schools.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

WH Smith are supporting our School with their “Free Vouchers for School Scheme” and we need **your** help to make it a success!!

We have signed up to a new scheme to earn Free Vouchers for our School: WH Smith has agreed to donate 10% of the value on all our Parents/Guardians spend on Books and Stationery\* between 1<sup>st</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**How to support our School:**

- **Shopping in store:** Please print and take the below barcode in to a WH Smith High Street Store and ask the cashier to scan the barcode along with your items at the checkout or scan at the self-service tills
- **Shopping online:** When completing your purchase simply enter the barcode number below into the “do you have a promo code” box



- After 30<sup>th</sup> September we will receive 10% of the value of the spend on Books and Stationery\* earned by everyone that has participated, back in vouchers for the School
- Please see the next page for any FAQs

We appreciate your participation within this promotion and support for our School,

\*Excluding Toys, Games and Computing

#### FAQs:

1. **Can the barcode be multiple times?** Yes, you can use it every time you shop with participating WH Smith stores or on WHSmith.co.uk between 01/06/2021 – 30/09/2021
2. **Can the barcode be used alongside other promotional or discount codes in store and online?**  
Yes, this can be used in conjunction with any other offer
3. **Will the School earn 10% back on all purchases?** We will earn 10% of the value spent on Books & Stationery (excluding Toys, Games and Computing). All other lines are excluded from the promotion.
4. **Where can I shop to earn 10% for the School?** On WHSmith.co.uk or in any WH Smith High Street Stores (excluding concessions, stores located in Airports, Hospitals, Motorway service stations, Rail, London Underground sites, WHSmith Local, or WHSmith franchise stores)
5. **What can the free school vouchers be used for?** Our School will receive Free WH Smith School vouchers which will be used to [reward and acknowledge Students achievements] [and/or] [to purchase Books and Stationery supplies from WH Smith for the School.]
6. **Will I be given vouchers to collect for the School?** No, WH Smith are not handing vouchers out. Simply show your Schools unique barcode in store or log the barcode number when you shop online, and WH Smith will track the spend amounts and provide the School with a statement of total spend after 30/09/2021. (Don't worry, we will not be able to see who has purchased what)
7. **Will I be able to see the value they I have earned for the School?** The value will not be printed on individual receipts. Your will have earned 10% of the Gross value on your spends on any Books and Stationery (Excluding Toys, Games and Computing) only
8. **What if I forget to use the barcode when shopping?** The barcode must be scanned/barcode number logged at the time of the original transaction to earn the 10% back for the School

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