



# NEWSLETTER

## Number 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what turned out to be a very busy Summer Holiday for the school with the annexe build phase 1; more about that lower down in the newsletter.

A huge thank you to all the staff for getting the school ready for another academic year.

I must say that it appears that our new teachers have settled in well and are making a very good start - along with our old(er) ones too!



In order: Mrs Tibbits, Mrs Reed, Miss Watts and Mr Hackett.

The children have been very calm and full of smiles and big, happy 'Hellos'. It's wonderful to see them enjoying school so much and getting on so well with their learning already.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Look out for the After School Club letter on Monday which **must** be returned by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September with choices for clubs. We ask for £1 donation per child/£1.50 per family per week to attend. **Clubs will commence week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September.**



### SARAH'S FRENCH CLUB

Sarah's French Club starts again on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The club is open to children from Year 1 to Year 6. The lessons run during Wednesday lunchtime for 10 weeks each term, at a cost of £42. If you would like more information please contact Sarah on 01926 811909 or [spuigserver@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:spuigserver@mypostoffice.co.uk)

### MEET AND GREET

Meet and Greet has now moved to:  
**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 from 3:15 to 4:15pm.**

This is a chance to meet your child's new class teacher and see where they sit, how their classroom is arranged and ask any questions that you have. We look forward to seeing you.

### EXTRA CONTRIBUTIONS

Towards the end of the last academic year, we had quite a few parents, carers and relatives who said they would like to contribute that little bit extra to the school by making a donation to the school funds. These are welcome at any time of the year through Parentpay. This is NOT compulsory at all and we regard any such donations as a bonus.

We also plan next year to be working with parents to share their experiences of careers with the children and we will be asking for volunteers later this month.

### PLAYGROUND and DOGS

Thank you also to all of you who have been following the improved system at Main Site - it seems to have really eased congestion around the school. However, please feel free to come onto the Year 3 and 4 playground to wait for your child - you do not have to stand behind the fence!

Could I also ask parents with dogs to be very mindful of where they stand during pick up and drop off - a lot of children are petrified of them (even if yours is lovely) and if they are near gates, it makes the children very worried to pass the dog as they leave the school.

### NEW RECEPTION PARENTS' WORKSHOPS

This term, the Reception team will be running two workshops to help parents understand both how we teach children phonics and maths in school and how parents can help at home. This will comprise of a short meeting in the **MAIN HALL** at **MAIN SITE**, followed by workshops in the classroom.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Phonics 1:30pm**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Maths 1:30pm**

More information will come out to parents in due course.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

For your information, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September there will be individual and sibling photographs taken of children in their school uniform. This is for school age children only.

### CLASSES 2019-20

A reminder that **your child's class teacher** should always be the first point of contact as they are the member of staff who will be able to solve any problems directly. If you still have a further concern then please contact your child's Head of Phase as indicated below in the right hand column:

Nursery- Mrs Eden	
ROW - Mrs Owen/Mrs Wigglesworth	Miss Scott
RP- Miss Perry	KS1
1S- Miss Scott	Leader
1N- Mrs Newman	Mrs Cooke
2CP- Mrs Cooke/Mrs Porter	Assistant Head
2T- Mrs Tibbits	
3S- Mrs Simms	Miss Freeman
3RW- Mrs Wiggins/Mrs Reed	Assistant Head and LKS2 Phase Leader
4B- Mrs Battle	
4F - Miss Freeman	
5OW- Miss Watts	Mr Hackett
5CW - Miss Wright	Upper KS2
6J - Miss Johnson	Leader
6H - Mr Hackett	

### INSET DAYS IN SPRING TERM

Please note that we were due to have teacher training on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019, but unfortunately, our training supplier is now no longer able to offer that date. Therefore, we are seeking a replacement but it is likely that this will be a different date. As soon as we know, then we will let you know as we realise parents and carers need plenty of notice.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

*Have a great weekend.*

**Mr Tim Hewitt**  
**Head of School**

Wellesbourne CE Primary & Nursery School is committed to safeguarding.

## THE ANNEXE BUILD: PHASE 1

Over the summer, the builders took occupation of the building in order for work to begin on Phase 1 of the hall extension and improvements at the Annexe. Phase 1 was to internally reconfigure the building in order to: refurbish and alter two classrooms; create more toilets for the children; add a new office space and prepare the building for phase two.

As with all projects, it went to the wire but thanks to the determination of the staff, it was ready for the children on Wednesday morning. At Wellesbourne CE Primary School, we are fortunate enough that our staff will readily volunteer to help to overcome problems so many staff were in last Saturday morning to help unpack and set up the rooms as the school was not allowed to have its furniture and resources redelivered from storage until that Saturday morning at 8am! Even our Chair of Governors and others were helping out. Without them, there is no way the school would have been open to pupils on time.



*New central corridor*



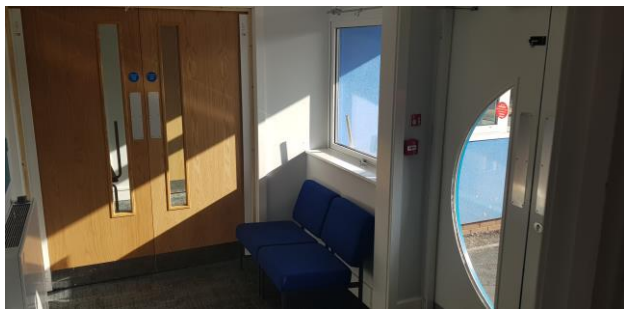
*2CP classroom*



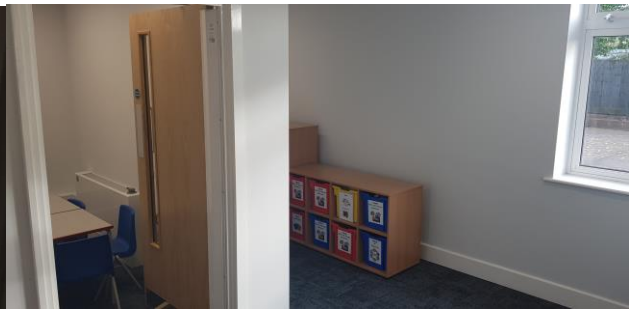
*2T classroom (was 2P)*



*New 'Year 2' toilets*



*New Entrance hall - leading to new Community room*



*New Community room ( & corridor which will lead to new hall)*

So **Phase 1** is complete and a huge thank you must go to both Mrs Oscroft and Mr Robinson who worked really hard over the summer holidays by being in close contact with the project managers and builders.

**Phase 2** is due to begin at October half term when the builders will return to crane in the hall (and kitchen) in modular pieces into place where the current groundwork has been dug and prepared. It is predicted to be ready by New Year. We can not tell you how excited we are and how much this will improve the children's school day when it is complete.

## DIARY DATES

**Please be aware that, sometimes, it is necessary to change these dates.**

Meet and Greet for Parents	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm-4.30pm		No Annexe Assembly 4F Class Assembly	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2.45pm
IOW Meeting for Y6 Parents	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm		Non-uniform day (Chocolate for Xmas Fayre)	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Annexe Certificates Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 9.05am Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm		Annexe Certificates Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 9.05pm Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45
Clubs Start	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September		Non-uniform day (Bottles for Xmas Fayre)	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
6J Class Assembly	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm		No Annexe Assembly Ks2 Class Assembly	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm
Individual/Sibling Photographs in School Uniform	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September		Christmas Fayre	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
2CP Class Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 9.05am Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm		Yr1 - Y2 Christmas Production. (1st Performance)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 9:30-10:30am. (Tickets will be needed)
Shared Learning (Current Parents)	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2:30pm to 3pm		Yr1- Y2 Second Performance	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 5pm until 6pm (This will be a ticket only performance)
Whole School Sponsored Walk NO Assemblies	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October		Yr1 - Y2 Third Performance	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2.00-3.00pm. (This will be a ticket only performance)
Annexe Certificates Assembly KS2 Class Assembly	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 9.05am Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2.45pm		Annexe Assembly Ks2 Class Assembly	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.05am Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm
Open Morning (Prospective Parents)	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October (9:15 to 11am)		Whole School Panto Trip	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2.45pm		Christmas Sing-a-long	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.00-8.00pm
Friends Quiz	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm		Year 5 Christingle	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm in church
1S Class Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 9.05am Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2.45pm		Christmas Church Services (Lead by Year 6)	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>(NO cert assemblies)</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>		Christmas Holidays	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>
Parents Evening 1	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm - 6.30pm		School Reopens for Spring Term	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January (TBC)</b>
<b>Parents Evening 2</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 4.00pm - 7.00pm		Annexe Cert Assembly KS2 Cert Assembly	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 9.05am Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2.45pm
No Annexe Assembly 5OW Class Assembly	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm		No Annexe Assembly KS2 Cert Assembly	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 9.05am Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2.45pm
Annexe Certificates Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 9.05am Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm		1N Class Assembly (main KS2 Certificates Assembly)	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 9.05am Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2.45pm

## DINNER MENUS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

**Next two menus:**

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Sept - **MENU 2**

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Sept - **MENU 3**

(see website/twitter (@wellesprimary))

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

### UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

*Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.*

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

**It is important to note**, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**

**Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 36,101 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 6,398 on the previous year.**