



NEWSLETTER NO 10 – Monday 13th March 2023

	Term Begins	Finish	Half Term	Return	Term Ends
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
Autumn 2023	Monday 4 September	Friday 20 October		Monday 30 October	Tuesday 19 December
Spring 2024	Thursday 4 January	Friday 9 February		Monday 19 February	Thursday 28 March

Inset Days: 5 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome you into school this past couple of weeks to join in the excitement of the new library opening its doors for the first time. Thank you all for your generosity and support, especially sponsoring books which, as you now know, are proudly displayed. We are awaiting the final few artefact competition entries and we look forward to announcing the winners soon.

It is easy to be happy and excited about coming to school for occasions like this however we all know times when it is a little bit harder to get out of bed in the morning and face school or work. Nationally, children are facing more challenges with their mental health and here at Wingrave we are seeing a rise in worry and upset in the mornings. It is vital you speak to a member of staff if you think your child may be experiencing such difficulties.

As much as we are all far more mental health aware, there is still some hesitation to talk about our personal challenges and share feelings even though many of us feel the same or are only a short distance from someone in the same boat. As parents, we try to shoulder the worries of our children, but as hard as we try to be the 'grown up', it works both ways and our children are more perceptive than we like to think.

I had the privilege of seeing Dr Andy Cope speak last week, an official 'Doctor of Happiness' and author of the 'The Art of Brilliance' Series (and Spy Dog books); some of you may recall the work we did with our school council and children previously, the result of which created our 'Wingrave's Got Talent' event. I cannot recommend Andy's approach and works enough - no science babble and guff, just helpful and practical advice and ideas as a result of his research and experience. This takes a variety of age/role appropriate forms, and complements our Growth Mindset approach beautifully, but the message is consistent - the power of positivity www.artofbrilliance.co.uk

Cheesy though it sounds, this is a very welcome antidote to any wet and windy, media/news overloaded day.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

An astounding £362 was raised by our school community for Care International UK and the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal on our Pjama Day. Thank you as always for your and the children's generosity and to the Year 6 House Captains for all their organisation.

Red Nose Day

A reminder that this Friday 17th March is Red Nose Day and the children are invited to come in their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation. Please remember that lessons continue as normal so please ensure clothing is suitable for class and/or PE as appropriate.

Strike Days

Two further days of NEU strikes are planned for Wednesday and Thursday this week however to the best of our knowledge we do not envisage any major disruption. There are a number of additional circumstances the school are currently managing but, as always, our aim is to remain fully open.

Bag2School Donations

Did you know the PTFA raises money for our school just through people donating no longer wanted, but reusable, clothes and accessories? On 21st March Bag2School will be doing a pick up at the school.

All you need to do is bag up the items listed below that you no longer want and either

1. Bring to the school on 21st March at drop off (we will have a designated area for you to leave the bags)
2. Or drop off at the garage of 10 Parsonage Farm, Wingrave at anytime.

They accept the following **good quality** items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)

- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Small amounts of bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Silverstone Museum

We have a number of vouchers in the office available to interested parents offering 20% off the standard walk up price for an annual pass for Silverstone Museum.

Mr M Tomson
Headteacher

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

EYFS	Finn, Evie, whole class for being superstars during their wild animal encounter	Year 3	Ollie, Georgia
Year 1	Digby, Hashie	Year 4	Imi, Alby
Year 2	Melissa, Sami	Year 5	Matty, Arnav
		Year 6	Leonardo, Olivia K

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

14 Mar	Year 6 visit to Metro Bank
17 Mar	Red Nose Day, £1 donation
17 Mar	Game On home match v Aldbury
21 Mar	Bag2School collection day
21 Mar	Drama Club performance
23 Mar	EYFS & Year 6 NHS Height & Weight Screening
28 Mar	Easter church service, 10.00am
1 -16 Apr	Easter Holiday
14 Apr	S4A Forest School Day
17 Apr	Children return to school
1 May	Bank Holiday
4 May	NHS EYFS Vision screening
8 May	Bank Holiday
9 May	Class photographs

Attached with this Newsletter:

Chance to Shine Girls Cricket, Yrs 3-6