



NEWSLETTER NO 13 - Monday 20th July 2020

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2020	Thursday 3 Sept	Friday 23 October	Term Half	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 & 2 Sept 2020, 2 November 2020, 4 January 2021, 7 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

A final newsletter at the end of a very eventful year!

Although we have experienced disappointments along the way, we must remain grateful for our health and all that we have still managed to achieve together as a school community. I want to offer my personal thanks to yourselves as parents and our staff team for everything tackled and overcome during such an unprecedented time. We remain optimistic about our return in September but are equally cautious in the ongoing interests of the children and all those coming on site. As the information regarding our September procedures stated last week, we will keep you informed of any further developments over the summer.

We are always grateful for the generous gifts and cards at this time of year but after the past few months they are especially appreciated - thank you on behalf of all the staff for your kindness.

Never being one to stand still, we continue to look ahead at the school's ongoing development despite the recent change of pace - several of these ideas are mentioned below. On one particular point, after discussion amongst the staff, we have decided to end our use of planet names for our classes. Often causing more confusion than good, we felt a simple year group letter/number was a better approach and you can see our new look class logos on the school website here: www.wingrave.school/learning/classes/

Change, however big or small, is not always easy and I am saddened to share that after over 30 years of service to the school, Ann Bignell, one of our lunch supervision team has decided to retire. Recent events have provided us all with a new sense of perspective and Ann has understandably and rightly decided to put family first. We are all incredibly grateful for the many years of service Ann has provided and we have every intention of celebrating with Ann and acknowledging all her hard work as soon as it is safe to do so. We will provide details of a proper send-off for Ann next term but, in the meantime, I know you will join me in offering our heartfelt thanks and wishing Ann and her family all the best for the future. Thank you, Ann!

Class Dojo

After such a successful introduction, we are excited to share that we do intend to continue using Class Dojo in September in connection with our homework provision. Whilst staff will understandably not be posting or responding to comments during the holidays, the children are still welcome to post items from the holidays to share once we return in September. More information about how we intend to use Class Dojo will follow as well as further support for parents who have not yet made the most of this platform during lockdown.

Outdoor Award

As a learning community we are equally excited about the children and staff learning new things and so congratulations to Mrs Neaves who achieved her Level 2 Outdoor Learning Practitioner Award during lockdown. We know the children thoroughly enjoy their outdoor learning sessions and we look forward to restarting this provision for all classes next school year when restrictions allow.

New 'Meet the Teacher' Structure

We are very aware that the return in September will be nerve-wracking for some children and parents, especially when everyone had very different experiences during lockdown. In order to ensure all families have the opportunity to spend quality time with their children's new class teacher, we will be offering individual Learning Discussion appointments early in the Autumn term in place of the whole class 'meet the teacher' session. This will be an opportunity for you to share any information or ask questions that will make for the best possible start to the year for your children. Not only can these appointments easily take place at a distance we can avoid large gatherings in line with ongoing Government guidance; specific arrangements will be shared early on our return in September.

Book Returns

There is still time to return reading or library books to school before the end of term. These can be brought in by the children or dropped at the school office please.

Veronica Stewart Class & Pupil Photographs

There is still some question around the nature of school photographs in the Autumn term but we have set provisional dates for portrait photos. Veronica Stewart will continue to work with the school to make the best possible provision under the circumstances. Can I also take this opportunity to thank Veronica for gifting class photo montages for our Year 6 Leavers - this was a very generous contribution.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very relaxing summer holiday; stay safe and we look forward to tackling whatever comes our way in September. Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Mr M Tomson
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School Uniform

If you are ordering school uniform from either www.myclothing.com or www.uniformeasy.com/110423, please remember to request delivery to your home address **not** the school. No variations please.

Uniform	
Bottle green sweatshirt (with logo if possible)	No cardigans
White polo shirts	No buttoned shirts/blouses
Black trousers or skirts	No pinafores
Black shoes	No heels, boots or trainers
Black socks	Boys
Black or white socks	Girls
Black or bottle green tights	Girls
Dark plain coat	

Optional Summer Uniform	
Black shorts	Boys
Green & white check dress	Girls - no separate check skirts & blouses
Plain T-bar sandals black or white	No heels
Plain raincoat	

PE Kit	
Plain black shorts	
House coloured T-shirt	
House coloured sweatshirt	Optional
Plain tracksuit bottoms	Optional Year 2 and above
Black plimsolls or trainers	Foundation & KS1 - to stay in PE bag at school
Trainers	KS2 - to stay in PE bag at school

Summer Reading Challenge

If you are looking for a reading activity during the holidays, take a look at The Reading Agency's Reading Challenge at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>