



### NEWSLETTER NO 6 - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 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: 4 January 2021, 7 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2020, and what a year it has been!?

In case it has not been said enough, we are incredibly proud of your children and all that they have achieved and faced this year. We often under-estimate how resilient children are but we also appreciate how supportive and encouraging you as parents have been of the school in making the most of a challenging situation. I am sure you will also join me in thanking the staff team for their flexibility and commitment to the school community - above all this should reinforce how much we believe in the power of learning and how much we care for our pupils.

While acknowledging the efforts of our team, we must also take a moment to show some appreciation for the work that other keyworkers and the NHS have done throughout the pandemic and it seems fitting to mark the last day of term with a non-uniform day in support of Nightingale's Rainbow Appeal, raising money for Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund and Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity (please see flyer attached). The children are invited to donate £1 in return for wearing their own clothes that day but please remember your trainers if it is a PE day (EYFS, Year 3 and Year 4).

In discussion with our Governors, we have explored plans for January onwards and whilst the outlook is promising, we are wary of the impact Christmas celebrations will have on Covid-19 cases but also note it is harder to bring back measures which have already relaxed. Therefore, we will return to school in the New Year using the same procedures and timings that we are using now however, we are making plans to combine class bubbles, reduce staggered timings and reintroduce after-school provision from February half term should official guidance allow and the national picture remains positive. Details will be provided in the New Year once we have co-ordinated with our various providers and revised all the necessary staffing.

Continuing our approach of doing as much as we can as safely as we can, everything is in place for Class Christmas Parties, a few remaining Nativity recording sessions, our first seasonal Inter-House Quiz and, most importantly, Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' this Friday 11th! Other than the Christmas jumper, please remember that the children should be in uniform (unless they are doing PE).

Please remember that Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December is the last day for bringing in gifts and items for distribution. As previously explained, this allows time to isolate said items before sending them home with the children. The children will be reminded not to open anything in school so that you can make a decision to isolate items further at home should you wish to.

Regarding our Nativity and Carols video, a secure link will be provided during the last week of term once editing is complete - please can I highlight that this video has been uploaded securely so that only those in receipt of the link can view it. Once it is available, in the interests of safeguarding our children, please do NOT post this link openly online, on social media or share with anyone outside your family. Thank you.

All that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and furthermore a Happy, healthy New Year! I leave you with a variation of our school prayer from us to your households this Christmas:

Father God  
 Come and be with us this Christmas  
 Fill our hearts with joy  
 Fill our minds with wonder  
 Fill our homes with peace  
 Fill our celebrations with fun  
 Fill our communities with kindness  
 Fill our lives with love  
 Amen

Mr M Tomson  
 Headteacher

**Times Tables Rockstars**

Well done to all our Rockstars this week, you've certainly rocked your socks off! This is certainly going to be a battle to the end. There are 11 more days until the current 'House' tournament and 'Girls v Boys' tournament ends. Who will be our end of term winners? Only time will tell. Our current 'House' tournament scores are as follows:

MAPLE 2,289  
 CEDAR 1,688  
 REDWOOD 1,639  
 BIRCH 1,512

The boys are currently leading with a total of 1,815 games played against the girls who have played 1,688 games. Who will 'Rock' to the top at the end of the term? It is going to be a race to the finish. Let's all get rocking to the times tables beat!

**School Closure Item**

A timely reminder that should the school need to close due to adverse weather conditions, this will be published on the Buckinghamshire Council website; following the demise of Mix 96 local radio this will now be the primary line of communication in these matters however, further details will be communicated via email as necessary:

<https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>

Following the introduction of Class Dojo, staff will use this platform to provide and share a selection of suitable activities. Please note that, all things considered, a school closure would be a last resort and only if we felt the safety of pupils, parents and staff was at risk by travelling or due to on-site conditions. The closure of Cottesloe School resulting in no lunch provision will also impact on any decision to close Wingrave School.

Mr M Tomson  
 Headteacher  
[head@wingrave.school](mailto:head@wingrave.school)

**Congratulations**

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Jack, Maisie, Thomas C, Gracie	Year 3	Emily, Ellie, Teddy, Alfie
Year 1	Jamie, Ethan, Arthur, Rosi	Year 4	Olivia S, Isabella, Arthur, Samantha
Year 2	Beth, Harry, Imi, Alby	Year 5	Isabelle, Ebony, Lola, Alex
		Year 6	Daanish, Alina, Florence, Digby

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

8 Dec Last guitar lesson  
 9 Dec Year 3 swimming lessons start  
 11 Dec Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children, £1 per child  
 15 Dec Last drumming lesson  
 17 Dec AIP Christmas packed lunch  
 18 Dec Non-uniform day for Nightingale's Rainbow Appeal, £1 per child  
 18 Dec Last day of term  
 4 Jan Inset Day  
 5 Jan Children return to School  
 6 Jan Year 3 swimming lessons resume  
 12 Jan Guitar and drumming lessons resume

**Thank You**

A big thank you to TGC Facility Services for providing resources to make the Christmas sleigh in EYFS.