



### NEWSLETTER NO 7 - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Spring 2021	Tuesday 5 January	Friday 12 February	Half Term	Monday 22 February	Thursday 1 April
Summer 2021	Monday 19 April	Friday 28 May		Tuesday 8 June	Wednesday 21 July
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Friday 17 December

Inset Days: 7 June, 1 September, 1 November

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first of our post-lockdown fortnightly newsletters. We are hoping that as the flow of news and procedure changes/slows, this will be a more efficient way of sharing information.

#### **Learning Discussions - Booking Open**

Please can we remind you that Learning Discussion appointments are now open for booking online; please do let the school office know if you have any difficulties logging in. Bookings close at 8.00pm on Friday so that staff can prepare documents for the start of the following week.

#### **Parking, Safety and Housing Development**

It has been a very smooth and successful return to school and we are very grateful for your support around drop-off and collection arrangements. Please can we highlight that this week sees the start of heavy material deliveries to the Twelve Leys Housing Development site. Collaborating with the Wingrave residents group we have expressly asked for such deliveries not to take place during peak drop-off and collections times in the interests of everyone's safety.

Please can we remind everyone again about parking safely and considerately in order to reduce congestion and additional risk to pedestrians. Thank you if you are making use of the Sports Club car park or making your journeys to school on foot. Unfortunately, several cars have been spotted parking erratically blocking pavements and/or driveways and we are supporting local residents in reporting number plates to the local police.

Finally, can we remind all parents again about supervising their children on the school site **at all times**. We want to make maximum space for families to social distance but the school car park is also in use by staff, deliveries and school transport throughout the day. The coned parking bay area (and front lawn) is intended for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 to wait while they drop-off and collect so we can keep the main thoroughfare of the car park clear. Thank you to the Pre-school families who are making use of the far lawn area to wait due to the timing difference.

#### **Comic Relief**

On our non-uniform day for Comic Relief we raised a brilliant £230.15 so thank you for all your support. A special mention goes to Albert (Year 4), Joseph (Year 2) and Mikael (Year 6) for their achievements in the Comic Relief TT Rockstars event - well done lads!

#### **Housepoint Celebrations**

Following our celebration assembly last week, all four colour houses have now filled their house tubes and so all children will be able to wear their own clothes to school this coming Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This is the first time this has ever happened (partly thanks to lockdown...) and so the children are invited to wear something of their house colour so they can represent their team with pride! Classes with PE they can still wear their own clothes for lessons as long as clothing and footwear are practical to take part.

#### **Easter Celebrations**

We are unfortunately unable to celebrate Easter at the church due to current circumstances, however Reverend Howard will be leading our collective worship for all classes on the last day of term via Teams.

### **School Absence**

Please remember that it is school policy for parents to report their child's absence from school, initially by telephone on the first morning using the absence option, followed by a letter on their return. If a reason for absence is not provided, an unauthorised absence will be recorded.

### **PTFA**

**Balloon Race** - Thank you for your support of the Balloon Race which raised over an incredible £600! Congratulations to all the winners and runners up and many thanks to Cobb GB Ltd for providing such a great first prize. Thank you to the PTFA committee for all their organisation as always. (See poster)

**Easy Fundraising** - Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising free donations for Wingrave School PTFA with easyfundraising? It won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. Just use this site as a front link and search for your retailer and shop with them as normal. Providing you link through Easyfundraising first your chosen charity will get a commission kick back! The link below is our referral link to sign up and although you go through the Easyfundraising site, initially your search will take you through to your chosen online site direct. (See poster)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wingraveschoolpta/?invite=r8yno3&referral-campaign=s2s>

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

26 Mar	Non-uniform house reward day – all houses
29 – 31 Mar	Year 5&6 Bikeability training
29 Mar	Learning Discussions, Year 3 only: 3.40 – 5.00pm
30 Mar	Learning Discussions, Year 3 only: 3.40 – 5.00pm Learning Discussions, all other years: 3.40 – 6.40pm
31 Mar	Learning Discussions, Year 3 only: 3.40 – 5.00pm Learning Discussions, all other years: 3.40 – 6.40pm
1 Apr	Last day of term
2 – 18 Apr	Easter Holiday
19 Apr	Children return to school

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