



### NEWSLETTER NO 12 - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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		Tuesday 3 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		Tuesday 8 June	Wednesday 21 July

Inset Days: 1 June 2020, 1 Sept 2020, 2 November 2020, 4 January 2021, 7 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I trust that our specific communications about the current health climate have kept you fully informed; please do continue to talk to me if you have any specific concerns we should be aware of. As we shared today, we are pleased that the child tested for Coronavirus has been confirmed as negative, however we continue to take our responsibilities seriously within the official guidance provided to schools. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please remember to inform the school office by leaving a message on the absence line before school starts, followed up with written confirmation on your child's return. Meanwhile, school life continues and we have lots to celebrate and share with you.

#### Water Aid

Thank you for your kind donations of 'small change' to make a 'BIG CHANGE' to the lives of others, by donating to the 'Water Aid' charity appeal. We have been completely overwhelmed with the amount coins you have sent in so far. On Friday, we managed to completely fill the 'Water Aid' jar and have had to provide another container to collect further donations during this time of Lent. All donations will be collected, counted and sent to the charity at the end of this half term therefore, please do continue to send in any small change to support the charity.

#### Mother's Day

**Please note that the PTFA Mother's Day Cafe on Friday 20th March and the local litter picking event in the village on March 29th have been postponed - we will keep you informed when new dates have been set.**

#### Bag2School

Can we remind you about the 'Bag2School' collection day on Thursday 26th March. Please can you wait until the morning of the 26th to bring your donations in so that we can ensure the space to store them. Members of the PTFA team will provide direction when you arrive that morning. Thank you.

#### 'Cells'

Some of you will already be aware, via the children, that our very own Mrs Cowan has become a fully-fledged and published author in the last couple of weeks. Inspired by the children's writing a couple of years ago, Mrs Cowan put pen to paper and began writing a book which had been brewing for some time. Some of us were fortunate enough to have a read of the early draft chapters but to see the finished printed product is extremely exciting and makes us all very proud! Humble though she is, we are keen to share Mrs Cowan's experience as with several years' work, multiple drafts and many rejections from publishers, this is a great story of resilience and growth mindset. We often use celebrity or historical examples to demonstrate such a positive attitude and so to have someone like that in our school is both a brilliant and powerful example for the children in their learning. We hope to find the opportunities for Mrs Cowan to talk about her experiences with the children in lessons but in the meantime time, and partly a shameless plug, 'Cells' by Julia Cowan is available to order now! Recommended for older children and young adults, 'Cells' tells the story of an unofficial, covert prison designed to remove repeat offenders who have upset the balance of society. Jim, a troubled seventeen year old, finds he is imprisoned with his absent father. Jim

is torn between the desire to expose his violent abductors and the desperate need for a new beginning. Well done, Mrs Cowan - we look forward to the sequel!

### Phonics

Thank you to those Year 1 parents who attended the Phonics Workshop session last week, the slides used are now available on our website via the following link: [www.wingrave.school/learning/learning-links/phonics-reading/](http://www.wingrave.school/learning/learning-links/phonics-reading/) Please do let Mr Seymour or Miss Weeks know if you have any questions.

### SRE Parent Session

Our next parent session is on Wednesday 25th March at 6.30pm, for all age groups, when we will be presenting on our PSHE provision and the new statutory requirements around Sex and Relationships Education. Please do inform the school office if you are planning to attend so we can make appropriate space and seating arrangements. Thank you.

### 5p Challenge

Congratulations to the EYFS class who won the class reward for raising the most 5p coins in our PTFA 5p Challenge! Altogether the school raised £337.70 - that's a lot of 5ps! The EYFS class have chosen to visit the new village play area for their reward so let's hope it stays sunny. Well done everyone and thank you for your support.

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### Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

Year R	Lilly, Harper, Bethany, Jamie, Rosi, Ollie	Year 3	Jessica, Lucas A, Tyler, Olivia S, Lucas G, Ahmed
Year 1	Alfie, Elsa, Ashton, Freddie B	Year 4	Toby, Abigail, Connie, Logan, Gracie, Daniyal, Ebony, Addison, Bailee, Daisy
Year 2	Amalia, Nancy, Finn, Evie, Matty, Celyn	Year 5	Florence, Romeo, Daanish, Sammy, Filip, Alina, Gracie, Max, William
		Year 6	Yasmin, Sophie-Grace, Archie, Louis

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

<b>18 Mar</b>	<b>PTFA Mothers' Day Gift Room, during school hours</b>
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

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