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September 6th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to write this newsletter for the first time as headteacher at Wychwood. We've had such a lovely three days with the children, settling them into the new routines of their classrooms and enjoying being back in school. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families, I know you will find our school community friendly, approachable and always willing to help. The Reception children have been wonderful, making new friends and enjoying being at school. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher you can always approach them after school on the playground, otherwise you can send an email to parents@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk and an appointment will be made for you. You can use the same email address to report absence or to make arrangements for collection of children.

This newsletter is lengthier than normal but do expect a newsletter every Friday outlining school events.

Parent Introduction Meetings

We are so pleased to be able to offer Parent Introduction Meetings once again. These meetings will be held by each phase with the purpose of sharing information regarding the routines of the classroom and learning experiences and expectations for each class. Please see below under term dates for more information. For those of you unable to attend, we will share the presentations via our website.

Celebration Assembly

Today we had our first celebration assembly for children in Years 1-6. Each class will choose a star of the week, achiever of the week and learning hero. In addition to this, children are invited to bring in any medals, badges, ribbons, trophies or achievements to share with the school. If your child has been chosen as star, achiever or singer superstar (singing assemblies are held on Tuesdays) they will have a group photograph taken (unless you have stated this is not appropriate) to be displayed on our achievement board. You can have a photocopy of this photo for 50p. Just drop into the school office and ask.



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Music

We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Warburton and Mr Harris will be joining our staff this year as music teachers. Mrs Warburton taught with us last year too and this year she will be teaching recorders to the children in Year 3 and Year 4 as well as the wider music curriculum in the same years and in Year 5 and 6. Mr Harris will be teaching guitars to children in Year 5 and 6 throughout the year. This term Oak Class will be learning the recorder and Elm Class will be learning the guitar.

P.E. Timetable

Next week we begin to teach our full curriculum. For P.E., children can come to school in P.E. kits on the day they have P.E. Please remember that this is white t-shirt and/or green jumper/hoodie and navy shorts/skorts or joggers. We would like to avoid football kits please. For children with earrings, it is advisable that they not have them in on P.E. days. If this is not possible we ask that parents teach children how to tape earrings safely as this saves staff having to spend P.E. time addressing these needs. Thank you for your support with this. See below for your child's P.E. days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rowan Oak Chestnut Willow/Silver Birch (Fortnightly)	Elm Maple Sycamore (fortnightly) Chestnut	Rowan Silver Birch	Cherry Oak	Elm Cherry Maple

Key Stage 1 Forest School

Next week Key Stage 1 will be starting their Forest School sessions. A separate letter will be sent to Key Stage 1 families. Mrs Lerwill will be leading Forest School for Silver Birch, Mrs King will be leading Willow and Miss Sleight will be leading Sycamore.

Forest School afternoons are as follows:

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sycamore	Willow	Silver Birch

Car Parking

We have been alerted to careless parking by our neighbours at Oak Drive and Brook Lane. Unfortunately, due to cars parked on the pavement, pushchairs and those using wheelchairs were unable to pass and needed to enter the road which is

obviously dangerous. Please be considerate when parking and use our designated parking area or either one of the village halls.

Also, can I ask parents not to drive into the staff car park either to park or drop off as this is used for our bus bringing children to school.

After School Clubs

After school clubs for years 1-6 will start the week beginning 23rd September. Look out for a letter next week giving details of all the clubs that are running this term. This will include details of how to book your children onto each club.

Going Home Arrangements

If your child is going home with a friend or relative, please email the office on parents@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk to let us know before 2.30pm.

Weather

Unfortunately, it seems the summer is now over and we are expecting the usual mix of sunshine and rain. Unless it is very wet, we still go outside for playtimes and so it is really important to send you children in to school with a coat, even if the sun is shining in the morning.

School Uniform

Please see our uniform guidance below. Foundation stage do not need PE kit. You can purchase items of clothing at various supermarkets and clothing shops. For branded uniform, you can use this link- <https://wrealsports.co.uk/shop/my-school/wychwood-c-of-e-primary/>

White polo shirt or Wychwood branded polo shirt.

Grey or black trousers, skirts, pinafores or shorts.

Green Gingham dresses when it's warm.

Green jumper, hoodie, cardigan or fleece – all either with school logo or unbranded.

Black school shoes or black trainers.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Special Educational Needs

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you have further concerns, you can contact our Special Education Needs Co-ordinator Mrs Stratford. To make an appointment with Mrs Stratford email the office at parents@wychwood-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Safeguarding Children



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Every year and throughout the year we update our policies, skills and knowledge as a staff to ensure we are doing our utmost to keep children safe. If you have any concerns about a child in our school our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Stratford. If Mrs Stratford is unavailable Mrs Gent (Headteacher) or Miss Sleight (Deputy Headteacher) will be able to assist you.

A message from the PTA...

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and have had a really good start to the new school year! Thank you so much for such an incredible 2023/24 year of fundraising for the school - between Fireworks Night, Discos, the Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Market, Chastleton House Teas and our annual Summer Festival, we managed to smash our fundraising total from previous years and are blown away by the amazing support that we've had! We'll be sharing exactly how much was raised, and what these much needed funds have supported in The Wychwood Leaf later this month. In the meantime, we just wanted to say a huge thank you and that we're looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Coffee morning - 13th September (invite attached)

Next Friday, we're hosting a relaxed coffee morning in the school hall - it'll take place after drop off and will just be a lovely way to catch up with friends, meet new parents and if you'd like to, find out more about the PTA. We'll provide fresh cafetiere coffee, tea, biscuits etc, so just bring yourselves!

*We said goodbye to some valued members of our team at the end of last year as their children moved up to secondary school, and would love to bring some new members onboard! So if you are interested in joining us, pop along next Friday to find out more, alternatively email Daisy wychwoodprimarypta@gmail.com, message **Daisy** via Classlist or WhatsApp: **07467 226640**. We are a relaxed group who love spending time together and genuinely have lots of fun at each event, so you'll be joining a fantastic group of likeminded parents!*

Have a great weekend all!

Daisy and the PTA Team

Dates for the Autumn Term

Date	Details	Who
13 th September	PTA Coffee Morning – 8.30 in the hall	All Parents
17 th September	Parent Introduction Meeting – 2.45pm	Year 3/4
18 th September	Parent Introduction Meeting – 2.45pm	Year 1/2
19 th September	Parent Introduction Meeting – 2.45pm	Year 5/6
20 th September	Parent Introduction Meeting – 2.45pm	Foundation



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24 th September	Junior Citizen Visit	Year 6
4 th October	U9s & U11s Cross Country	Selected children
6 th October	Oxford Junior Half Marathon	Signed up children
8 th October	School Photographs	All
9 th October	U9 Girls Football	Selected children
10 th October	Flu Vaccinations	All
11 th October	Harvest Festival (Shipton Church) 9:20	Year 1/2 & Reception
12 th October	Teas at Chastleton House	PTA
14 th October	U11s Football	Selected children
17 th October	Hobgoblin Theatre Company in School	Year 1-6
21 st – 25 th October	International Week	All
28 th – 1 st November	Half Term	All
2 nd November	Fireworks Night	All

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Birthday Book Donations

Happy Birthday to Freddie (Willow). 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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