

Wendover CE Junior School

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*Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

Building solid foundations (Matthew 7: 24-27)

20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

The staff team of Year 5 would like to welcome you and the children to another year at Wendover CE Junior School. We are impressed with how well children are settling into the routine of the Upper School, and hope they are looking forward to this exciting year, as I know we are!

The Staff

The Year 5 class teachers are Mrs Edwards (5W), Mrs Corns and Ms Ellerby (5J) and Miss Johnson (5S). The children are supported in class by Ms Abbott, Mrs Barratt and Ms McLure.

Expectations

As the children are in the Upper School now, and are expected to be positive role models for the younger children, we continue to have high behaviour expectations of them. We recognise excellent learning and social behaviour choices, and pupils are rewarded for those. To prepare the children for Year 6 and secondary school, we encourage and support them to become more organised and independent.

School Uniform

We ask all children to wear the specified school uniform every day. Black school shoes are required, as per the uniform policy. Children should bring a suitable coat to school to keep them warm and dry when they go outside to play, as we endeavour to send them outside to have a break. All items of clothing need to be named. Long hair should be tied up with a plain hair band (black, red, grey or white). Keep jewellery to a minimum, e.g. wristwatches and one plain stud per ear. Nail varnish is not allowed in school. School trousers/shorts should not be tight fitting, e.g. leggings. Skirts should be of appropriate length and cut. If in doubt, refer to the school uniform policy for further guidance. This can be found on our website under the 'key information' section.

PE

PE kit, including shorts and socks as provided by the school and a t-shirt in the house colour, should be in school every day. Children are expected to change their socks for PE, and tights must not be worn during PE lessons. PE sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays, but sessions may be rescheduled. Additional sessions could also take place. Please ensure children have suitable clothing for the changing weather, and, once again, ensure all kit is named. Cycling shorts can be worn as a base layer under PE kit, but not as actual PE kit. This term's activities include football, teambuilding and problem-solving skills. Children will also take part in swimming sessions this year. We will communicate with you with more information regarding this once it has all been finalised.

Extended Learning

In Year 5, children are expected to complete a Reading Plus task, 30 minutes of Doodle Maths and Spelling practise every week.

Task	How does it work?	How is it checked?	Duration
Reading	Reading Plus task. Homework set on a Monday, due the following Monday. Independent reading to be completed daily, to and with an adult. Discussion of the text not only helps understanding of what was read, but also encourages inference and deduction.	Acknowledged on eSchools.	25 minutes per week 20 minutes per day
Spellings	Set each Monday, tested the following Monday.	Tested each Monday	25 minutes per week
Maths	Doodle Maths. Set each Monday, due in the following Monday.	Progress checked in school on a Friday.	30 minutes per week
TT Rockstars	TT Rockstars is still operational.	Activity checked on TT Rockstars	5 – 10 minutes daily
Wendover spelling challenge (half termly)	In addition to the weekly spellings, children are also tested on the 'metal' spellings every half term. Please support your child to learn these at home in readiness for the test.	Children are tested half termly. If they manage to spell <u>all</u> the words in the list correctly, they will move on to the next list, and receive a certificate. Children can be tested for more than one certificate per half term. Dates will be confirmed nearer the time.	At your own discretion

Volunteers

If you are in a position to assist with any area of learning, please contact the school office, who will pass the message on. We appreciate your help, as we always look for ways to make the curriculum even more engaging and exciting for the children.

Activities and Dates

On 26th September there will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event, from 15:30-16:30. As we arrange more enrichment activities this year, we will inform parents and give you as much notice as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank you in advance for the support you continue to give your child and the school. We look forward to getting to know the children on their learning journey. We are also there to support them with their social and emotional wellbeing. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing you soon at the 'Meet the Teacher' event.

Kind regards,

Estié Edwards
Year leader, Year 5

Respect

Reflection

Responsibility

Resilience