



Shine as Lights in the World
Philippians 2.15

Friday July 19th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5/6 Performance

WOW! What a show the Year 5/6 children put on for parents on Wednesday evening. I think that was the first standing ovation we've had during my time at Wychwood. The singing, dancing and overall performance levels were amazing. The children looked like they were having such fun which is the most important thing! I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Rumsby for leading the performance, her enthusiasm and boundless energy swept the entire school up! We also are very fortunate to have the Rumsby family support with rehearsals, lights, props and costumes, so thank you to them. Finally thank you to all the staff in Upper Key Stage 2 for making this such a memorable experience for the children. All the hard work does make a difference!

Year 6 BBQ

We had perfect BBQ weather yesterday for our Year 6 BBQ. The children enjoyed swimming, playing tennis and being together. It's wonderful to see them together having fun before they move on to their various secondary schools. I want to thank John and Ali Witts for their excellent BBQ skills and to all the UKS2 staff for giving up their evening. We ended the evening with a lively game of rounders on the field with parents. (I think I now know where the competitiveness comes from!)

Moving On Service

On Tuesday we invite Year 6 parents to Shipton church for our Moving On Service. We aim to arrive at church for 9:20 and it would be lovely to have you join us as the children share their special memories from their time at Wychwood. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the WI.

The Great Wychwood Bake Off

Congratulations to everyone who made it to the second round of the Wychwood Bake Off. The final three are Darcie, Jonty and Georgie. They will be baking Mary Berry cupcakes for their final bake. Who will take home the Wychwood Apron?



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Poetry

Jill and Louise from the WI came to our assembly yesterday to award prizes to the top three poetry entries from our Year 5 poetry competition about special places. We had Florey in third, Abbie in second and Georgie in first! Jill read out Georgie's poem which was all about the Wild Gardens.

Whole School Picnic

What a wonderful way to end the week, with a whole school picnic! The children have been chopping, baking, creating all week ready for today's picnic. It was brilliant to spend the final day of a busy week on the field together! Thank you to everyone for pitching in this week!

Non School Uniform Day

As most of you know, last year we lost one of our pupils, Cassidy, who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. As you can imagine we are still coming to terms with this loss, but we certainly can do our best to remember her and support a fantastic charity, Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC), who are dedicated to raising awareness, research and family support. We are asking children to come in non-school uniform, with a donation either in person or on Parent Pay, so as a school community we continue to remember the lovely girl with the great big smile!

In consultation with Mrs Niner, we have agreed to use local artist (and former pupil!) Chris Townsend to create a butterfly sculpture to be displayed on the school grounds, using the funds donated to the school last year. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Oxford Half Marathon – Open to years 3-6 (in September 2024)

We are delighted to have been offered 40 spaces at this year's Oxford Half Marathon schools challenge. This takes place on 13th October. In advance of the day, your child will need to run 12 individual miles. We will then complete the half marathon by running the last mile together on part of the Half Marathon course. You will need to be available to bring your child to Oxford early on the 13th. To register your child to attend you can follow the link below. Further details on arrangements for the day itself will be sent out to those registered, in September.

https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=217201&reservationCode=re_6vdboniymp75&utm_organiser_id=154979&utm_source=reserved_entry

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Phonics books

As we are at the end of the year please can we ask you to check at home for any of the RWI photocopied book bag books. These are the books that are sent home on Fridays. As you can imagine, it takes a long time to prepare and make these

booklets and we are currently missing a lot of copies. We would very much appreciate it if you can find and send in any copies next week.

A message from the PTA...

A huge thank you again for helping us to raise an incredible **£3,697.56** at this year's Summer Festival! It makes it so worthwhile and we couldn't be more grateful to you all for supporting the event so brilliantly! Next week, we will announce how much we've collectively raised for school over this academic year and share what these amazing funds have gone towards and will help fund next year! Thank you so much again for your support!

Next week we will also be sharing the final Wychwood Leaf of the school year - it may not be out in time for the end of term as we're holding off for The Bake Off Final and other exciting events, as it's been such a bumper summer term, but it will be hitting your inboxes soon - ready when you're hopefully enjoying some holiday time with a Pimms!!

As a PTA, we're looking forward to a little bit of rest over the summer before plans for Fireworks Night officially get underway (*it's on **2nd November** for anyone who hasn't got the date in their diaries yet!*). And if you're interested in joining our merry team, we'd absolutely love to have you on board! You can do as much or as little as you like - there's never any pressure, and we can promise that it's always a lot of fun! Email Daisy: wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 07467 226640.

Thank you so much again,
The PTA Team :)

Dates this Term

Date	Event	Who
22 nd July	Non School Uniform Day in aid of SUDC	All
22 nd July	Great Wychwood Bake off Final	Round 2 winners
22 nd July	Wychwood's Got Talent	All
23 rd July	Moving On Service – 9.20am	Year 5 & 6
23 rd July	End of Term – Finish 1.30pm	All
24 th July	INSET Day	All

Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Eliza (Silver Birch) and Reggie (Sycamore). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you have a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.



Thank you for your continuing support.



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