



NEWSLETTER NO 3 - Monday 7th October 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

The weather has started to take a bit of a turn and, whilst this shouldn't affect our provision as a school, this newsletter does contain various reminders about ways which you can support us regarding uniform and clothing in general so that the children stay warm and dry as much as possible in the coming months. Most importantly the heating repairs over the summer holiday were a great success and without any impact on the start of term - we are very grateful to Bucks County Council and their contractors for operating within the timescale.

On a sad note, you will have learnt that Reverend Helen Barnes is moving on from Wingrave at the end of this month. She has been of great support to the school for a number of years as both clergy and Governor and we wish her well in her future endeavours. Please do take the opportunity to join us for her last service, the Harvest celebration, tomorrow. The children will also be making a farewell presentation following her last assembly with us on Wednesday.

I currently have the pleasure of showing prospective parents around the school ready for the September 2020 intake. Firstly, can I say thank you for all the positive things that you as parents have shared with potential parents about our school - it says a lot when we have some visitors based purely on your recommendation. Also to say a big well done to the children who have made our visitors so welcome; we have had lots of lovely comments about their behaviour, politeness and enthusiasm in lessons! Very much a collaborative, community effort with staff, parents and children alike - thank you!

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Coats and Water bottles

Please can we remind you that all children should now bring a warm, waterproof coat to school every day. We aim to keep as many break and lunch time plays intact as possible so unless the rain is heavy, the children will still be going outside to get some fresh air. Water bottles are also important as, although it is not hot, the children still need to keep themselves and their brains hydrated for best possible learning.

Clothing Changes - PE & Outdoor Learning

Again wanting the children to be outside as much as possible, please ensure your children have the appropriate clothing for different activities. Even if it is not raining on a given day, the school grounds are still subject to puddles and mud in certain areas. Ideally the children will have a separate set of clothes for PE and Outdoor learning so we can avoid damp or muddy clothing being worn again or kept in school. This applies to after school clubs in some cases too. If children do not have the appropriate clothing for activities, they may not be able to join in so avoiding uniform and footwear getting wet and muddy.

Years 3 to 6 continue to come home in their PE kits on Wednesdays and Thursdays so that we lose less learning time getting changed back and forth - apologies if this came as a surprise to Year 3 parents. Not only does this mean the children get more time to be active, this time of year, damp and dirty kit gets home more often. As the school uniform switches over to the winter items please remember the children are also welcome to wear plain, dark tracksuit bottoms in PE and put their jumpers back on so they can stay warmer after lessons. In severe weather, PE lessons will take place in the school hall.

Healthy Eating & Snacks

Please can we remind everyone that only fruit or cereal-based bars are considered to be healthy snacks. There has been some confusion where children have been choosing other items from their packed lunches; we have reminded the children in school and would appreciate you reinforcing this at home too - thank you.

Also in relation to this, there is ongoing discussion about the nature of birthday treats, cooking homework and refreshments at school events reflecting our official responsibility to educate the children in matters of healthy eating. Whilst we would ideally like to find an appropriate balance we appreciate that many families are dealing with a variety of medical needs that is made additionally complicated by current arrangements. If anyone has a particular perspective, or is aware of how this is handled in other organisations, please do contact us in school.

Site Safety

Please can we ask parents and children to not stand or climb on the various railings, borders and fencing around the school site; the wet weather makes any metal especially slippery and we are keen to avoid accidents. Thank you.

Congratulations

Well done to our latest Celebration Certificate recipients:

Year R	Ethan, Harper, Rocco, Bethany	Year 3	Lydia, Ruth, Owen, Tilly, Leonardo, Albert, Rowen
Year 1	Ellie, Freddie B, Alfie, Beth	Year 4	Emily St, Benjamin, Benson, Lola, Sienna
Year 2	Emily, George, Arnav, Finn, Charlie	Year 5	Alex, Ashton, Daanish, Mikael
		Year 6	Max, Mina, Ella, Samuel, Grace, Daisy

Phoebe Fundraising

As I am sure many of you know from previous newsletters, Phoebe in Year 6 underwent spinal surgery last term to help with a long standing condition. The school continue to support her recovery and the family who are fundraising to support her on-going specialist physiotherapy and check-up visits to the hospital in America. We will be holding a Non-uniform Day on Friday 18th October in return for a sweet or bottle tombola prize - this is part of a Quiz Night being held on Saturday 19th October. Phoebe is also taking part in a sponsored Obstacle Course on Sunday 29th September if anyone is able to sponsor her. All of your support is greatly appreciated - more information can be found at www.gofundme.com/zy6gfn-vbt-surgery-for-phe

Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal

To show our whole school support for this charity, on **Friday 11th October** we will have a *whole school non-uniform day* in exchange for shoebox items. We would like to ensure that each box contains the following items:

- **Gloves/Scarf or Hat**
- **Toothbrush/Toothpaste**
- **Sweets/Chocolates (best before June 2020 EU Origin)**
- **Soap & Flannel**
- **Candles & Holders**
- **Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards)**

As well as the above items you can of course donate any of the following items too:

Colouring Pad (A5)	Reading Glasses/Magnifier
Crayons/Pencils (with sharpeners and rubbers)	Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
Small toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)	Sensory items (ie lavender bag)
Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)	Hot Water Bottle
Tape Measure	Work Gloves
Head Scarf (lightweight)	Pen/Paper
Shampoo (300ml)	Wind-Up Radio/Torch
Solar-Powered Calculator	Scissors/Nail Clippers

Alternatively, you can choose to send in a 'money' gift instead, this will be used for the transport, processing and distribution costs for the charity.

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.

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

8 Oct	Harvest Church Service, 9.30am
8 Oct	No guitar lessons
11 Oct	Non-uniform Day in aid of Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal, see items above
14 Oct	Whole school NHS Flu Immunisation
14 Oct	Yrs R and 6 NHS Height and Weight Screening Programme
16 Oct	PTFA Discos, EYFS/KS1 5.00-6.00pm/KS2 6.15-7.30pm
18 Oct	Non-uniform Day in aid of Phoebe, bottle or sweet tombola prize
18 Oct	Shoe Box Appeal donation deadline
22 Oct	Game On Yr 3 & 4 Football Club Festival, Dundale School
23 Oct	Learning discussions, 4.00-7.00pm
24 Oct	Learning discussions, 4.00-7.00pm
26 Oct	PTFA Fireworks & Bonfire Night, gates open 6.00pm
w/c 28 Oct	HALF TERM
4 Nov	INSET DAY
5 Nov	Children return to school
