



NEWSLETTER NO 7 - Friday 14th December 2018

| | Term Begins | Finish | | Return | Term Ends |
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| Autumn 2018 | Thursday 6 September | Friday 19 October | Half Term | Tuesday 30 October | Wednesday 19 December |
| Spring 2019 | Thursday 3 January | Friday 15 February | | Monday 25 February | Friday 5 April |
| Summer 2019 | Wednesday 24 April | Friday 24 May | | Tuesday 4 June | Wednesday 24 July |
| Autumn 2019 | Wednesday 4 September | Friday 25 October | | Monday 4 November | Thursday 19 December |

Inset Days: 2 January 2019, 23 April 2019, 3 June 2019, 2 September 2019, 3 September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very festive few weeks including our PTFA Fayre, the Music Club's Winter Serenade and the Nativity performances; the sheep were definitely a highlight for me! Thank you for supporting the children and school in so many ways and I know you will join me in thanking the staff and PTFA for all the hard work and effort that goes on behind the scenes to make such events possible. We had a great turn out for the Dinosaur Junk modelling too, although it was difficult to tell whether it was the children or adults who were having the most fun.

We are aiming to maintain some sense of normality as we approach the end of term, if simply to keep the children partially grounded during this exciting time of year. You should now have had details about the children's Christmas parties next week and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible at our Christmas Church Service on Wednesday 19th at 9.30am. Please remember that the KS2 classes will be sharing some of their music projects from this term during the service.

Having had so many parents and family members come into school of late, we are very grateful for your co-operation regarding our phone and limiting photography procedures. Technology and related security makes protecting and safeguarding the children all the more difficult even through what we consider to be secure accounts. The amount of information embedded in a simple photograph for those who have the skills to find it can make any child or family vulnerable and this is why the appropriate permissions to take and use any photograph on school grounds is so important. Safer Internet Day takes place early February and we are in the process of organising several things for children and parents to keep everyone as informed and up to date as possible.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Carol Holman-Smith for all her contributions to our Governing Body; Carol has recently stepped down as Vice Chair but continues in a Governor role involved in the strategic development of the school. Maureen Lomas, our Chair of Governors, and I are very grateful for all that Carol does for the school and her ongoing efforts as a Governor and member of the wider school community.

Finally, I want to thank the Wingrave With Rowsham Heritage Association who, following the Centenary Exhibition, have very generously covered resource costs and made an additional donation to the school for our involvement and hospitality. Thank you to them for such a generous gesture and for being part of such a worthwhile learning experience for the children and community.

All that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and here is to an enjoyable and productive New Year!

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Thank You



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

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| Year R | Charlotte Baker, Freddie Berthet, Beth Finlay, Ellie Jones, Jupiter Class - for a fantastic Christmas play | Year 3 | Tyler-Jay Becket, Daisy Jackman, Benson Owen, Jimmy Small |
| Year 1 | Eloise Asante, Grace Buckland, Kobi Janes, George Makin, Tilly | Year 4 | Akshath Anand, Antonia Barsan, Katie Ellis, Trang Nguyen, Freddie Thompson, Kartik Vyas |
| Year 2 | Elsie-Jane Bates, Tyler Broomhead, Amelia Hodges, Olivia Kelliher, Tilly Rundle | Year 5 | Bethannie Boylin, Archie Busby, Daisy Walls, Phoebe Williment |
| | | Year 6 | Charlotte Hissey, Jude Matthews, Tom Phillips, Daisy Sammon, Jack Smith |

After-school Supervision

Can we please remind parents to closely supervise their children once collected from the courtyard; although on site, most staff are involved in meetings or appointments after school and are therefore not responsible for the children's behaviour once handed over. We have had a few incidents of children playing rough games in the MUGA, climbing trees and using equipment irresponsibly and we are keen to avoid any accidents or further issues. Thank you for your support.

Winter Weather

As temperatures drop, please ensure that your children are appropriately wrapped up for the weather in warm coats, hats and gloves. It is vital the children still get their fresh air during the day so only heavy rain or ice will prevent playtime. We do regularly remind the children to put their coats on even if they are feeling very hot from running around; understandably we want to keep coughs and colds to a minimum.

As a precaution we want to remind you of procedures in the event of snow. We will endeavour to make an informed decision as soon as we can to give parents notice of any site issues or school closure. The main notification will be through the Bucks CC website which will in turn inform Mix 96 local radio. Notification via email and the new school website will then follow. A decision will be based on the safety of the children and staff travelling to school, whilst on site and the resulting supervision ratio. We appreciate we have families who travel some distance along precarious country lanes and, whilst we know you will make every effort to get here if school is open, please do inform us of any concerns or circumstances at the time.

Considerate Parking

The school has been contacted by a school neighbour to unfortunately report further incidents of inconsiderate parking. On this occasion a driveway was blocked by a parked car preventing a resident from leaving their property and later a front lawn was found damaged where a vehicle had manoeuvred across a driveway and garden. Whilst there is no guarantee it was a parent these incidents often occur around drop off and collections times. Thank you to everyone who does make the effort and take the time to leave their cars somewhere sensible so that our neighbours and those walking to school are not inconvenienced.

Homeless Curtains

As far as we are aware, all items donated for the Centenary Trench Display Project have now been returned to those families who requested it with the exception of a pair of beige curtains. They are still in the Sainsbury's bag in which they arrived if this helps jog anyone's memory? If they belong to you and you would like them back please approach the school office otherwise they will join our textile resources for use in future projects.

Book Donations

Thank you to all the parents who have donated nearly new books for our school library, these are busily being processed so that the children can borrow them as soon as possible. No doubt following the Christmas festivities you will be looking for more shelf space so please think of us if you have books in good condition which your own children no longer read but could benefit others in school. Thank you.

Tesco Bags of Help Scheme

Please keep up the support for Wingrave School when you go shopping in Tesco. We are doing well with all your tokens! You have until **31st December** to vote for Wingrave. We will be given a grant, up to the value of £4000 for first place, to buy virtual reality headsets to enhance your children's learning.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it is not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. This is taking place at:

- Tesco Extra, Broadfields Retail Park, Aylesbury HP19 8BU
- Tesco Superstore, Tring Road, Aylesbury, HP20 1PQ
- Tesco Express, Jackson Road, Aylesbury, HP19 9BF
- Tesco Express, Tring Road, Wendover, HP22 6NU

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

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| 17 December | KS2 Christmas party |
| 18 December | EYFS & KS1 Christmas party |
| 19 December | Christmas Service, 9.30-10.30am |
| 19 December | AIP Christmas lunch |
| 19 December | Last day of term |
| 3 January | Children return to school |
| 9 January | Yr 3 swimming lessons resume |
| 9 January | NHS Height and weight measurement, EYFS & Yr 6 |

PTFA

Thank you all so much for supporting the PTFA this term - as you'll have noticed it's been extremely busy with a school disco, village fireworks, panto to Aylesbury Theatre, a Christmas shopping evening, a Christmas film night, Christmas cards and a Christmas fayre.

The jam packed calendar is possible thanks to the many active and enthusiastic members of the PTFA, some of them, I included, new to the PTFA and we wanted to represent this with a refreshed logo. The logo competition was extremely well supported with 64 entries and they were all amazing. The final choice was a tough decision but one that I hope you all agree looks fantastic.

The events cannot run without the support of our amazing helpers and volunteers and I'm extremely grateful to each and every one of you. Seeing the children's faces at the recent Christmas Fayre was amazing, especially watching them go to Elfridges so that they can surprise you on Christmas day with a present that they have chosen especially for you.

I am delighted to report that our busy term has yielded great results and since September we have raised **a staggering £4.5k**, and we have some ambitious plans to raise lots more money for our school. As a PTFA we have challenged ourselves to raise at least £6k this academic year, doubling the funds raised last year, and we're confident we're on track. It's so motivating to know that the more we raise, the more the children will benefit. The new laptops and iPads purchased last term are just one example of how our fundraising benefits our children's education.

If you're interested in joining/helping the PTFA please get in touch - we're always looking for new and enthusiastic people to join us. Once again thank you so much for all your help and support; we can't do this without each and every one of you that supports us.

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