



NEWSLETTER NO 13 - Wednesday 21st July 2021

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October	Half Term	Tuesday 2 November	Friday 17 December
Spring 2022	Wednesday 5 January	Friday 18 February		Tuesday 1 March	Friday 8 April
Summer 2022	Monday 25 April	Friday 27 May		Tuesday 7 June	Thursday 21 July

Inset Days: 1 September 2021, 1 November 2021, 4 January 2022, 28 February 2022, 6 June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year - we made it!

I cannot thank you as parents and the wider community enough for your patience, support and understanding throughout an incredibly challenging and uncertain period for us all. As a school we have been pulled in so many different directions, often in an untimely fashion, however I hope you will agree that we have tackled everything as effectively as we could with the children and their well-being at the centre of our provision.

No doubt information (and misinformation...) will continue to trickle through over the summer however the local authority is very clear that we are returning to school in September as normal without any restrictions in place. We see this summer holiday as a 'line in the sand' and one of our priorities must be to welcome parents back into school as much as possible to share in your children's learning and we look forward to sharing more details of events and occasions in the Autumn term.

The school will be a hive of activity over the summer with various repairs and renovations taking place. Whilst the updating of blinds, windows and classroom furniture is perhaps slightly less exciting, every classroom is being fitted with new interactive screens so that we remain fully up to date when it comes to the use of technology in lessons. These have the functionality to link and communicate with our fleets of iPads and laptops so that the children can share learning from the tables and interact collaboratively with classmates in on-screen activities. In order to make these screens more accessible to our younger children, the infant classes will have them mounted on electronic brackets which can raise and lower the screen as required.

It would be remiss of me not to mention our Year 6 Leavers and wish them all the best for the secondary adventure ahead. They have been a brilliant class and we are very proud of the hard work and resilience during their eventful final year. Well done Year 6 - we will miss you!

September Return

With the intention of returning to normal in September but keeping some of the 'lockdown benefits' (if there is such a thing), a few things to note regarding our return in September please:

- PE lessons will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays and the children will be asked to continue coming to school in their kits. This routine has massively increased the amount of time the children actually have to take part in physical activities. Specifically which days the classes have PE on will be confirmed before the first Friday back in school.
- In the interests of road safety the staff car park will return to full use and therefore all foot traffic will be asked to use footpaths only. Only staff vehicles and school transport vehicles should use the main gate.
- EYFS and Year 1 will continue to use the EYFS gate at the front of the school for drop-off and collection. Parents should please wait on the path and grass area immediately in front of the building. Ms Garwood and Mrs Neaves will meet their classes at the gate at 8.45am (Year 1) and 8.50am (EYFS).

- Years 2 to 6 will all return to the main playground on arrival and teachers will open appropriate doors and gates for their classes at 8.45am.
- The large wooden gates either side of the playground will continue to be used at the start and end of the day to allow plenty of space.
- The courtyard area will no longer be used for drop-off or collections due to the limited space; all children (Years 2 to 6) will be dropped off at and dismissed from the main playground.
- This will inevitably require some 'practice' for the children, staff and parents but please remember there is no longer a drop-off or collection window; all children should be on site ready to come in at 8.45am (8.50am for EYFS) and parents should be ready on site to receive their children back at 3.15pm (3.10pm for EYFS). Any late arrivals or collections should be made from the main entrance.

We will of course review these arrangements in line with any announcements over the summer and provide reminders before we return in September.

Mrs Brown Farewell

You will have received the letter regarding Mrs Brown leaving Wingrave. If you wish to make a contribution towards a leaving gift, this can be done via ParentPay.

Sports Day

We hope you have enjoyed the photos posted on Class Dojo and Tapestry from the two days of events - we were very fortunate with the weather and the children had a great time. We announced last week that Cedar had retained the Sports Day cup for the third year in a row so a massive well done to them.

PTFA

Last week's 'Make the Rules Day' raised a total of £423.50 so thank you for your support and the committee's organisation. The following link takes you to a video update from the PTFA on all their achievements this year and PTFA newsletter is also attached.



[PTFA End of Year Video July '21](#)

An end of year video to celebrate the success of all the PTFA fundraising efforts this year - thank you for all your support!

youtu.be

PTFA Video <https://youtu.be/KMnfVWD5Lsc>

House Cup Results

After a full year of housepoint rewards and achievements, Birch House have collated the most housepoints in total and have been awarded the House Cup. Congratulations Blues!

Housepoint Tombola Winners

In yesterday's tombola draw, all the completed bookmarks from the year went back in the tombola for our Housepoint draw. The following children's bookmarks were drawn out and have won an Amazon voucher. Congratulations to:

Ellie 2	Theo 4	Jessica 4	Billy 6
Joseph 2	Lydia 4	Lola 5	Freddie 6

Uniform Supplies

Please note that we have been informed of a backlog of items coming into this country following new trade tariffs, a surge of demand following coming out of lockdown and less people in the companies working day to day is making it incredibly difficult for companies across the industry to hit stated delivery times. Orders will be sent out, but delays should be expected.

Bikeability Level 1 - Year 3 & 4 next year

Attached is a flyer for those interested in Bikeability Level 1 during the summer holidays. Level 2 Bikeability training is organised for Year 5 in school.

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A Leaving Prayer

Dear God we pray:

May you who are leaving Wingrave School:

Take with you every blessing you have received:

Blessings of friendship

Blessings of memories

Blessings of knowledge

And as you begin a new journey, leave us your blessing; the mark you leave on your friends and your school only you could do.

May you all be refreshed this summer, Teachers, Pupils, Support Staff, and parents,

And when term begins again,

may you meet new challenges, new places, new people,

with an open and cheerful heart.

May God bless us all this day and through all the days to come. Amen.

With thanks to Annie Cooper

Swim Safe

Thousands of free water safety sessions for youngsters are now available to book as the popular Swim Safe programme returns to venues across the country.

To view the article please go to - <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim-safe-2021/>

Created by the Swim England and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), Swim Safe teaches youngsters how to stay safe in and around open water - and what to do if they, or someone else, gets into difficulty.

The sessions are run by local partners and trained instructors at beaches and inland sites, such as water sports centre.

Swim Safe didn't take place in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic but it has delivered sessions to more than 139,000 children since its inception in 2013.

Swim England research shows that an estimated 1.8 million children missed out on swimming participation throughout the 2020-21 academic year due to the national lockdowns.

Ashley Jones, Swim England's water safety and drowning prevention manager, encouraged parents to make sure they didn't miss out on booking places as the sessions offered crucial advice.

He said: "The new research has really highlighted the impact of Covid and how many children have missed out on swimming lessons during the pandemic.

"Figures suggest that by the end of the 2020-21 academic year, 240,000 fewer children will be able to swim 25 metres compared to the previous academic year.

"Given the last 12 months, and with many choosing to stay local for summer breaks this year, it is even more important for youngsters to attend Swim Safe sessions, which provide crucial water safety advice.

To find out more and book a free place, visit www.swimsafe.org.uk.