



NEWSLETTER NO 8 – Monday 19th April 2021

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Summer 2021	Monday 19 April	Friday 28 May	Half Term	Tuesday 8 June	Wednesday 21 July
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October		Tuesday 2 November	Friday 17 December
Spring 2022	Wednesday 5 January	Friday 18 February		Tuesday 1 March	Friday 8 April

Inset Days: 7 June, 1 September, 1 November

Dear Parents/Carers

I trust you had a good Easter holiday - a warm welcome back at the start of this summer term.

We were delighted to see the children skip and run back into school today and this bodes well for all we want to achieve over the coming weeks. Our plans and provision will continue to be reviewed in line with Government and Local Authority guidance with our overall aim being a full return to normality as soon and as safely as possible. We are especially aware of procedures which are allowing the go ahead of our Year 5 & 6 Residential in June and the potential for other school events like day trips, PTFA fundraising and Sports Days. The specific nature of these have yet to be confirmed but we will endeavour to provide as much notice as possible.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Seymour

Just prior to Easter we were able to inform Year 1 parents that Mr Seymour's absence has in fact been due to the very premature birth of his daughter during lockdown. Lillian was just 800g at birth and needed a huge amount of support to breathe and feed, not to mention the additional complications arising due to the pandemic; hence his appropriate distancing from the school setting. We are delighted to share that Lillian has made incredible progress and, although still in hospital, is breathing and feeding naturally and gaining weight. Massive congratulations to Mr Seymour and his family who have been incredibly resilient during this traumatic time. Mr Seymour returned to work today part-time but has just learnt that Lilly is able to come home today and so will be starting his paternity leave. Thank you to all parents who have passed on their best wishes and congratulations.

Earth Day

On Thursday 22nd April, all classes will be taking part in a variety of Geography-themed activities to celebrate international Earth Day exploring issues around the environment and climate change. Further information about the official events can be found here, www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/.

Simply After School Provision

Simply have been successful in recruiting new staff however the relatively low demand means this will now only run Monday to Thursday until 6.00pm. We are aware that many working parents have their own changing circumstances and therefore we will continue to review this on a half termly basis to meet the school community needs as much as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact Simply for ad hoc bookings or any specific enquiries.

Hot Meals

Lunches restarted in the hall for all children today, including hot meals provision. The routine is very structured due to maintaining the current bubbles and allow for cleaning between sittings, however all children will get up to half an hour to eat and half an hour playtime. We are working closely with AIP to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible but please do remember to place your orders before midnight on the Wednesday of the previous week - if in doubt please send your children with a packed lunch.

Online Learning Discussion Feedback

While we consider how we may continue using SchoolCloud for future school appointments and bookings, please take a few moments to complete our questionnaire at the following link. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SchoolCloudFeedback>

PTFA - Wingrave Scarecrow Festival

Following on from the amazing success of this event over the last few years the PTFA are pleased to bring you this year's event over the Bank Holiday weekend 1-3 May. The event will last three days to help spread out the number of visitors coming to see the wonderful creations on display. We have an amazing 38 scarecrows entered into this year's competition with a theme of the 80's. Trail maps/voting forms will be available to purchase shortly from the Wingrave Village Shop at £2 each and one lucky voter will be chosen at random to win a £20 Amazon voucher (kindly donated by Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council). There are two winning scarecrow categories this year (First Prize and Under 10's First prize) and you get to choose the winners by voting. The prizes for the winning scarecrows have kindly been donated by the Wingrave Village Shop. All proceeds from this event go towards the PTFA so we hope you come along over the weekend, support and have a great time!

A reminder also that the PTFA email address is now as follows: ptfa@wingrave.school. The previous email address is no longer in use.

Smart Raspberry Cookery Club

We have been attempting to get this club started for some time now and there are still places available on offer to Year 5 and 6 children this term. Please see the attached letter.

Parent Mail Box

We have a new black mail box situated on the wall near the yellow gates for parents to drop off letters etc if you wish to avoid coming to the office.

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

21 Apr	Year 3 swimming starts
1-3 May	PTFA Wingrave scarecrow festival
31 May – 4 Jun	HALF TERM
7 Jun	INSET DAY
8 Jun	Children return to school
28 Jun – 2 Jul	Year 5 & 6 Residential trip
