



NEWSLETTER NO 1 - Monday 9th September 2019

	Term Begins	Finish		Return	Term Ends
Autumn 2019	Wednesday 4 September	Friday 25 October	Half Term	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: 4 November 2019, 6 January 2020, 1 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back to the new school year, especially to those parents joining us both in EYFS and across the school for the first time. I hope everyone had the chance of some rest and relaxation at some point over the holiday! On behalf of all the staff, can I take this opportunity to thank parents for their kind gifts and well-wishes before the summer holiday as you were very thoughtful and generous.

This is the first of our fortnightly newsletters which we publish on our website (www.wingrave.school) on a Monday but we will always send a reminder email with link. Occasionally we will send an update email if time is of the essence for some events or reminders. General school or class news items are also published on our website for your information about exciting learning or occasions to celebrate.

Communication is of vital importance to us and we endeavour to give as much notice and detail for school events as possible; occasionally we have last minute opportunities arise and in these cases we will always try to make them work rather than anyone miss out. Day to day communication is best via the school office or with class teachers at the end of the school day. Please note that before school is always busy for our staff preparing for lessons so wherever possible please direct enquiries to the office in person, via the phone or email and all messages will be relayed to the relevant member of staff. Please do feel you can approach me with anything of a more sensitive nature - whatever your query we will find the best person as quickly as possible.

Can I draw your attention to the letter which is attached to your newsletter link email from Mrs M Lomas, our Chair of Governors, and the Governing Body. The Governors are an instrumental part of our school's development and overall strategy and I encourage you to read this welcome letter. Further information can be found on our website (www.wingrave.school/about-us/governors/) so please approach them or myself if you would like to know more about their role.

We look forward to continuing your child's learning journey together - it is very much a team effort!

Mr M Tomson
Headteacher
head@wingrave.school

Meet the Teacher

Early in the Autumn term we like to offer the opportunity for parents to meet briefly together with their child's class teacher and hear a little about the structure and routines specific to that class. Taking into account childcare and siblings in multiple classes, we will be offering the following times:

Year 2	Tuesday 17 th Sept	3.15pm in Class
Years 3 & 4	Wednesday 18 th Sept	3.15pm together in Hall
Year 5	Thursday 19 th Sept	3.15pm in Class
Year 6	Friday 20 th Sept	3.15pm in Class

Children should please remain with parents in the sessions unless other childcare arrangements have been made - school clubs will have restarted at this point so we hope this helps. Please note that Year 1 have already had a parents meeting as part of the summer transition programme and EYFS parents have the previously advertised evening session to come on Wednesday 18th September at 7.00pm.

The next official opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher will be during our Learning Discussions, which follow a parent's evening structure, and these will take place on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October between 4.00pm and 7.00pm on both days; more details will follow closer to the time.

School Clubs and After-school Activities

The after school provision has expanded greatly over the past couple of years but with it also come logistical difficulties and confusion between different providers and arrangements.

Please note that 'Game On', 'Simply Out of School' and other non-school organisations organise their clubs independently of the school who simply act as a host. Flyers or emails regarding such clubs will be signposted by the school should you wish your children to benefit from these and they will provide contact details should you have any queries.

School Clubs, organised by our own or J&C staff, do not take place in the first or last full week of each of the 3 terms and can be booked via the Parentpay portal for a termly fee. We administrate these clubs ourselves and said charges are fed back directly into school funds so we can offset costs for providing specialist music and PE teaching. This Autumn term, starting week beginning September 16th, the following activities will be available:

Wake & Shake - Mr Boland will lead a variety of active sessions between 8.35 and 8.45am on Wednesdays and Thursdays for any children who wish to start the day with a boost! No cost or changing involved, just turn up.

Choir - Mr Vickers will lead separate KS1 and KS2 choirs during Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. There is no cost involved and details will be shared with the children this week so they know what is involved and, most importantly, don't miss their lunch.

Lunch Games - Mr Boland will lead organised Games during the lunch break on Wednesdays and Thursdays for those children who would like to take part. Again, no cost or changing involved, just turn up.

Dodgeball - Mr Boland will lead separate KS1 and KS2 Dodgeball Clubs. Please book and pay online.

- Years 3 to 6 on Wednesdays, 3.15 to 4.15pm
- Years 1 and 2 on Thursdays, 3.15 to 4.15pm

Music - Mr Vickers will lead separate Music-based clubs. Please book and pay online.

- Years 1 and 2 on Wednesdays, 3.15 to 4.15pm
- Years 3 to 6 on Thursdays, 3.15 to 4.15pm

Please inform the school by letter or email if you wish your child to walk home after clubs. This will be reviewed again when the clocks go back in October.

Other clubs and activities are explored and considered on a termly basis and we will keep you informed of these. Please note that we do not currently offer clubs to EYFS children; they are often extremely tired by the end of the school day. With this in mind, we encourage all children staying for an after-school club to bring a quick, healthy snack to provide a boost of energy.

The portal to book school clubs will be open for use by this **Thursday 12th September** - please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding this.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Ms Bryant and her partner who are expecting their second child just before Christmas! I know you will join me in wishing them all well at this exciting but busy time.

Bucks County Council - Family Support

The local authority has asked us to highlight the changes which have taken place to their Family Support provision, a summary of which can be found at www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/familysupport.

Parking

We have been delighted with the traffic and considerate parking so far this term so thank you for thinking about the safety of the children and local residents. Thanks to the Parish Council as fresh lines have been painted over the summer to highlight some trouble spots (junctions, drop curbs etc.) so please bear these in mind, and school neighbour driveways, when leaving your car at the start or end of the school day. Please do make use of the sports club car park when time allows as this is just a short walk from the school alley on Winslow Road.

Tigger

As you may have seen from local communications, Tigger, our honorary school cat, has not been seen for a number of weeks over the holidays and their owners are obviously concerned. If anyone was not aware and is able to check vehicles or garden buildings for any signs, the family would be very grateful. Thank you

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

10 Sept	Secondary Transfer practise test
11 Sept	Year 3 swimming starts
12 Sept	Secondary Transfer tests
w/c 16 Sept	After-school clubs start
17 Sept	Meet the Teacher, Year 2, 3.15pm
18 Sept	Meet the Teacher, Years 3 & 4, 3.15pm
18 Sept	Meet the Teacher, EYFS, 7.00pm
19 Sept	Meet the Teacher, Year 5, 3.15pm
20 Sept	Individual school photographs
20 Sept	Year 5 Internet Safety session
20 Sept	Meet the Teacher, Year 6, 3.15pm
26th Sept	PTFA Bag2School collection, 9.00am
27th Sept	PTFA Second hand uniform sale, 2.15-3.30pm

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The next uniform sale will be held on 27th September between 2.15 - 3.30pm in the outside covered area in the playground. All donations for the sale very gratefully received. Please leave them at the School Office. All proceeds from the sale will go to PTFA.