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14.9.18

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

As many of you will have seen the school has had a little bit of face lift during the school holiday with the completion of the new classroom for our Wren Class and a revamped entrance to the school which links with the new early year's outdoor play area. The school hall, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Swift classrooms have also been decorated.

The children have all come back with very positive attitudes and visitors in school this week have commented on the fantastic atmosphere around the school.

Our new value



This half term we will be teaching and discussing the importance of telling the truth and being honest. Our previous values of respect, understanding, courage and happiness will continue to have a high profile and we hope that you will reinforce these values at home. You can find the assemblies and the videos that we have shared with your children on the school

website under the heading of Values- Based Education which can be found in the 'About us' section.



Summer Camp

Whilst some of you had fun at home, we had summer camp at school. The children enjoyed many exciting activities from making bread, endless craft activities based on the children's ideas which sometimes ended up taking the whole day. A massive box that seemed to be the most entertaining activity from being a dinosaur planet to a house to a plane and rocket, and then we had our water fights and our home made sprayer- thanks Emily!!

I can honestly say the children were absolutely delightful. Can't wait to do it all again...



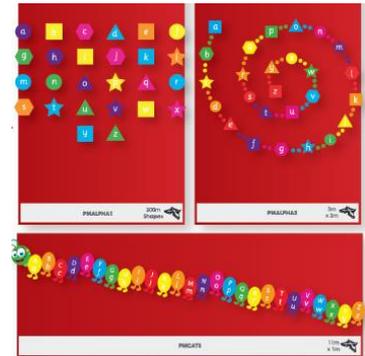
Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
Chair of Governors: Mr Peter Meacock





Awards for All

I am delighted to tell you that we have been successful in an 'Awards for All' lottery bid which ensures that we can now purchase our outdoor gym and revamp the playground markings. This should happen either just before or just after October half term!



Rock Steady

This is something new at Wicklewood and I must confess to having enjoyed joining in with one of the sessions (although my vocals did end up sounding rather strange at one point didn't they children?)



'Saving Britain's Wildlife'

I thought that some of you would be interested in the following.

Mrs Niki Sullivan, mum to Ellarose, Erin and Henry, is an Animal Collection Officer at the RSPCA. For the last five months she has been filming for a wildlife rescue series. RSPCA officers across country have been filmed rescuing all Britain's wild animals with the series highlighting the problems the wildlife face. The programme, 'Saving Britain's Wildlife' is now showing on Quest Red on Wednesday evenings at 8pm. It started on 22nd August 2018 and is available on Catch up Quest OD.

Music notices

Recorder lessons

Mrs Gray teaches recorder in school, currently on a Thursday morning, and she will have a few spaces for anyone interested in having lessons in the forthcoming year. As a guide, she says is prudent to wait until year 3, although there are exceptions.

If anyone wants to register interest or obtain further information, please contact her or leave a message in the school office for her to get in touch. Her details are: email otc@gotadsl.co.uk or Tel: 01953 604954

“How can we keep from singing?”

Some of Wicklewood School’s recorder players will be taking part in a special service celebrating music on Sunday 30th September, 10.00 a.m. in Wicklewood Church. You are warmly invited to come along. Entitled “How can we keep from singing?” there will be music from the High Oak Music Group and the newly-refurbished church organ, as well as a number of soloists and small groups. There will also be some readings and prayers and an opportunity to join in the singing. The service will be led by Shirley Holt and Sally Wallace-Jones and will last for about an hour.

What an achievement!



James and I went on a very exciting and tiring journey where my Daddy, Pops, Nanny and Auntie Clare did the National 3 Peaks Challenge. They climbed the 3 highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales. They did this in 3 days and raised £2,175 for Crohns and Colitis UK. Crohns and colitis is a bowel disease that affects a lot of people and my Daddy has it and can be very poorly but always very brave. We drove 1700 miles and we got to see lots of amazing sights. It was a long time in the car but we did it. James and I got to do a little of each mountain with mummy so we could meet them. Unfortunately, we could only go 3/4 of the way up Snowdon on the train as the weather was so bad. I wonder what the next challenge will be...? We were so proud of our family.

Isabelle and James O’Grady

I am sure that you will all agree that this an amazing achievement – well done to you all.

Parent class representatives / Parent Forums

As mentioned in the last newsletter I am looking for a parent representative from each class to help to strengthen the relationship that parents and staff already have. The idea is that if there are any issues that are collectively concerning parents they can talk to their class representative who can then discuss it with me. Once I have a representative from each class we can meet to discuss how this can be successfully implemented. I will continue to have termly parent forums for more general discussions.

Communication



The way that we all communicate has changed dramatically during the last few years and we all now rely quite heavily on emails. Staff at the school check emails on a regular basis but if you have an important message that you need your child’s class teacher to receive (especially if it needs to be actioned on the same day) please can I request that you personally hand a note / letter to them in the morning or if you have an older child that they are reminded to do the same. If there is an emergency message during the school day, please ring the office.

Some polite requests

At the beginning of a new academic year we all seem to be more susceptible to illness. Please remember that if your child has a sickness bug they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness / diarrhoea.

We now have a beautiful new entrance to the school and would like to keep it look really smart. Please can I therefore request that children are not allowed to climb on the yellow railings near Wren Class. This also disturbs their learning, especially at the end of a long day.

We strive to be a healthy school and therefore please can I request that drinks bottles are filled with water and break time snacks are things like fruit, vegetables, rice cakes, and not chocolate or crisps.

Coming up:



Wymondham Cluster LINKS

- Learning
- Inclusion
- Nurture
- Knowledge
- Support

Parent/Carer support group
For adults who have a child/young person with any additional need/special educational needs ...
Pre school children welcome!

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| 14th September | 5th October * | 2nd November |
| 7th December * | 11th January | 1st February * |
| 1st March | 5th April * | 3rd May |
| 7th June * | 5th July | |

* Indicates guest speaker
Any queries contact Tina Bell on 01953 609783/07595 221240
E mail :- mrs.bell@robertkett.net

First Friday in the month ... except sept/ Jan 2019
(9 to 11am)
The Bungalow
Robert Kett
Howitts Lane
Wymondham

Books
Resources
Advice
Information
Socialise
Relax.....

Dates for your diary

| AUTUMN TERM | |
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| 1.10.18 | Learning reviews 3.30 – 7.00 |
| 2.10.18 | Learning reviews 3.30 – 5.30 |
| 12.10.18 | Individual photographs |
| 17.10.18 | Harvest Festival 9.15a.m (theme to be agreed) |
| 18 / 19.10.18 | School closed prior to half term break |
| 12 – 16.11.18 | Anti-bullying week (including Special Adult) |
| 16.11.18 | Children in Need |
| 22.11.18 | Kestrel and Kingfisher at Gressenhall |
| 27.11.18 | Christmas Experience |
| 4.12.18 | KS1 dress rehearsal |
| 5.12.18 | KS1 play 6.00 p.m |
| 6.12.18 | KS1 play 2.00 p.m |
| 7.12.18 | Decoration Day |
| 10.12.18 | Nativity dress rehearsal 9.30 a.m |
| 11.12.18 | Nativity play 9.30 a.m |
| 12.12.18 | Carol Service 1.30 p.m |
| 18.12.18 | Last day |

| SPRING TERM | |
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| 2.1.19 | INSET DAY |
| 3.1.19 | New term starts |
| 18.2.19 | Half term |
| 7.3.19 | World Book Day |
| 1.4.19 | Learning reviews 3.30 – 7.00 |
| 2.4.19 | Learning reviews 3.30 – 5.30 |
| 5.4.19 | Last day |

| SUMMER TERM | |
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| 23.4.19 | New term starts |
| 8-10.5.19 | Lapwing residential - Holt Hall |
| 13.5.19 | KS2 SATs week Kestrel residential - Peak District |
| 27.5.19 | Half term |
| 3-6.6.19 | Kingfisher residential - Hilltop |
| 13.6.19 | Kingfisher bell ringing |
| 19.6.19 | Sports Day (same format as last year) |
| 2.7.19 | KS2 dress rehearsal |
| 3.7.19 | KS2 play evening |
| 4.7.19 | KS2 play evening |
| 24.7.19 | Last day |

This year's term dates and INSET days:

The following link will enable you to find these dates

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/term-dates/term-dates-and-school-holidays>

INSET days – 18.10.18, 19.12.18 and 2.1.19.

Also: Next academic year! A Race Night fund raiser – Friday 5th October 2018!!

Please remember that we have a lot of information on the school website

<http://www.wicklewoodschool.co.uk/>

and that we also have a Facebook page which we will begin to use more frequently once all your permission forms have been returned.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks