



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the start of a new, exciting school year. We do hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break. The children have settled into their new classes really well and are already working hard. It is lovely seeing them all so keen and ready to learn!

I am afraid that this newsletter is very long as it is packed with reminders and school information, so please take the time to read it. Many thanks.

AND WELCOME TO:- Holly, Pebbles, Riley, Ollie, Harriet, Bethany, Harvey, William, Jacob, Alexander, Neo-Shay, Elvina, Ivy, Zane, Lewis, Jazmin, Ava-Rose, Mia, Jordan, Sulayman, Letty, Chelsea, Finley, Cici, Albie, Joseph, Amber, Stevie, Ava and Robert. who have joined our Reception Class. We hope you have a happy and successful learning journey with us.

EXCITING NEWS

You may have noticed that one of our member of staff has changed over the summer! We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Roper is expecting a baby in December. She will be going on maternity leave from late November.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Our School Photographer will be in school on Monday 8th October. As usual he will be taking pictures of individuals and family groups. If you would like a photo taken with any younger brothers and sisters, please come to the school hall door at 8.30am.

HELPING IN CLASS

All teachers would be very grateful for any offers of help in class, whether on a regular or one off basis. Please contact them directly. Please note that this does not have to be parents – it could be grandparents or other family members. If you can help, please contact teachers directly.

We will continue asking parents coming into school to leave mobile phones in the office, for two reasons:- firstly we have a child in school with a pacemaker and phones can cause interference; secondly as a part of our safeguarding routines.

OUTDOOR 'KIT'

As the weather starts to get wetter children will not be allowed on the field at break times unless they have a change of footwear – this cannot be the trainers or daps that they use for PE. Ideally a pair of wellies or an old pair of trainers should be stored in the boxes outside each classroom. When it gets even wetter waterproof trousers should also be worn (this stops children getting very muddy trousers!)

BUMPED HEADS

When children bump their heads we always give them a 'bumped head' sticker but appreciate that these can get lost, and we believe the older children may take them off! So our school policy is to always contact parents and inform them of the incident; we will send a text if the bump appears minor but will make contact via the phone if it appears more serious. If children are taken home with an ice-pack we would really appreciate them being returned to school.

CYCLE HELMETS

Please could all children cycling to school wear a cycle helmet. This has been proven to be life-saving in many accidents. Any child undertaking cycle training in school MUST have a helmet as a requirement from the South Gloucestershire Cycle Team.

HARVEST

Our Harvest Assembly this year will be led by children from Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursday 4th October at 9.15 am. All are welcome but please note that our EYFS children will not attend as it is their first full week in school and it might be a little overwhelming for them.

This year we would appreciate donations for Water Aid.

INSET DAYS

We have now set our INSET days for the year when school will be closed to children as staff receive training.

They are:

5th November 2018

21st December 2018

22nd & 23rd July 2019

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

You are very warmly invited to join us for our Class Assemblies where the children have the opportunity to share with you some of their learning.

Refreshments are provided by FOWS beforehand.

Babies and toddlers are very welcome but we do ask that if they become noisy you take them out of the hall (as it makes it difficult to hear!)

All the Assemblies will start at 9:15am.

11th October—Year 2

18th October—Year 1

25th October—Year 5

8th November—Year 4

15th November—Year 3

22nd November—Year 6

MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

Please remember that no child should have medicine in school without informing staff, for example paracetamol sachets or cough sweets. We ask that all medicines are given directly to class teachers who will store them safely in the classroom. We are no longer able to administer ibuprofen based products because of potential side-effects.

If your child needs a short term course of medicine, such as an antibiotic, a permission slip must be filled in before staff can give it to your child (available from the office). Please note that staff cannot be responsible for remembering to give the child any medicine that they need to take home (we try, but at the busy end of a day can forget!)

If your child needs an inhaler (especially as the weather starts to get colder) please remember to send one in. (It is surprising how often we have a wheezing child with no inhaler in school.) These will be sent home termly so that you can check that they do not need replacing.

ATTENDANCE

At the start of the year we would like to remind parents of the real importance of good school attendance. As an example, if children are taken away for a two week holiday every year and have an average number of days off for sickness and appointments, then by the time they leave at the end of their secondary years they will have missed an entire year of their schooling.

In school we monitor general absences but also broken weeks which can have the most detrimental effect - for example, taking a 'long weekend' breaks two weeks of schooling so on one hand a child may not complete a unit of work over a week, or they will miss the beginning of the next week's work which can be hard to catch up.

We would be really grateful if you could support us with encouraging good attendance habits in your children which will stand them in good stead throughout their school life.

Head Teacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have *already* earned a Head Teacher's Award:-

Y1: Ellie for sequencing the 'Goldilocks' story; Ava and Ella for super writing about 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'; Josh for getting dressed independently.

Y2: Chloe F and Leah for fabulous holiday diaries.

Y4: Luke for completing an amazing holiday diary; Zain for independent partitioning and taking on a challenge.

DIARY DATES

Friday 21st September: Y4 trip to Aerospace Bristol

Wednesday 26th September: FOWS AGM at 7:00pm

Thursday 27th September: FOWS 'EYFS only' disco at 3.10pm

Friday 28th September: MacMillan Coffee Morning at 10:00am

Thursday 4th October: Harvest Assembly at 9.15am

Monday 8th October: School Photographer all day

Monday 8th October: EYFS Phonics information session at 7:00pm

Thursday 18th October: EYFS Reading and Writing information session at 7:00pm

Friday 19th October: Skipathon for the British Heart Foundation

Wednesday 24th October: Parent Forum at 2:00pm

Wednesday 24th October: FOWS KS1 Bedtime Story at 6:00pm

Friday 26th October: FOWS Halloween Disco

Please note all key dates on available on the school website: www.wellesleyschool.co.uk

Also, you can use our School App which is a great way of being reminded about dates. If you have not downloaded this and would like to do so please contact the office for details.

OPEN SESSIONS

We are pleased to give you the dates for our Open Sessions where prospective parents can visit the school. This involves a short presentation from Mrs Small and the School Council, followed by tours of the school given by our Year 6 children.

If you have a child who reaches school age in September 2019 please feel free to join us, or, let friends and family know. If these times are inconvenient please contact the office and arrange an appointment.

Dates

25th September at 9:30 am

10th October at 7.00 pm

25th October at 1:45 pm

14th November at 9:30 am

26th November at 1:45 pm

NB For the evening date, there will be a short presentation and tour of the school.