



Summer Newsletter 04

Friday 14th May 2021

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have been very excited about the arrival of an anticipated delivery of sports equipment for break times. It has been lovely to see both key stage 1 and 2 children enjoying a variety of games including sticky mitts, bat and ball, team work skis and using paddles on the skateboards! I think our year 6 prefects did a great job at selecting the items and I have no doubt they will keep smiles on lots of children's faces!

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and it is therefore a good opportunity for us all to reflect on the 5 steps to wellbeing, which are outlined in this picture. All our lives can be so jam-packed that we can forget to take a moment to cherish the positives and navigate our way through challenges with a positive mental attitude.

The focus this week is on how nature and the environment can have a positive impact on our wellbeing. As I write to you now, I also want to use this opportunity to 'take notice' of an important aspect of our school so that we can celebrate it.



Schools are inevitably extremely busy places and I want to shine the spotlight on Wool Primary's staff this week. I know I have said it before but the team running our provision for your children truly are spectacular! Every day I see frequent examples of committed people who put children first and who want to see them flourish. From giving up break times to change books and answer emails to creating entertaining inputs that will capture a class' attention, they do an amazing job at multi-tasking. Throughout this year staff have willingly donned a lunchtime apron or swapped an activity when needed, thus looking after one another and sustaining a strong sense of team. The past year has seen expectations of school staff grow and change as the entire country has worked its way through the coronavirus pandemic. I am proud to say that the staff at Wool have accepted every additional ask and expectation that has been placed on them and have shown resilience and determination. What drives the staff at Wool Primary is their dedication to each and every child and family in our school. The staff at Wool keep your children at the forefront and strive to do all they can to help them feel happy, safe, secure and inspired whilst juggling the needs of every child in the class. This newsletter is my chance to 'take notice' publicly and thank the team for all they have done and continue to do. I know that many of you over the last year have done your own bit to 'take notice' by sending an email or sharing a quick word of thanks with staff. Each and every gesture has been greatly appreciated and it has encouraged our pupils to also do their bit to show thanks. Many children have begun to nominate staff members for certificates on Friday and I know these are treasured by every recipient.

It seems fitting to finish with a quotation from one of our pupils this week when I was talking to them about the school staff: "Not all heroes wear capes ... some have highlighters and pens!" I have to say that I completely agree and that I think the staff team at Wool Primary are a really special group of people! Thank you to each and every one of them.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs E Griffiths



Updated Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Monday about the further easing of restrictions, we have updated our risk assessment. Please click on the link below to view the document:

https://9c740a79-65ae-4807-8a91-e82ec09abc77.filesusr.com/ugd/86d213_18c3a70c333f450ca15196b1b2425318.pdf

Memorial Bench for Reverend Carol

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity. We have raised over £400 to put towards purchasing a friendship bench for our front playground to remember Revd Carol.

Particular thanks go out to a parent who donated £100 from cutting children's hair and of course to our PTFA for hosting their most successful cake sale ever.

**THANK
YOU!**

Trackit Light Winners

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



Trackit Lights



Stranger Danger

As you should be aware, we have sent two School Watch alerts out via ParentMail this week. We therefore feel it is important to reiterate the importance of stranger danger. Please click the following child friendly link to help you to discuss important issues, such as online safety, strangers in cars and gifts from strangers: <https://www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone/stranger-danger>
If you have any welfare concerns, please do contact a member of school staff.



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.

Forest School clothing should be items of clothing that you don't mind getting wet and/or muddy and outdoor shoes should be in a carrier bag.

Finally, could we please ask you to ensure that your child has a water bottle available to them every day.

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



Attendance

Class attendance figures are:

Oak Class: 99.1%

Willow Class: 97.1%

Beech Class: 94.7%

Chestnut Class: 95.2%

Elm Class: 98.2%

Whole School Attendance: 96.9%

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.

Where possible, medical appointments should be made outside of school hours but on those occasions when this is not possible could we please ask you to provide evidence of the appointment.

Attendance monitoring is now taking place and letters regarding absence concerns and lateness will be being sent home.



Diary Dates

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

Wednesday 9th June - Virtual Parent Council Meeting – 09:30*

Friday 11th June – Little Troopers Virtual Roadshow

Monday 28th June – EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day[^] – Time to be confirmed

Monday 5th July – Elm Class Sports Day[^] - PM

Tuesday 6th July – Beech Calls Sports Day[^] - PM

Wednesday 7th July – Chestnut Class Day[^] - PM

Thursday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers' Service[^] - PM



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

[^] We will advise nearer the time if guidance allows parents/carers to attend.

PTFA

Information has been sent out to parents/carers of year 6 children about how to order a hoodie, please do contact the school office if you have any questions.

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 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.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.