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2.11.18

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term and the children are rested for the very busy and exciting half term ahead.

Hopefully the children will have shared with you that our new value is **FRIENDSHIP**. To link with this we have introduced 'GR8 AS U R' (see photographs later on in this newsletter) and we will also be further exploring our value during Anti-Bullying week.

Please remember to look on the school website to watch the assembly powerpoint and videos that we used to introduce the theme.

<http://www.wicklewoodschool.co.uk/values-based-education>

Before the holiday...

Year 6 played detectives

Year 6 have been reading 'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' this half term and writing our own mysteries. To help us think like the famous detective, Kingfisher had to solve a crime that took place at our school! Mrs Marshall had uncovered some buried treasure in the forest school area but before she could show Miss Brooks, it was stolen! Fingerprints were compared, footprints studied and even handwriting was analysed! Thankfully the class deduced who the culprit was and hopefully we shall get the treasure back from the villainous 'Mr Red'!



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



Harvest update

Thank you to everyone who donated to our harvest festival. We have been informed by the Norwich Food Bank that the quantity of food collected will feed 40 families for three days!



School Council Representatives

Wren	Olivia	Dylan
Robin	Ivy	Freddie
Swift	Beth	Harry
Greenfinch	Lyla	Luke
Lapwing	Elsbeth	David
Kestrel	Holly	George
Kingfisher	Grace	Freddie

Team Captains

BLUE (Keller)	Henry	Unaysah
GREEN (Boudicca)	Jake	Florrie
RED (Carter)	Adam	Libby
YELLOW (Mandela)	Chris	Poppy

Well done to all the children who have been elected!

Caretaker



On the last day of half term we said an emotional thank you to Mrs Nicky Norman for all her work during the last 18 years as our school caretaker. Thankfully she is still with us as a teaching assistant and a midday supervisor!

Mrs Caroline Munnings, who lives in the village, has been appointed and should start with us on Monday 12th November 2018.

An Egyptologist visits Greenfinch and Lapwing

On Monday 29th October 2018, Greenfinch and Lapwing were extremely lucky to have a visit from Reverend Sally Wallace-Jones, a very knowledgeable Egyptologist (as well as several other skills such as being an archaeologist, a teacher and her current role in the church!). She told them all about the tombs in Ancient Egypt as well as sharing her experiences of travelling to Egypt for research and her role in the discovery of some fascinating artefacts! The children were absolutely fascinated and offered some very thoughtful contributions and questions. Reverend Sally commented on how well behaved, considerate and engaged she thought the children were. A massive thank you to Mr Long (Charlotte's dad) for putting us in touch with Reverend Sally; the visit really helped to bring the topic alive for our classes!



GR8 AS U R



Lunches

We now have a new lunch menu which the children seem to be enjoying. They really seem to like the jacket potatoes and we have noticed that some children are ordering them every day! Robin and Wren class parents have been sent a separate letter to help the teachers to manage this but please can I ask that you discuss with your child the lunch options to ensure that they are having a varied diet.

Can I remind parents of children in Wren, Robin and Swift that your child is entitled to a free school meal. For Key Stage 2 children the cost is now £2.15.

Packed lunches and snacks should always be healthy (although the occasional treat is of course a must!)

Parent class representatives / Parent Forums

We now have a full list of the parents who will be your point of contact for each class. I will hopefully meet the 'team' during the next couple of weeks to decide how best to organise communication but I think it will be via a class WhatsApp group. These parents will be able to remind you about up-coming events as well as be the 'middle person' if you want to share an idea / concern that they can then follow up with me.

Parent class representatives are:

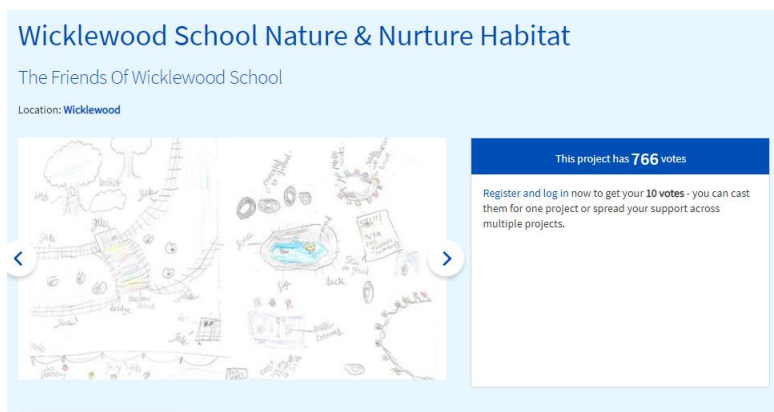
Wren – Mrs Stefania Nobbs (mum to Elsie) and Mr Martin Rix (dad to Annabel and Darcey)
Robin – Mrs Antonia Sears (mum to Jude)
Swift – Mrs Eleanor Jones (mum to Logan)
Greenfinch – Mrs Antonia Sears (mum to Grace)
Lapwing – Mrs Leanne Ingham (mum to Georgina)
Kestrel – Mrs Julia Woodeson (mum to Oscar)
Kingfisher – Mrs Nicola Pattison (mum to Freddie)

Reminder

We will also hold our first parent forum of the year on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 9.00a.m. in the school hall. For those of you who are new to the school this is a very informal chat with a cup of tea / coffee and a biscuit. There is no agenda. Those who attend raise any issues or questions that they want answered and we try to do just that! Everyone is welcome!

AVIVA community bid

PLEASE VOTE FOR US AND ASK FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO DO THE SAME!



The screenshot shows a voting page for 'Wicklewood School Nature & Nurture Habitat'. The page title is 'Wicklewood School Nature & Nurture Habitat' and it is organized by 'The Friends Of Wicklewood School'. The location is listed as 'Wicklewood'. On the left, there is a hand-drawn map of the school grounds with various areas labeled. On the right, a blue box indicates 'This project has 766 votes'. Below this, a white box contains the text: 'Register and log in now to get your 10 votes - you can cast them for one project or spread your support across multiple projects.' There are navigation arrows on the left and right sides of the map area.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-2380#plus>

The Friends AGM

The amounts we raised last year were:

Christmas Fayre - £1003 + £1000 from Barclays
Quiz & Chips - £1002
Summer BBQ – £1600 + £1250 from Aviva
IBM - £1400
Co-Op Community Fund - £1402.79
Race Night - £559
Ice Cream Fridays, Bake Sales & Tea Towels - £1000

The Friends

The Friends AGM took place on 16th October 2018 where we said goodbye to Colin Mower and Tara Downing and thanked them for all their hard work as Chair and Vice Chair over the last few years. The committee voted in Sue Daynes and Caroline Pocock as joint chair to replace them. We would love everyone to feel as if they can be involved - every penny raised goes towards enhancing your child's education and school life - so any kind of input and help is much appreciated. You can do as little or as much as you like from selling cakes at the biscuit sales, making tea and coffee or labelling bottles! If you're more of a behind the scenes kind of person we always need creative types to make up posters and flyers or help us with IT equipment! The Friends role is not just about fundraising, it is also about any spare time that you can give the school to help with projects. The wildlife area is the next space that Miss Brooks intends to develop. Can you help create that? If you have any ideas for fundraising or new events please do let us know. Sue and Caroline are usually at drop off and pick up so just find them for a chat.

[Our next Friends meeting is on Tuesday 6 November at the White Hart pub in Hingham at 7:30pm and it would be lovely to see lots of you there.](#)

School Uniform

We have a huge amount of lost property!
I will choose a fair weather day next week to put it out on tables for you to have a last look through. Any not collected will be sent to a clothes bank.

Forest School

Amy Brewster, mum to Flynn in Kestrel, has helped with Forest School for the last two years. She is now moving on to follow up her own interests, therefore we would love to have another parent join us. If you can give up any of your time on a Wednesday please let us know. You are in for a treat (and that's not just the hot chocolate!)

Thank you to Amy for all the help that she has given. It is really appreciated.

Thank you also to David Cross, dad to Barnaby (Greenfinch), for putting up a fence around the Forest School area during the half term holiday.

Car parks and parking

A huge thank you to the Woodeson family for all their hard work in installing the bays for us during the half term break.
As previously circulated this is a trial. Unfortunately a couple of the blocks have already worked themselves loose. If you are in the car park and see that this has happened please could you pick it up and put it safely to one side or take to the office.
We are already having to think about ways to improve the bay divisions so if anyone has any thoughts please let me know.

Please can I also request that children are supervised when opening car doors so as to ensure that other cars are not damaged.

And finally ... on Thursday, when it was raining, the car park came to a stand still. This was because drivers approaching from the church end of Hackford Road could not turn into the car park due to a tail back. If you find that you are unable to turn right out of the car park, simply turn left, then turn down Church Lane which will then get you back on to High Street.

Big Christmas Sing

Sally Wallace-Jones is setting up a Community Choir that will be presenting a "Big Christmas Sing" at Hingham Church on Sunday 9th December. Everyone is welcome and there is no previous experience required. Rehearsals are on Thursdays and start very soon. For further information please contact Sally on 01953 853165 or email revsamwj@gmail.com

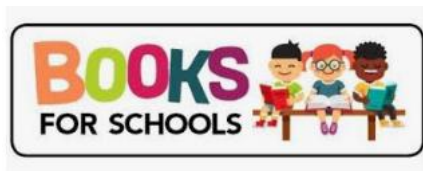
Playground markings and gym equipment



You are invited ...

Please remember that you are invited to come in to school on a Wednesday and Friday after school to look at your child's work and for them to share with you the many aspects of their learning. The school gates will still be locked at 3.30p.m so please then leave the school via the gates that lead on to and from the front playground.

Books for Schools



Please collect these tokens for us. We have a box in the foyer, clearly labelled, for you to put them in.

100 Club

October's winners are:

- 1st prize Carl Brooks £15
- 2nd prize Allison Woodings £10
- 3rd prize Lesley Robbins £5

There are still numbers available. Please contact Mrs Woodeson if you would like one:
julia.woodeson@gmail.com

Coming Up



Bonfire Biscuit Sale – Monday 5th November 2018

The sale will take place at break time and after school (if any left) ✨ ✨ ✨

It is a great event that the children always love however, it wouldn't be possible without any biscuits though 🍪, so I am looking for lots of willing bakers to make some bonfire themed biscuits or cakes to bring to the staff room on the morning of the sale in a named container!

I am looking forward to seeing all your amazing creations...just let me know if you are planning on making a batch - I would be most grateful.

The biscuits will be on sale for 30p and 50p so don't forget to give lots of pennies to your children the morning of the event.

Thank you. Jenny Martin x jvivers@hotmail.com

16.11.18 Children in Need

This will be a non-uniform day with spots and stripes a must.

Please bring in a minimum of £1 to not wear your uniform!



7.12.18 Christmas parties organised by the Friends.

KS1 6.00 – 7.00p.m.

KS2 7.15 – 8.45p.m.

More information will be circulated nearer the time.

Dates for your diary

AUTUMN TERM	
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 (RAISE)
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	
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	
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

Please remember that we have a lot of information on the school website <http://www.wicklewoodschool.co.uk/> and that we also have a school app and a Facebook page.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks