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September 20th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Information Meetings

Thank you so much to all of the families who joined us for our Parent Information Meetings this week. I hope that they were useful. I know the staff enjoyed meeting you. For anyone who was unable to attend, please find the slides we shared at the meetings on our website here:

<https://www.wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk/parents/>

Attendance

In last week's newsletter I shared the details of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices. In light of that and the strong link between high attendance and academic performance, I would ask that if you want to request an absence, please contact the office to make an appointment to meet with me after which I will let you know if the absence will be authorised or not. Again, due to the recent changes from the Department for Education, there are only very limited circumstances in which I am allowed to authorise absence, but I am very happy to discuss this with families if they wish to.

Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder that Secondary School Applications are open for Year 6 pupils. The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is October 31st 2024. Here is a link to the online application form.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

Pupil Voice

At Wychwood we are proud of the different ways in which pupils are able to have a voice in our school. Every year, pupils from each class have the opportunity to apply to become a School Councillor, member of our Eco Council or Reflective Area Monitor. Eco Councillors in Year 3 and above will need to apply for the role by requesting an application form from their teacher. In the spirit of being eco-friendly, we are not giving paper forms to every child in the school! Younger children will make their application verbally in their class. For aspiring School Councillors and



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Reflective Area Monitors (RAMs), the children will need to tell their class why they would be good for the role. Good luck to all the applicants!

Parent Visits

At Wychwood we are always looking to enhance the experiences that our children have at school. Do you have an exciting job or hobby that you could share with one of our classes in school? Previously we have had writers, explorers and even a volcano enthusiast come into school to speak to the children. If this might be of interest please send an email to the office at parents@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk with details of something you would like to share with our children and we will be in touch to make the necessary arrangements.

Outdoor Play equipment – including the Foundation Stage Garden

We would request that parents do not allow any of the children to use the play equipment on the school grounds while waiting to drop off and pick up their children.

Forest School Site

On Sunday 6th October from 9:30am - 12:30pm we are planning to do some maintenance to the Forest School site and would love some help. We'll be clearing the pond, dead hedging and laying wood chip. Please wear suitable clothing and bring garden gloves, wheelbarrows, rakes and shovels with you. We'll provide the hot chocolate and snacks! Please email the office if you are able to join us.

A message from the PTA...

Save the date! Fireworks Night - Saturday 2nd November 2024

After such a spectacular display in 2023 - the first Fireworks Night since 2019, we're joining forces with Shipton Cricket Club again for another evening under the stars! The event will take place at Shipton Cricket Club and will run from 5:30pm - until 7:30pm on **Saturday 2nd November**. More details, including how to purchase tickets and all the exciting food and drink details for the night, will be shared in due course, but for now please save the date - we would love to see you there!

Have a great weekend all,
The PTA Team

Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Details	Who
24 th September	Junior Citizen Visit	Year 6
4 th October	U9s & U11s Cross Country	Selected children
8 th October	School Photographs	All

