



Summer Newsletter 02

Friday 30th April 2021

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

The Parable of the Mustard Seed, Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupil voice is really important to us at Wool Primary and the members of Wool CREW have been very much involved in planning our collective worship themes for this half term. On Wednesday this week, every class reflected on the value of 'perseverance' and a member of our Year 6 class remarked: "It is really important to have dreams and believe that you can achieve things". I couldn't agree more and we have been celebrating lots of the children's efforts in our virtual assembly this morning.

When it comes to reading, there is a lot of research that stresses the positive impact that comes if a child reads at home every day. Reading truly is a gateway into the whole curriculum and as children become more independent in this skill, they become more confident and enjoy reading for pleasure on topics of their choice. If a child practises reading on a daily basis, he/she will make progress so we're very keen to work with you to motivate all our pupils to do exactly that. This explains why your child may have told you about the new Reading Challenge that has been launched.

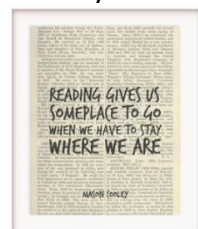
Inside your child's Reading Record, we have stuck in a Reading Challenge which outlines what we would like each class to do. You will see a game board with a variety of numbers. This is where your child can record when they have finished reading a particular book. Obviously, as children read more books, there are more exciting certificates and prizes to be won! In fact, a brightly coloured bookcase has appeared outside my room and Miss Knowles (our English Lead) has filled it with all kinds of inviting looking books for a variety of ages. We very much hope that before the end of the summer term, some children will have completed the whole of the Reading Challenge and will earn themselves a new book of their choice from the bookshelf. The challenge has been specifically designed to try and keep children's interest whilst also being possible to reach the end before the end of the summer term. Thank you to those who have already given us positive feedback regarding this approach.

As well as being a Headteacher, many of you know that I am a mummy as well. I therefore really do fully understand the challenges that parents/carers can often face when trying to establish a daily reading routine at home. I have and do experience them myself! Please be reassured and know that all the staff are here to support you and we are willing to share tips, suggestions and ideas so that we can work together to encourage your child to read regularly. Do just come and talk to me on the gate or email your child's class teacher as we are all very happy to help.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. By raising the profile of reading both at home and at school, I have no doubt that we will be helping every child to flourish!

Have a wonderful weekend and we will look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th May.

Mrs E Griffiths



School Uniform

As we are now in the summer term, children may wear summer uniform to school, this can be a blue gingham dress or a blue polo t-shirt bearing the school logo. If you would prefer, children may still wear a white shirt and school tie. PE kit must consist of our school PE t-shirt, plain black or blue shorts/joggers and a plain black or blue jumper/sweatshirt or their school jumper on top of their PE t-shirt. Letters will be sent home with children who are not wearing the correct school uniform, PE kit or school shoes.

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named.



Trackit Light Winners

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher has been replaced with a Treat from the Trav. Congratulations to all our winners this week.



Life Education Visit

A member of the Coram Life Education team will be working with Key Stage 2 children in school on Monday 17th May, they will cover the following topics: Friends, Decisions, Meet the Brain and It's Great to be Me.

On Friday 21st May, the same team member will work with Key Stage 1 children and they will cover topics such as: All About Me, My Wonderful Body and Feelings.

Unfortunately, we still haven't received donations from the majority of families. If you are not registered to use Sims Pay, please contact the school office. We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £3.00 per child through Sims Pay. We are extremely grateful to the PTFA who have generously agreed to subsidise this visit.

If you have not yet made a donation towards this event, we would be grateful if you could please do this as the current payments mean we might not be able to run this event in future.



Maths Subscription

As you know, last term we conducted a trial of a home learning subscription to MyMaths.

Following positive feedback from this, we have decided to stop our subscription with DoodleMaths and move to MyMaths. You should now have received your child's login details but do email your child's teacher if you have any queries.



Reverend Carol Langford

During the Easter holidays, we received the very sad news that Reverend Carol Langford has passed away.

Before the pandemic, Rev Carol was a very familiar face to the children in school and came in regularly to lead Collective Worship, run the Wool CREW lunchtime club and also work with younger children as part of our Messy Vintage collaboration.

We would therefore really like to do something in her memory and to celebrate her desire to show love to everyone we meet. We will be collecting donations which will go towards an engraved friendship bench which the children will be able to use during break times.

Please do feel free to share our intention with other members of the community in case anyone else would like to donate to this cause.

Please complete a bank transfer using the following details:

Sort code: 30-99-12

Account number: 00140054

Account name: Wool CE Primary School PTFA



Attendance

Class attendance figures are:

Oak Class: 95.2%

Willow Class: 96.5%

Beech Class: 94.9%

Chestnut Class: 95.4%

Elm Class: 98.9%

Whole School Attendance: 96%



Notification of a child's absence must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. A phone call or email must be received by the school office prior to 09:00 giving the reason for absence.

Please use the pupil absence guide to help you make an informed decision about whether or not to send your child into school if they are feeling unwell.

Please allow 48 hours after your child's last occurrence of diarrhoea or vomiting before allowing them to return to school.

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd May – Early May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 5th May – Virtual Parent Council Meeting – 09:30*

Monday 10th May – Deadline for ordering school photographs

Monday 17th May – Coram Life Education Visit – Key Stage 2

Friday 21st May - Coram Life Education Visit – Key Stage 1

Tuesday 25th May – Class Photographs

Friday 28th May – Last Day of Term

Monday 31st May – Sunday 6th June – Half Term

Monday 7th June – INSET Day



* Please do use the button on the website if you wish for any particular issues to be raised.

PTFA

We have several items of second hand uniform that is in good condition available to purchase for a sensible donation to the PTFA:

- 1 pair navy striped PE shorts - 24"
- 1 pair navy striped PE shorts size 14/16 (European)
- 1 PE shirt size 26"/5-6 years
- 1 grey skirt age 3-4
- 1 grey skirt age 4-5
- 2 grey skirts age 5
- 2 grey skirt age 5-6
- 2 grey skirt age 6-7
- 3 pairs of brand new cotton rich grey tights 7-8 (2 pairs in original packaging, the 3rd only tried on)
- 2 light blue summer dresses age 13-14
- 2 blue summer dress age 4-5
- 1 old style cardigan 24"
- 2 new style cardigan 26"
- 1 pair of girls grey trousers age 4
- 1 grey pinafore dress age 4-5
- 2 grey pinafore dress age 6

We will be hosting a virtual cake sale in May to raise funds to go towards the memorial bench for Revd Carol Langford. If you would like to donate cakes or find out how you can purchase cakes from us, check out our PTFA Facebook page or email: wool.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk

We will also be hosting a virtual raffle this summer with the draw taking place on Saturday 3rd July 2021. Tickets will go on sale after half term, but if anyone has any prizes they wish to donate, could they please contact a team member.

Please do follow our PTFA Facebook page for updates regarding our events.



