



NEWSLETTER NO 15 - Monday 20th May 2019

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Summer 2019	Wednesday 24 April	Friday 24 May	Half Term	Tuesday 4 June	Wednesday 24 July
Autumn 2019	Wednesday 4 September	Friday 25 October		Tuesday 5 November	Thursday 19 December
Spring 2020	Tuesday 7 January	Friday 14 February		Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April
Summer 2020	Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May		Tuesday 2 June	Tuesday 21 July

Inset Days: 3 June 2019, 2 September 2019, 3 September 2019, 4 November 2019, 6 January 2020, 1 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Such a short but action packed half term!

We are especially proud of our Year 6 children who took their end of key stage tests last week. They faced the assessments with determination and, whilst I'm sure the breakfasts we shared together helped, with a smile on their face and a spring in their step. It is frustrating that so much for us as a school hangs on such a process as we know there is a great deal more about our children that we are proud of and celebrate. Needless to say that we are just as relieved as Year 6 that they are over and we bear a thought for Year 2 this week who are finishing off their assessments this week, albeit in a less formal manner. After half term we are definitely looking forward to getting back to the way we learn best and value most!

That said we make sure to praise and celebrate the children beyond just the academic and **Redwood House** have proved themselves again in their attitude and hard work by filling their housepoint tube - well done! Their reward will be a **mufti day this Friday 24th May** when they can come in their own clothes; learning continues as normal so please make sure that clothing is suitable and practical for the school day.

I am also delighted to confirm that the new playground equipment will be installed over half term so that we can make the most of it in all the sunshine we hope to get. As the project was unfortunately not supported by our lottery grant application, the local church have made a considerable donation towards the project so we were able to go ahead without further loss of time - we are very grateful for their generosity and know you will join me in thanking them.

Sibling Supervision and Safety

Please can we remind parents that all children and younger siblings should be directly supervised at all times on the school site before and after school. We have had several incidents (outside the main school entrance) when children have been injured or caused damage when out of sight of their parents waiting for EYFS class to exit. Whilst we are delighted that everyone feels at ease at school, we do need to make sure everyone is safe whether they are a current or future pupil at the school. Can we especially mention the latest game involving small items being dropped down drains and grates - Angel our caretaker has an ongoing battle with naturally occurring leaves and mud without the added challenge of sticks and pebbles... Thank you for your understanding and support.

WaterAid Thank you

Thanks to our collection jar at school, the overall total collection by Wingrave Church was £358.34! This is enough money to pay for the digging of 5km of water pipes which will have a massive impact on those people around the world desperately needing access to clean water. Thank you!

School Site Safety - Pedestrians, Bikes/Scooters and Cars

Following a number of near misses where children have been in danger, please can we remind everyone of the following:

- all pedestrians should please use the paths and pavements and not walk through the car park.
- all bikes and scooters should be dismounted and walked off the site using the pavements.
- parents should not use the staff car park for any reason, late or otherwise.
- please be mindful of our school neighbours and residents when parking in the area.
- do not leave cars parked where they block access or drop curbs and put pedestrians at risk.

Please note we continue to work with the Parish Council and local police to monitor parking and driving. As we have no authority to deal with specific concerns, we encourage parents to report such matters to the police in support of our efforts.

20 is Plenty

In connection with our safety concerns and our ongoing support of local action we are supporting the '20 is Plenty' initiative and asking our school parents to do the same. Whilst lots of families are from the immediate area, the growing size of the school and increased numbers coming from further afield mean that there are generally more cars involved in dropping off and collecting children. Whilst we are delighted about the growth and sustainability of the school we want to help in any way we can to limit the impact on the village and keep our children safe. Thank you.

Wingrave Album Reminder

Don't forget copies of the songs sung by the children at the 'Spring Sing' around the village are now available for a donation of £5 (exact money please) all of which goes towards outdoor play equipment as suggested by the children. If you would like a copy of the 'Wingrave School Album 2019' please come to the school office to make a cash payment.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of unnamed lost property in our basket and have now run out of room. We continue to place this out for parents at home time to check but any items unclaimed by half term will be recycled or disposed of. Please also encourage your children to come and check for themselves as part of their growing responsibility for their own belongings. Thank you.

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Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

Year R	Freddie B, Jasmine, Willimam, Izzy, Elsa, Ellie, Joseph, Emelie-Grace, Jessica	Year 3	Daniyal, Abigail, Lucas, Ebony, Tilly, Addison, Tyler-Jay, Imogen
Year 1	Verity, Dempsey, Elijah, Grace N, Chloe, Grace B	Year 4	Mikael, Gracie, Sammy, Daniel, Florence, Seb, Louisa, Alex McK
Year 2	Jessica, Lucas A, Barnaby, Tilly, Ethan S, Isobel, Joshua	Year 5	Oscar, Sorrel, Liam, Megan, Max, Grace, Vinnie, Ruby, Aidan, Samuel
		Year 6	Isaac, Kieran, Jack, Aimee, Yasmin All Year 6 during SATs week

Herts County Show Tickets

The school has received 35 complimentary child tickets for the Herts County Show on 25th and 26th May at The Showground, Dunstable Road, Redbourne, Herts AL3 7PT. These are available on a first come, first served basis from the school office.

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

22 May	EYFS Pirate Day, parents welcome from 1.30pm
22 May	Year 6 Parent PGL meeting, 3.15 – 6.00pm
23 May	Magistrates' Court in Year 6
24 May	Redwood House mufti day
w/c 27 May	HALF TERM
3 June	INSET DAY
4 June	Children back at school
10 June	Bucks Fire Service in Year 5
13 June	Sports Day – am
w/c 17 June	Year 6 PGL residential trip
24 June	Class Photos
25 June	New Parent R5 Meeting, 9.30-10.30am, refreshments from 9.00am
4 July	Years 1 & 2 trip to Tiggywinkles
5 July	End of Year reports to Parents
15 July	EYFS trip to Mop End Field Study Centre
18 July	New Parent R5 Picnic, 1.30-3.00pm
18 July	PTFA Discos, EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm/KS2 6.15-7.30pm
19 July	KS2 Speech Competition Final