



Wilby CE (VA) Primary School Newsletter

5th September 2017



Together we are inspired to learn within the family of God's love

Welcome back!



Welcome back after the Summer holidays. I'm not sure if you feel the same as the staff but where did the holidays go? The time seems to have flown by!

Today we welcome Calum and Grace to the school and next Monday we welcome our Reception children into the school; Abbie, Alanna, Cameron, Deana, Ellie, Ethan, Hammington, Harry, Imogen, Jake, Jake Katie and Sophia. We hope they and their families soon feel settled into the school family.

We are pleased to have Mrs Parnell back as a lunchtime supervisor this year following a short break last academic year.

Home: School Agreements



Each year, we publish a Home: School Agreement which explains

- the school's aims and values;
- the school's responsibilities to-

wards its pupils;

- the responsibility of each pupil's parents;
- what the school expects of its pupils;

We ask you as parents sign the agreement to show that you understand and accept the contents of the home-school agreement.

The Home: School Agreement has been sent home today with every child. Please could you read through this with your child and get them to sign their section, sign your section and return to school by **Friday 8th September at the latest**. Your child's class teacher and I will sign our sections and return this to you, to keep at home. Thank you in advance.

Data Collection Sheets



Today, every child has brought home a Data Collection Sheet. Please could you check this information very carefully. **If everything on the form is correct, please sign and return. If there are any changes needed, please make them in pen and add additional information where required and return.** Please can you provide us as many contact details as possible and indicate the preferred order of these. It is very important that we have as many ways to contact you or a nominated carer as possible in case of emergency. Please ensure your form is completed and returned to the school office by **Friday 8th September at the latest**.

End of School Day Procedures



Please could you ensure that the end of day procedures for collection at the end of the school day are returned by **Friday 8th September**.

A reminder that Reception and Key Stage 1 children finish school at 3.15pm and Key Stage 2 finish at 3.20pm. We expect all people who are collecting the children to be there at those times. If they are unable to be there, alternative arrangements should be made.

We are aware that on some occasions traffic may be bad or something may crop up unexpectedly, which is not a problem. However, if we have children collected late on a regular basis, further action will be taken. Most days, staff have meetings or training to attend and are not available to administer afterschool childcare.

Consent Forms / Dress Codes



Your children will have brought home the annual consent forms, e-safety rules and dress code. We would ask that you sign and return these by **Friday 8th September**.



Please follow us on Twitter to see what the children are doing in class and to receive reminders. We are @WilbyCEVAPri



Open Mornings

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, we are holding open mornings on the following dates:

- Wednesday 20th September at 10.00am
 - Monday 9th October at 10.00am
 - Tuesday 21st November at 10.00am
 - Thursday 7th December at 10.00am
- Please book into a morning with Mrs Mecklenburgh.

Please remember.....



Hot Meals need to be ordered through Kingswood Catering <https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/> All Reception, Year 1 and 2 children are entitled to a free meal but these still need to be ordered every day. Please remember that all meals need to be ordered by Wednesday at 11.59pm for the following week.

The children are allowed water bottles in class but please make sure that the bottles are named, have a push lid and are not recycled bottles. Children are allowed water or squash but please do not send in fizzy drinks as these will be discarded. Wilby School water bottles are available to purchase for £2.25



ziffit.com There is a box of used CDs and DVDs in the Reception which we are collecting to send to Ziffit.com. If you have any which you no longer want, please send them in. We receive money in return for them.

If you do any online shopping, please sign up at



www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wilbycepschool-wilby



We are still collecting used and broken pens to send to Terracycle.

We are still collecting foreign currency. If you have any from the Summer holidays, please do send it in as we raised lots last time!



We accept childcare vouchers from RG Childcare as payment for our before school Wide Awake Club. If you would like to use these, please see Mrs Mecklenburgh.

Milk is free for children up until the age of 5 and after 5, milk can be purchased at a subsidised rate from <http://www.coolmilk.com/> *Cool Milk*



Communication

In order to keep parents informed about what the classes are learning about, each teacher has set up a Class Dojo account. This can be used like a blog so that they can share pictures with you. Mr

Morris used it last year and we received lots of positive feedback.

You will receive a letter about how you can sign up to receive updates through Class Dojo in the next few days.

When the teachers post photographs or comments, there is the feature to comment. We respectfully ask that comments made are positive.

Through Class Dojo, there is the feature to message teachers. Please note that teachers will only respond to general questions e.g. Do children need PE kit tomorrow? And not specific questions about children. They may respond during school hours 8.30-4pm, but it might not be on the same day due to meetings or training. Any repeated misuse of this feature may result in it being stopped.

A reminder that staff welcome the chance to speak to parents if there are any problems and would prefer for you to come to them than you worrying yourselves. If you would like to make an appointment, please pop a note in the black box which is emptied by 9.15am every day, e-mail or phone the school and a mutually convenient time will be arranged.

We would ask that if your concerns are regarding your child's learning, or an incident that has happened, their class teacher is your first point of call. If you do not feel the problem has been resolved, the next person would be Mrs Warwick and then Miss Pearce.

Year 6 London Trip



Once again, we are hoping to take the Year 6 children to London at the end of the year. However, we do need to ensure that

we have received full payment before we make bookings as in previous years, we had people pull out at the last minute. We would like to take the children down by minibus, have an open top bus tour, cruise on the Thames and watch a musical. The cost of the trip works out to approximately £80 per child. If you would like your child take part in the visit this year, please ensure a deposit of £20 is made by October half term via Tucassi. If enough pupils are wanting to attend, bookings will be made and we will need an additional £20 by Christmas, £20 by February half term and the outstanding £20 by Easter.



Diary Dates

20/09/2017 @ 10am Open Morning Prospective Parents

21/09/2017 @ 9am Harvest Festival in Church

25/09/2017 Yr 6 Height and Weight Check

26/09/2016 Hotshots Taster Sessions

27/09/2017 Individual Photos

09/10/2017 @ 10am Open Morning Prospective Parents

16/10/2017 @ 3.30pm Parents Evening

19/10/2017 @ 5pm Parents Evening

20/10/2017 School Closes

30/10/2017 STAFF TRAINING DAY

31/10/2017 School Opens

08/11/2017 Flu Jabs

21/11/2017 @ 10am Open Morning Prospective Parents

07/12/2017 @ 10am Open Morning Prospective Parents

13/12/2017 @ 2pm Whole School trip to Pantomime

20/12/2017 School Closes

03/01/2018 STAFF TRAINING DAY

04/01/2018 School Opens

Expectations



A reminder that we provide children in school with the equipment they require so they should not be bringing pencil cases into school. All equipment is named and there is an expectation that it will remain in school and the children will be responsible for all the items provided. Equipment will be replaced if it runs out. In school, we will hold items in stock which can be purchased at a small cost if a child loses or breaks equipment and needs to replace it.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival takes place on Thursday 21st September at 9am in St Mary's Church. It would be lovely to see as many of our families there as possible. St Marys Church and ourselves will once again be donating items to the Daylight Centre in Wellingborough. Items which they are in need of are:



- Individual jellies
- Individual puddings
- Dried super noodles
- Pot noodles
- Pasta n' sauce packets
- Mug shots
- Instant mash
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned Rice pudding
- Tinned Custard
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Tooth paste
- Toilet Roll

School Photos



The school photographer will be in school on 27th September 2017 in the morning. If you would like your child to have their photograph taken with younger siblings, please book an appointment with Mrs Mecklenburgh.

Birth Certificates

A reminder that as a school, we need to hold a copy of your child's birth certificate in their school file to prove that they are in the correct year group at school.

We still have some parents who have not provided us with these. Please could you bring these in at your earliest convenience for Mrs Mecklenburgh to copy.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Please send your donations in on the day which your child can take to the Church service with them. Thank you in advance for your support.



Wilby Wide Awake Club—Please note the price increase for the new academic year

If you would like to book a place for your child, please complete and return the form indicating which dates, with a cheque for the total amount. (number of sessions x £2.50)

All sessions for Wide Awake Club need to be booked the evening before so that we can ensure we keep within our ratios. You will not be able to drop children off in the mornings anymore unless a space has been pre-booked.

	Tuesday 5th September	Wednesday 6th September	Thursday 7th September	Friday 8th September
Monday 11th September	Tuesday 12th September	Wednesday 13th September	Thursday 14th September	Friday 15th September
Monday 18th September	Tuesday 19th September	Wednesday 20th September	Thursday 21st September	Friday 22nd September
Monday 25th September	Tuesday 26th September	Wednesday 27th September	Thursday 28th September	Friday 29th September
Monday 2nd October	Tuesday 3rd October	Wednesday 4th October	Thursday 5th October	Friday 6th October
Monday 9th October	Tuesday 10th October	Wednesday 11th October	Thursday 12th October	Friday 13th October
Monday 16th October	Tuesday 17th October	Wednesday 18th October	Thursday 19th October	Friday 20th October

School Clubs

	What Club?	Who Will Run It?	Cost?
Tuesday 8am—8.45am 19/09, 26/09, 03/10, 10/10, 17/10	Punchin	Nick Binder	£2 per session. Cheques made payable to Nick Binder
Tuesday 3.30pm—4.30pm—05/09, 12/09, 19/09, 26/09, 03/10, 10/10, 17/10	Football	Pacesetters	See http://www.pacesettersports.co.uk/
Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm—06/09, 13/09, 20/09, 27/09, 04/10, 11/10, 18/10	Gymnastics	Pacesetters	See http://www.pacesettersports.co.uk/
Thursday Lunchtime—28/09, 05/10, 12/10, 19/10	Basketball	Hotshots	See their own letter
Thursday 3.20pm—4.15pm 07/09, / 14/09, 21/09, 28/09, 05/10, 12/10, 19/10	Film Club	Miss Pearce	£1 per session / £7 in total

My child would like to attend Punchin Pandas / Film Club

*please tick which club and make cheques payable to the correct person as listed in the table above or pay via Tucassi

Signed:.....

Date:.....

As many of you are aware, last year we took a large number of children to various Pacesetter sporting competitions throughout the year. The children thoroughly enjoyed these events and it provided fantastic opportunities for the children to take part in competitive sporting competitions against other schools. We were disappointed that some children did not attend these events when they had been selected as part of the PE curriculum is to take part in such events. They are not withdrawn from other curriculum activities and as such we would hope that parents would support us with this especially as we are providing transport to these events during the school day.

Rather than send out individual permission letters for each event, we are asking for parents to sign blanket permission at the beginning of the year to say that you are happy for your child to take part in such events and then we will just send a slip informing you of when your child will be taken to an event so you are also able to come and support your child at these events.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Pacesetter Sporting Competitions

I give permission for my child to take part in the Pacesetter Sporting Competitions during 2017—2018.

I understand that my child will be transported to these events in a mini-bus or coach and that they will be accompanied by staff from Wilby School.

Signed:

Date: