



### NEWSLETTER NO 11 - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

	Term Begins	Finish	Half Term	Return	Term Ends
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
Spring 2020	Tuesday 7 January	Friday 14 February	Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April	

Inset Days: 23 April 2019, 3 June 2019, 2 September 2019, 3 September 2019, 6 January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone enjoyed a refreshing half term especially with such lovely weather!

Our newsletters will continue to be released every two weeks on a Monday and we will continue to send you a link to our website rather than complicate matters with attachments - hard copies are available from the office on request. We are now using ParentPay, our online payment provider, to send parent emails but are aware that some preferences maybe different to those previously on ParentMail; if you are therefore aware of any parents or family contacts who have not been receiving school updates via email, please do let the office know so we can check the system.

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Bowden is expecting a baby next term and I am sure you will join me in offering her and her partner many congratulations! We have been thrilled with the impact on learning with Miss Bowden and Mr Boland joining us and this collaborative arrangement will continue during Miss Bowden's maternity leave. J&C Academy, who provide our specialist staff, will assign us a new music teacher who will overlap with Miss Bowden after Easter and before she begins maternity leave in May. Lessons and clubs will therefore continue as normal through what should be a very smooth transition.

During Mrs Brown's secondment we are committed to keeping procedures as effective as possible and none more so than her role as the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). This role involves working with me to oversee the welfare and child protection of our pupils, seeking support for vulnerable families and monitoring any provision in place. As Mrs Brown will not be here Wednesday to Friday, Ms Lee will be stepping into the Deputy DSL role and so should you as parents or members of the community have any welfare concerns, these should be brought to my attention or now Mrs Brown or Ms Lee in my absence.

#### Parent Questionnaire 2019

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire during January in order to support the school's ongoing development. A summary of the results can be found on our website. At the end of the document I have responded to a few key outcomes and provided some updated information regarding suggested areas for development.

#### Learning Discussions

As Year 4 were previously informed and in light of Mrs Brown's secondment, we are offering an alternative Learning Discussion evening to Year 4 parents on Monday 4th March so that they can meet with both Mrs Brown and Ms Garwood together. Therefore, appointments will take place between 4 and 7pm each evening but please note:

Monday 4th March - Year 4 Only with Mrs Brown and Ms Garwood

Tuesday 5th March - All year groups

Wednesday 6th March - All year groups except Year 4

If you have children in Year 4 and other classes we will aim to prioritise your appointments together on Tuesday 5th.

#### Emergency Contacts

Please can we ask parents to inform the school if you are working away or not contactable during the school day, providing an alternative contact or telephone number in these cases. Whilst we do not wish to worry you with unnecessary phone calls, accidents do happen and it is vital that we can speak to someone immediately in urgent cases. Thank you.

#### Breakfast Club

Following agreement from the Governors and the developments around Mrs Brown's secondment, I wanted to confirm that the Breakfast Club will no longer be running at school effective immediately. As agreed, the Pre-school have kindly expanded their arrangement to take older children so we are still in a position to offer provision to parents before school. We appreciate the support from those families who were able to make use of the provision but it was not sustainable from a staffing or financial point of view with such small numbers. Future bookings and arrangements should now be made directly with the Pre-school via [info@wingravepreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@wingravepreschool.co.uk)

## PTFA 5p Challenge

Thank you to everyone for their support of the PTFA 5p Challenge - a grand total of £492.60 was raised! Needless to say it got very competitive to the point of bottles being hidden in cupboards to prevent comparisons and pilfering... The top 3 collecting classes were:

Reception - Jupiter	1st
Year 1 - Neptune	3rd
Year 2 - Venus	2nd

Congratulations to Jupiter class for all their efforts - their class treat is already being negotiated!

## World Book Day Celebrations

As we continue to promote the value of reading and the importance of deeper comprehension in school we want to make the most of the World Book Day season over the coming weeks.

Between February 18th and March 3rd we will be running a sponsored reading event, supported by Usborne Books, called **Ready Steady Read** which will help fund new books for the school library and classrooms. More information to follow soon.

Following feedback and requests from parents we are running a second **Reading Workshop** to support phonics learning and reading at home on Thursday 28th February, 6.45pm.

Please email or contact the school office to let us know you will be attending so we can make arrangements for seating and refreshments - thank you.

Finally, just to remind you we will be having a **fancy dress day on Thursday 7th of March** for the official World Book Day. Children are invited to dress as a character from their favourite book and if they would like to bring the book with them there will be opportunities for them to use it during activities that day.

## Ready Steady Read

I hope children have been motivated to and encouraged to take part in the sponsored read which runs up until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please help enhance our reading resources by spending a small amount of time each day reading with your child. This can be books, comics, magazines, recipes, menus, or your favourite website - anything with words that you can read together counts towards your total. Sponsorship money should be sent to school by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, any cheques payable to Natalie Fieldhouse, our local Usborne Books organiser. This will be followed up with a Book Fair on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 3.00 - 4.00pm.

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## Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

Year R	Izzy Bile, Alfie Gordon, Archie Heath, Lily Sexton, William Warner, Jasmine Wyles	Year 3	Oliver Baker, Lola Buckland, Ebony Gates, Bailee Owen, Benson Owen, Daisy Jackman
Year 1	Elijah Rutland-Baker, Toby Smith, Libby Willson	Year 4	Mikael Azram, Sammy Busby, Daanish Latif, Iudita Petrareanu, Freddie Thompson
Year 2	Lydia Artis, Lucas Asante, Elsie-Jane Bates, Tyler Broomhead, Rowen Clough, Amelia Hodges, Olivia Samuels,	Year 5	Zahara Aliphon, Bethannie Boylin, Freya Davies, Megan Fenn, Sparsha Pankanti, Naomie Payne, Madeleine Pollard,
		Year 6	Liam Blacknell, Joe Carless, Charlotte Hissey, Morgan Muckle, Aimee Pugh, Gemma Taylor

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

28 February	Parent reading workshop – 6.45pm
4 March	Metrobank in Year 5
<b>4 March</b>	<b>Learning Discussions, Year 4 only 4.00-7.00pm</b>
<b>5 March</b>	<b>Deadline for sending in Ready Steady Read sponsorship money</b>
<b>5 March</b>	<b>Learning Discussions, all year groups 4.00-7.00pm</b>
<b>6 March</b>	<b>Usborne Book Fair, 3.00-4.00pm</b>
<b>6 March</b>	<b>Learning Discussions, all year groups except Year 4 4.00-7.00pm</b>
7 March	World Book Day – fancy dress as a character from your child's favourite book
<b>11 March</b>	<b>Bag2School Collection day, no later than 9.00am</b>
11 March	Year 5 visit Metrobank
1-3 April	Bikeability Training, Year 5
8-22 April	Easter Holidays
23 April	Inset Day
24 April	Children Return