



NEWSLETTER NO 3 – Monday 19th October 2020

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

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the half term holiday we continue to be very grateful for your support and encouragement regarding our procedures and the 'new norm'. We regularly review our measures and provision to ensure we are doing as much as we can to benefit the children and their learning without posing unnecessary risks to the collective health and well-being of the school community. After half term, for example, we are resuming Year 3 swimming lessons with AquaVale and we have a number of school visitors and workshops in the pipeline.

We are very aware that the children are far more tired than they normally would be at this point in the term, the impact of lockdown and the subsequent return to full-time school being very evident. Thankfully, half term will provide a chance for some much-needed rest and relaxation before returning to learning in November. Whilst we would encourage the children to still make time for reading during the holiday, and perhaps some online TT Rockstars action, we want the children to have some downtime too.

We have been very blessed to date not to experience any confirmed cases of Covid within the school community, however I am very aware that other schools in the area have not been as fortunate. As no doubt many of you will be planning trips and visiting family and friends over half term, please can I encourage you to keep apprised of any restrictions or guidance for specific areas you may be travelling to and consider how this may impact your children's return to school on Tuesday 2nd November. If there is any doubt regarding your family's health or suspected symptoms, please do not return your children to school until you have sought advice or pursued a Covid test as necessary. Thank you for your support.

Letter from Simon James, Buckinghamshire Council Service Director for Education

Dear Parents

We would like to thank you all for working with schools across Buckinghamshire to support the return for pupils. We know that all of you are keen to ensure that schools and pupil 'bubbles' remain open and there is a reduced need for pupils to self-isolate. We currently have over a thousand children within the county who are required to stay at home, and like you we are keen to minimise the impact on pupils and families wherever possible.

You can help with this through ensuring that government guidance is applied in your own lives, and especially when you are at or near your child's school site. Please make sure that you maintain appropriate social distances (2 metres/three paces apart) whilst collecting and dropping off your children and that you maintain hand hygiene before and after touching playground gates etc.

These simple actions, as well as wearing masks if you need to go inside at any time, will help your child's school to remain open and that children do not have to isolate at home unnecessarily. This message is endorsed by Children's Services and Public Health at Buckinghamshire Council as well as primary, secondary and special school head teachers.

Simon James

Service Director: Education

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House Captains

Having written letters of nomination for either themselves or each other, congratulations to our Year 6 House Captains: Alex & William (Birch), Daniel & Florence (Maple), Romeo & Gracie (Redwood) and Jessicka & Sammy (Cedar). Our Captains have already had their first official duty during our Celebration assembly online and have topped up our Housepoint tubes.

TT Rockstars

A massive well done to all the children who have been rocking with their Times Tables Rockstars. We currently have Maple house in the lead with 2,044 points. This is the final four-day push to see which house will be the Times Tables Rockstar winners this 1/2 term. Come on Redwood, Cedar and Birch, every game helps!

We're really impressed with the lifetime earnings of each Rockstar. The highest earning Rockstar in the school, with an impressive 288,448 of lifetime coins is Abigail in Year 5. Well done Abigail, you're a Rock Legend! Our highest earning Rockstars in the school currently are:

Y1: Ted with 3,601 coins

Y2: Aidan with 4,795 coins

Y3: Zach with 48,612 coins

Y4: Ethan with 135,517 coins

Y5: Abigail with 288,448 coins

Y6: Aavik with 138, 820 coins.

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Aida, Alex	Year 3	Elliott, Elijah
Year 1	Charlie, Henry	Year 4	Josh, Rowen
Year 2	Freddie B, Josh	Year 5	Bradley, Luke
		Year 6	Sammy, Iudita

PTFA Thanks & Fundraising

A huge thank you to the PTFA for their efforts regarding the hotdog lunch last week. It was a great success and a model we hope to use again in the near future. In the absence of big fundraising events, we are keen to keep smaller opportunities ticking over to both support the school community and other causes, bringing some much-needed fun and cheer now and in the build up to Christmas.

In the absence of a village Firework event this year, please find attached a PTFA Krispy Kreme Doughnuts booking form which we hope will bring some consolation!

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal & Non-uniform Day

On Friday 23rd October, we have a non-uniform day in exchange for a gift for the 'Link to Hope' Shoebox appeal. Here is the official video for this charity. This week the children will have the chance to watch the video during collective worship:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ii_sr0hu_TO&feature=emb_logo



[Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2019/2020 - YouTube](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ii_sr0hu_TO&feature=emb_logo)

This short video demonstrates how important your Link to Hope shoeboxes are to the people that receive them in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine. They a...

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Last year, we were able to share love, joy and kindness to others by filling many shoeboxes however, times are very different this year. Thank you so much for the many gifts that you've already brought in, it really does make such a difference to others less fortunate than ourselves. If you have any empty spare shoeboxes (not boot boxes) at home we'd be happy to take them off your hands in the hope of filling them.

Please note, if your child has PE this Friday (EYFS, Y3 and Y4) please ensure that your child has a pair of trainers for their PE session. Your child does not need to come in PE kit on this day.

School Building Project

Following an action-packed year with Ofsted inspections and pandemics we remain keen to pursue our Learning Building Project - those parents who attended the school development evening will have seen more details of the proposal. At the most recent Governor meeting, it was agreed to create a working party so that the project could pull together different aspects of the wider school community without impacting on the core business of school life - the learning. If you or anyone you know has experience of building projects, grant applications or sourcing funds in general, please do contact me in school as you/they could be a brilliant asset in the next step in development of Wingrave CE School...



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

22 Oct	Yrs 3 & 5 Hindu Dance Festival
23 Oct	Non-uniform day for Shoebox Appeal – please donate shoebox items as per previously circulated letter
23 Oct	PTFA Krispy Kreme doughnut order deadline
23 Oct	PTFA Autumn activity pack collection, 3.00pm
w/c 26 Oct	HALF TERM
2 Nov	INSET DAY
3 Nov	PTFA AGM, 8.00pm via Zoom
4 Nov	Yr 3 weekly swimming lessons commence
5 Nov	PTFA Krispy Kreme doughnut collection, 3.00pm
4 Dec	Whole School flu vaccination
4-6 Dec	Wingrave Church Christmas Tree Festival
