



NEWSLETTER NO 17 - Monday 24th June 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: 2 September 2019, 3 September 2019, 4 November 2019, 6 January 2020, 1 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We had an amazing week away with Year 6 last week on the PGL residential trip - we are very proud of such a great group of children and all that they achieved, well done everyone! Thank you also to Miss Carter and Mrs Cowan who came with us and the team that remained behind to enable the trip to happen and school life to continue so seamlessly.

Today you will have received a letter and associated documents from our Chair of Governors, Mrs Maureen Lomas, regarding our interest in joining the Oxford Diocese Buckinghamshire School Trust. This is something we wish to explore as we consider the growth and future of the school both from an external support and longer-term sustainability point of view. Although no decision has been made, we must go through a formal consultation period with all school stakeholders so that information can be provided and questions answered to enable the most informed decision for the good of the school and, ultimately, the children. I appreciate there is lots in the media, both historically and currently, about the nature of academies so I would ask you to please read the information we have provided carefully and to make use of the consultation meetings so that we have a clear picture of how this could benefit the school or not. Details of the process and organisation have been attached to the consultation email and are available on our website but please do contact me with any questions.

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Headteacher
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Communication

Please can we remind parents to contact the school directly with any concerns or queries about school events and arrangements in order to avoid any confusion or mixed messages. We appreciate that everyone is very busy and that the use of social media can be a handy tool for checking details, however in some cases if information has been miscommunicated by children or passed on without context this can cause greater concerns for you as parents and us as a school. We understand and are grateful that you do not always want to bother us with what you consider to be the 'little things,' however all staff are very approachable and will be able to answer your question or direct you as appropriate. At times when staff are not available please do contact the office or email us at office@wingrave.school or head@wingrave.school. With all this in mind can we ask parents not to rely on word of mouth messages and to put something, however brief, in writing via email or note so that details are recorded and can be passed to the appropriate members of staff. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day

We are all set to go ahead with this Thursday's Sports Day, 9.15am to 12.15pm unless there is a dramatic change in the forecast. A further back up day of Thursday 11th July has been set just in case. All previous information shared stands with, most importantly, children coming to school in their PE kits at the normal time.

Junior Speech Competition

We would like to remind you that the KS2 class speeches will be happening in classes this week and next week. All KS2 children will share their speech with their class and then the class's chosen two speeches will go through to the final. The final will be held on the 19th July. All children have been encouraged to lead their speech on a topic of their choice for up to 3 minutes. We do ask that the children do not use IT. They can of course share up to 3 props.

Absence from School

Please remember that it is school policy for parents to report their child's absence from school, initially by telephone on the first morning using the absence option, followed by a letter on their return. If a reason for absence is not provided, an unauthorised absence will be recorded.

Appeal to Year 2 Parents

Swimming lessons will continue again next year for Year 3 pupils every Wednesday afternoon at Aqua Vale. The children are accompanied by two members of staff and one parent helper. If you are able to assist by accompanying the children, please let the office know. The more parents who join a parent rota the less onerous it is for those involved. You can assist as often or as little as you wish but you would need to arrive at school at 12.50pm to accompany the children on the coach, returning for 2.45pm approximately.

Class Photographs

Class photographs were taken today. Proofs will be sent home on Friday and orders can be placed online or cash/cheque orders can be dropped off at school. The **order deadline will be Friday 5th July**.

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

Year R	Finley, Lily, William, Holly, Elsa	Year 3	Tyler-Jay, Logan, Imogen, Donnie
Year 1	Ellie, Leo, Nancy, Lois	Year 4	Romeo, Seb, Katie, Peyton, Freddie, William
Year 2	Albert, Olivia K, Amelia, Eloise, Ruth, Vova	Year 5	Jody, Mina, Naomie, Phoebe, Oliver, Daisy
		Year 6	Moran, Arthur

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

25 June	New Parent/R5 Meeting, 9.30-10.30am, refreshments from 9.00am
27 June	Sports Day, 9.15am – 12.15pm
28 June	Non-uniform day, please see below
28/29/30 June	Wingrave Church Arts Festival
2 July	Transition Day
4 July	Years 1 & 2 trip to Tiggywinkles
4 July	Ukulele Assembly, 10.00-10.30am
5 July	End of Year reports to Parents
5 July	Class photo order deadline
w/c 8 July	Geography week
8 July	Drumming Assembly, 2.30-3.00pm
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
24 July	Leavers' Church Service, 9.30-10.30am, all parents welcome
24 July	Leavers' Assembly and prize giving, 2.00-3.00pm, Year 6 parents welcome or by invitation

Wingrave Village BBQ/Non-uniform, Day

We are pleased to remind you that **Friday 28th June is a non-uniform day** in return for raffle prizes or desserts to help the PTFA raise funds for our school. On Friday 28th June it is the Wingrave village BBQ hosted by the PTFA. The PTFA are looking forward to seeing you there and will be selling desserts, and holding a raffle, as a fund raiser. We are asking children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 to donate a dessert to be sold in the evening. These can be delivered on the night or received by Mrs Muckle in the school playground at morning drop off on the 28th.

With the cancellation of the village fete the PTFA raffle will also be held at the BBQ with a theme of things for children to do over the summer holiday. We are asking children in Reception Class to bring in something to add to the raffle. These can be given to Mrs Neaves.

Children in Years 5 and 6 have the option of bringing in a raffle prize or dessert.

Thank you in advance for helping us raise valuable funds for the school and don't forget to attend the BBQ run by the PTFA at Wingrave Community Centre from 6.00pm. It is a wonderful village tradition where the children always have a fantastic time.

Wingrave Album Reminder

Don't forget copies of the songs sung by the children at the 'Spring Sing' around the village are still 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.

Wingrave Church Arts Festival 28/29/30th June

A celebration of art, music and poetry where there will be lots going on over the weekend including:
Free entry to all.

Friday 28th	Saturday 29th	Sunday 30th
7.30pm Reading the Gospel of Mark	10.30am - 12.30pm Displays of work to see and the Tower will be open for photographs and stunning views	9.30 am Patronal Festival service
	3.00 - 5.00pm - results and prize giving for the poetry and art work from the school and village entries	2.00 - 5.30pm Music and Cream Teas with visiting choirs, duets and organ recitals
	7.30 - 9.15pm - 2 short plays 'Samuel' and 'Ruth' with a supper of salmon, salad and strawberries and cream. Tickets £5.00	6.00pm Patronal Evensong with the Wingrave Singers

WingraveWasps

Lots of our children and parents are already involved in the Wingrave Wasps Football club but they are keen to recruit for this coming September and the under-11s squad. Please find attached a flyer for further information.

Free Bucks County Show Tickets

The Bucks County Show, which is one of the biggest one day agricultural shows in the Country, will be held at Weedon Park, three miles north of Aylesbury on Thursday 29th August 2019. The main attractions this year will be The Bolddog Lings Freestyle Motorcycle Display Team, Military Band, The Sheep Show, Vintage Tractors, Countryside Area and much more. This is a fantastic fun and educational day out for all the family.

To promote Agriculture and Horticulture and the advancement of education in those industries this year we are offering a free child ticket (up to the age of 16) with every full paying adult when purchased online. To take advantage of this offer please click the link below and follow the instructions. Please note this offer ends midnight on 31st July 2019.

<https://buckscountyshow.co.uk/tickets/>

Click '2019 tickets are now on sale'

Select the tickets you require excluding the free child ticket and 'Checkout'

Under the promotion code insert 'SCHOOLS19' and the free ticket will be added to your basket.