



NEWSLETTER NO 11 – Monday 2nd March 2020

	Term Begins	Finish	Half Term	Return	Term Ends
Spring 2020	Tuesday 7 January	Friday 14 February		Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April
Summer 2020	Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May		Tuesday 2 June	Tuesday 21 July
Autumn 2020	Wednesday 2 Sept	Friday 23 October		Monday 2 November	Friday 18 December
Spring 2021	Tuesday 5 January	Friday 12 February		Monday 22 February	Thursday 1 April
Summer 2021	Monday 19 April	Friday 28 May		Monday 7 June	Wednesday 21 July

Inset Days: 1 June 2020, 1 Sept 2020, 4 January 2021

Please note 2 Inset Days in 2020/21 academic year are yet to be set

Dear Parents/Carers

Life and learning goes on here at Wingrave despite local roadworks, national flooding and international health concerns. We especially look forward to welcoming you to our Learning Discussions this week - it is not too late to arrange an appointment as the staff team will do their best to accommodate a convenient time and discuss your child's progress. Please remember we encourage the children to attend with you so they can hear all the good news and be aware of what their next steps are. We want to encourage the children to be proud of their achievements and remind them of their responsibility to their learning. Members of the Governing Body and I will be available both evenings to answer questions, especially regarding the recent decision not to academise, and welcome any feedback about school development. There will also be an opportunity to see our new Virtual Reality resources and possibly have a cheeky go...

World Book Day

As previously announced, to celebrate World Book Day, the children are invited to dress up as a favourite book-based character or person for the day on Thursday 5th March. Please ensure that costumes are practical and flexible enough to allow for our usual lessons - kits are still required for those children with PE on Thursday please. We look forward to celebrating the joy of reading and enjoying many funny sights, I'm sure!

Music Exchange Experience with Cottesloe School - by Year 5

On Thursday 27th February we went to Cottesloe School to take part in a music session with the Year 10s (GCSE mock students) who were teaching us how to play Ode to Joy on the glockenspiel. We did this because we are going to be the teachers in our class and teach our peers how to play this. We played this tune because it is by Beethoven, who was a classical composer and the founder of the romance era of music. This was also selected by Cottesloe, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth.

"I felt really excited because I have never been to a secondary school and it was my first time." Alina

"I was nervous because I did not know what it was going to be like when I got there." William

"I was looking forward to learning something that would challenge us." Gracie

"We felt really anxious/nervous because I haven't ever been to a secondary school and didn't know what it would be like." Sammy, Filip & Max

By the end of the music session, we had learnt how to play this tune and we extended ourselves by accompanying the Year 10s (on their keyboards) by performing the baseline notes. We felt like we had really accomplished this famous piece of music because we did so well and we tried our best. We think that Beethoven would have been proud of us!

Did you know?

- When Beethoven became deaf, he chopped off the legs of his piano, so that he could feel the vibrations.
- Mozart, upon hearing Beethoven when he was 8 years old, said that he would be a good composer.
- When he first became deaf, Beethoven got very aggressive because he could not hear his own music.
- Throughout his life, Beethoven was very much into romance and loved all the woman he met!

World Antibiotics Awareness Week Awards Presentation - by Emily, Emily and Ebony, Year 4

On Thursday 28th February, we went to the Stoke Mandeville Hospital for a presentation about our Antibiotic dance because we were the winners for Buckinghamshire. When we got there, we met in the reception area and were led to the Pharmacy, where we watched an unveiling of the plaque that the microbial department had been awarded, for their work with two schools in Uganda. This department travelled to Uganda to explain why not to take too many antibiotics and what could happen if they did. They educated two schools in a town called Entebbe. After this, we went into a lecture theatre to watch the winner's video entries and view the posters. Then, we were individually presented with our award, certificate and had a group photo with the Doctors (who

were also the judges). Finally, we went into a side room that had an amazing selection of edible goodies: caramel and chocolate-coated shortbread (with mouth-watering Maltesers on top!), delicious carrot cake coated with sweet frosting and light, fluffy scones with butter and jam. There was also a variety of healthy fruit and delicious Shloer and lemonade to drink. We felt very excited and slightly overwhelmed by all that they had provided for the ceremony; we felt completely spoilt. We decided to donate our prize-winning money (£25) to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

Annual Speech Competition

Further to the letter before half term, our Annual Speech Competition is being held over the next few weeks in Years 3 to 6. Arrangements for the class-based heats will be specific to the class so please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about timing. Parents of the finalists will be invited to the final being held on Friday 3rd April at 1.30pm.

Coronavirus Latest

Please continue to check <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> for the latest information. Today, the DfE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Second-hand Uniform Sale

The next PTFA Second-hand Uniform Sale will be on Thursday 26th March between 2.45 and 3.45pm in the playground shelter, weather permitting. We would welcome any further clothing donations to be brought to the school office so that they can be sorted and prepared. Please remember there is no restriction on old/new or non-logo items; ultimately we want to reduce wastage, saving money for our parents and the school.

Year 5 Cake Sale

As part of the Year 5 PSHE unit on 'Dreams and Goals,' they have been learning how to support each other, and their community, in many different ways. The culmination of this unit is to devise a charity fundraising event in school. After much discussion, Year 5 have decided on a Cake Sale. This will be held at break time in the playground shelter on Friday 6th March. To keep arrangements simple, large cakes will be 50p and small cakes will be 20p so please remind your children to bring their pennies with them on Friday.

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Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

Year R	Ted, Joshua, William, James	Year 3	Eloise, Theo, Owen, Isobel, Isabella, Frankie
Year 1	William, Finley, Elsa, Ella, Ashton, Jessica	Year 4	Sienna, Connie, Harriet, Tilly, Donnie, Bailee, Tyler-Jay, Daisy, Abigail
Year 2	Ellie, Lois, Kobi, Elijah, Emily	Year 5	Akshath, Daniel, Louisa, Ashton, Kartik, Filip, Max, William, Sammy, Alina, Gracie
		Year 6	Sparsh, Liam, Mary, Joshua

DATES FOR THE DIARY (New items or amendments in bold)

3 Mar	Learning Discussions, 4.00-7.00pm
5 Mar	World Book Day
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9 Mar	Year 1 Phonics Stay and Learn session for parents, 9.00-10.30am
20 Mar	PTFA Mothers' Day Gifts and Tea Room, 3.30 – 4.30pm
24 Mar	Legoland trip, Years 1 & 2
25 – 27 Mar	Year 5 Bikeability training
26 Mar	PTFA Bag2School Collection
26 Mar	PTFA Second hand uniform sale, 2.45-3.45pm
29 Mar	Year 4 Waterside Theatre Performance
2 Apr	Easter Church Service, 9.30-10.30am
3 Apr	KS2 Speech Competition Final, 1.30 – 3.15pm
6 – 17 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS
20 Apr	Children return to school
1 Jun	Inset Day
8 Jun	Class Photographs
15 – 19 Jun	Year 6 PGL residential trip