



NEWSLETTER NO 4 - Monday 7th November 2022

	Term Begins	Finish	Half Term	Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2022	Monday 5 September	Friday 21 October		Tuesday 1 November	Tuesday 20 December
Spring 2023	Thursday 5 January	Friday 10 February		Tuesday 21 February	Friday 31 March
Summer 2023	Monday 17 April	Friday 26 May		Tuesday 6 June	Friday 21 July

Inset Days: 4 January 2023, 20 February 2023, 5 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

An eventful week after half term has really tested our staff team's ability to go 'old school' as we have continued to operate with technology issues and intermittent wi-fi and phones - 21st Century problems! Thank you for your patience when attempting to contact the school during these times; everything is now resolved. Every cloud has a silver lining however as the technical difficulties were as a result of wiring works for the library redevelopment. Everything is coming on nicely so do keep checking our website for photo updates!

Family Support

In a newsletter where there is lots of reference to charity, donations and helping others, we remain very aware that families in our community also face challenges and that this becomes especially hard as we approach Christmas. If you yourself are experiencing difficulties or know of a family who are, please do bring this to our attention so we can support as much as possible. We are able to signpost support and make checks around financial and social support and, whilst we appreciate this can be embarrassing, all conversations are held with the utmost discretion. With that in mind please do take a look at following link for Bucks Family Support and the wide range of provision they offer: <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/familysupport/>

Working Party Support - Reflection Garden

Another redevelopment is the Reflection Garden and Mr Mayhew is leading a project to replant and update this area. This Saturday 12th November, Mr Mayhew and Mr Seymour are asking for some parent volunteers to help dig out parts of the garden ready for planting and in preparation for other features. Any help between 12.30 and 2.30pm would be really appreciated but please let the school office know if you are able to come and provide your own spades, forks and suitable footwear. Due to the nature of work taking place, we would ask that children are not brought along at this time for supervision and safety reasons. Thank you.

Charity Support

Thank you all for your generous support of both the Link to Hope Shoeboxes and Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research (SMSR) causes. We took a collection of £257 for SMSR Wheels at Work Day on Thursday and the children delivered 32 complete shoeboxes to the Methodist Chapel on Friday; additional Donations for SMSR were also kindly made online so we await an updated total. Spare items which we were unable to use in shoeboxes are going to be donated to the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse whom we supported with our Harvest donations.

The children were fascinated by our Wheelchair Ambassador visitor, Kat, who spoke so openly about her disability and how her life has changed and yet still so positive and resilient - what a role model! Equally our Wheelchair Champions did an amazing job going about the usual school day in an unusual fashion. Their insights were fascinating and left them and their classmates with a much deeper understanding of how life changes for wheelchair users. Photos and information about the Wheels at Work Day are available via the Bucks Radio website below and we will be informed when the newspaper story is brought published in the coming weeks:

<https://www.bucks.radio/news/local-news/wingrave-school-disability-awareness-day/>

<https://www.bucks.radio/community/charity-of-the-month1/>

If you or your child was especially inspired by the Wheels at Work Day, there is still time to make a donation via <https://www.lifeafterparalysis.com/wingrave2022>. Thank you

Open Classrooms

Please remember that this term's Open Classroom event is on Tuesday 15th November immediately after school. This is an opportunity for children to show their parents and carers around their classroom and to see a selection of learning which has been displayed. Please note that this is an opportunity to celebrate learning with your children and not a chance to speak to staff about specific queries or concerns. Please collect your children after school as normal before returning to classrooms for your visit; classrooms will close at 3.45pm when staff are required to attend our staff meeting. If your children attend the Huzzah Drama Club or S4A Club after school that day, they will be able to join you before returning to the club if you so wish. We look forward to seeing you then!

Remembrance & School Wreath

Due to a funeral at the church on Friday 11th November at 11.00am, the school will be holding their two-minute silence on the Twelve Leys/Anershall Green rather than the memorial, weather permitting.

We have been asked to highlight that the service in the church will begin at 10.00am on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, and not 9.30am as printed on the Church Page of the Communique. Following the service, there will be a gathering at the village War memorial at 10.45am for the Act of Remembrance. Any school families attending whose children would like to place our school wreath, please do contact the school office.

Housepoint Reward Day

Congratulations to Birch (Blue) and Redwood (Red) Houses who filled their House tube during last week's celebration assembly! Their reward day will be this Thursday, November 10th, when they can wear their own clothes to school. Please ensure that clothing and footwear are still suitable to take part in all learning which continues as normal. Thank you.

Special Topic Days

Thank you for your support of our special topic days, namely Years 1 & 2 Palaeontology Day today and next Monday's Stone Age Day for Years 3 & 4. We appreciate this gives additional things for you to consider and organise as parents but the children love taking part, on any level, and we believe these make some really special learning memories. The Year 1 & 2 classes have been having lots of fun today as palaeontologists. They have used the VR headsets to look up close to dinosaurs, been learning about fossils and made dinosaur skeletons to name just a few activities. The children have been buzzing with excitement all day. These are some of the comments from the children:

"The best part about it was drawing different dinosaurs." Jenson

"I love coming to school in my costume. I am Elsy the Explorer!" Elsy

"My favourite activity has been chiselling an egg to find an ankylosaurus!" Oliver S

"Breaking an egg has been fun because I have got a dinosaur that I get to take home!" Alex

Children in Need

In support of Children in Need on Friday 18th November, children are invited to attend school in their own clothes for a donation of £1. Again, please ensure that clothing and footwear is suitable for all learning, including PE if it is your child's PE day.

Mr M Tomson
Headteacher

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Jacob, Billy, Maverick, Isabella F	Year 3	William, Alfred, Matilda, Georgia
Year 1	Bella, Megan	Year 4	Ted, Izzy, Noah, Aidan
Year 2	Thomas A, Rory	Year 5	Charlotte, Finn
		Year 6	Isobel, Jessica, Elsie-Jane, Morley-Jack, Barnaby, Ruth, Samantha

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

10 Nov	Birch and Redwood House reward non-uniform day
10 Nov	PTFA Christmas jumper and second-hand uniform sale, 3.00-3.45pm
12 Nov	Peace Garden working party, 12.30-2.30pm
12 Nov	PTFA deadline for Christmas card orders and Elfridges gift room orders
13 Nov	Wingrave Church Remembrance Service 10.00am
14 Nov	Year 3&4 Stone Age Day
15 Nov	Open Classroom, 3.15 – 3.45pm
18 Nov	PTFA Christmas Shopping Evening, 6.30 - 9.30pm
25 Nov	No Game On clubs
7 Dec	Cookery club ends
8 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
9 Dec	Game On clubs end
13 Dec	Infant Nativity, 1.30 – 2.30pm & 6.30 – 7.30pm
14 Dec	Infant Nativity, 9.30-10.30am
13 Dec	Drama club ends
13 Dec	Last Year 3 swimming lesson
14 Dec	AIP Christmas lunch
15 Dec	Wingrave Santa float
20 Dec	Church Christmas service, 9.30 – 10.30am

Attached with this Newsletter:

Wingrave Players Dick Wittington Pantomime

