



### NEWSLETTER NO 3 - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2021	Thursday 2 September	Friday 22 October	Term Half	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	Wednesday 20 July

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Short of arriving by canoe this morning, thank you all for your efforts in getting your children to school on time and following our alternative entry measures! More rain is forecast for tonight so please be prepared for similar arrangements on Thursday morning, just in case.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff team for the many obstacles they navigate all whilst teaching and supporting your children. Be it floods, illness or injury, to mention a few examples, our staff team tackle it all to make sure we do everything we can to keep the school day normal for your children and provide the best learning despite every disruption. Thank you, everyone!

We do try to provide as much timely information as possible without bombarding you constantly with emails, however this is often the best way of bringing specific situations to your attention. Please do check your inboxes for recent information about Covid cases, Secondary School applications and the road closure on Friday 22nd October.

Regarding the overall rise in Coronavirus cases, the school continues to seek advice from Public Health for our specific circumstances and no additional measures are required for the numbers and placement of cases we have. Understandably, with local secondary schools being especially affected, the biggest connection is siblings of secondary students. Although we do not intend to reintroduce specific measures currently, families are obviously welcome to wear masks and distance themselves as they feel appropriate. Please can I remind you to forward any PCR test results to the office as soon as possible.

#### Right Light, Green light

We have recently spoken to our Junior classes about the retro school game 'Red light, Green light' which has made a comeback in the playground due to the Netflix series 'Squid Game'. Unfortunately, the game is portrayed in a very different light by this very violent series which is rated with a '15' certificate. Whilst many children have been joining in innocently, it would appear some of our pupils have seen the programme and are re-enacting elements of the series which are not appropriate. We have therefore asked the children not to play this game at school. From a safeguarding and welfare point of view, please can we remind you to be aware of what content your children are viewing online, especially where older siblings may not be aware of younger eyes and ears nearby. Thank you.

#### Football Tournament

A big thank you to all the children who took part in the lunchtime football tournament over the past few weeks and to Mr Powell for organising it all. Congratulations go to our winners - the Year 5 & 6 Blue & Green teams who tied in first place, the Year 3 & 4 Orange team and the Year 1 & 2 Red team. We look forward to celebrating together in our assembly on Friday!

#### Lost Property

We have seen a large number of unnamed items of clothing in school. Please can I reiterate the need for naming all items of clothing, not just uniform. As much as we try to encourage children to take responsibility for their belongings, if all items were named they could be easily returned to their rightful owners. Please note, as we no longer have a central lost property store, all remaining unnamed items left at the end of the week will either be passed to the PTFA for second hand sales or disposed of.

## Road Safety

The nights are really starting to draw in and we will soon be changing the clocks. At this time of year there is always an increase in pedestrian related accidents and the links below provide resources that will help remind the children, including teenagers, about road safety and keeping safe in the dark. This is especially important in rural areas where there is often minimal street lighting so please keep this in mind with our older children and how long it is appropriate for them to walk home by themselves.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rosopa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First - Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Road safety teaching resources for children <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Keeping Children Safe in the Dark <https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

Dark Nights <https://www.childcare.co.uk/information/dark-nights-children-safety>

Be Bright Be Seen <https://brightkidz.co.uk/initiatives/be-bright-be-seen/>

## Queen's Jubilee - Additional Bank Holiday

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year, the Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional bank holiday on Friday 3rd June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These days fall in the Summer half term and the DfE would like to ensure all school staff have an extra day of celebration too. In order to accommodate this the DfE have reduced the number of school days in the academic year of 2021-22. Buckinghamshire Council have advised all schools that this extra day will be taken on Thursday 21st July, ending the Summer term a day early. By doing this we believe there will be less disruption to schools, children, parents and transport. A calendar is attached with the revised term dates shown. Please see the link below for further information regarding the extra bank holiday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-bank-holiday-to-mark-the-queens-platinum-jubilee-in-2022>

## Flu Immunisation

As you will be aware, whole school flu immunisation by the school nursing team takes place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to use the link contained in a letter emailed on 11<sup>th</sup> October to either consent or decline this vaccine. In other words, a yes or no is required for your child. The deadline for this is 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## Helping Hands

For those who previously received free school meal vouchers during school holidays, the Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand service will be providing support to Buckinghamshire families this October half term to ensure those in need are able to get food on the table and receive other essential support required. In addition, they are working with our local Voluntary Community Social Enterprise organisations, which includes food banks, community fridges and hot meal initiatives, to ensure there is a breadth of services available. Residents can also visit <https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/> to find out what is available in their local area. Families in Buckinghamshire are strongly encouraged to seek support by contacting the Helping Hand team on 01296 531151.

## INSET reminder

Please remember the school is closed for a staff INSET day on Monday 1st November and so the children will return to school after half term on Tuesday 2nd November.

## Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Jack, Reggie, whole class	Year 3	Charlie, Beth, Ernie, Harry, Holly, Freddie B
Year 1	Peyton, Molly, Alicia, Chloe, Hattie, Bradley	Year 4	Libby, Teddy, Evie, Charlie, Eloise, Charlotte
Year 2	Charlie, Olivia, Bethany, Autumn, Rocco, Jonathan	Year 5	Alfie, Elsie-Jane, Lucas, Olivia K, Vova, Owen
		Year 6	Imogen, Luke, Noor, Dharm, Tyler-Jay, Harriet

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## Second-Hand-Uniform

Please see attached an appeal for second-hand uniform donations by the PTFA.

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

20 Oct	PTFA Disco – EYFS & KS1 5.00-6.00pm, KS2 6.15-7.30pm
21 Oct	Years 5 & 6 trip to Cadbury World
W/C 25 Oct	HALF TERM
1 Nov	Inset Day
2 Nov	Children return
<b>4 Nov</b>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 Greek Day</b>
5 Nov	Whole School Flu Immunisation
<b>5 Nov</b>	<b>Game On Football Match home against Aldbury</b>
<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>Game On Football Match away at Long Marston</b>
<b>11 Nov</b>	<b>Growth Mindset parent workshop, 7.00PM – change of date</b>
<b>19 Nov</b>	<b>PTFA Christmas shopping evening</b>
<b>26 Nov</b>	<b>PTFA Christmas wreath making workshop</b>

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**Tea and Tots**

Starting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 'Tea and Tots' 10.00 am to 11.00am every Friday in term time at Wingrave Parish Church. This is a time for the babies and toddlers to play, sing and hear a story by Revd Howard and for the grown-ups to have a cuppa. All welcome and all free.

For more details contact Sarah Kennedy 01296 681749