



Wendover CE Junior School

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 (Mathew 7:24-27)

Newsletter 19.4.24



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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

We have begun the term with a new focus: Community. We have explored what a community is and what communities we might belong to, such as the place we live, the organisations that we are part of or perhaps the groups that belong to.

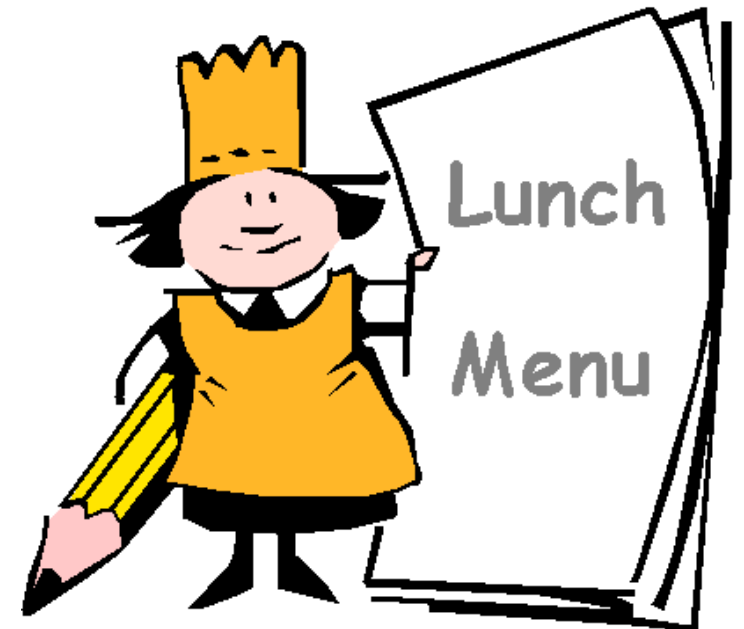
Children shared their thoughts about what made our school a community, aside from wearing the same uniform. Contributions included wanting to grow (academically and spiritually), living the school values, working collaboratively and caring for each other.



Lunch Sitings

The arrangements for lunches have changed slightly. We are now operating on a sittings basis. All Y3 and Y4 children have between 12.15 and 12.30 to eat their lunch. All the children are then dismissed together to play. Y5 and Y6 children come in at 12.40 and have until 12.55pm to eat, all then leaving together.

So far, this has been very successful. The dining room has been quieter and children have more time to eat their food. We are monitoring food waste carefully and we are talking with the hot lunch providers about a revised menu.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 have enjoyed planning and completing a science experiment this week. Children have enjoyed starting their prehistoric art work, focusing on line drawings of native animals.

Year 4 Surprisingly, all the Year 4 children enjoyed the chocolate and sweet tasting lesson that introduced our English topic on Charlie and the chocolate factory. They also worked well in PSHE to design a theme park that catered for the needs and interests of all.

Year 5 Pupils learned about the different parts of flowers. They dissected alstroemerias to look carefully at all the different parts they had been learning about. Then they displayed the different parts very carefully on A4 pieces of card, labelled the parts of the flowers, and some pupils even wrote down the function of the parts!

Year 6 are enjoying their new English unit on balanced arguments.

Weekly House Point totals



930 points

810 points



810 points

780 points



Equipment

Pencil cases do not need to be brought into school as all stationary needs, including pens, pencils, and other necessary equipment, are provided by the school. This helps reduce the risk of items going missing and ensures that every child has what they need for learning.

Additionally, please note that toys, including fidget toys, should not be brought into school. These items are available to borrow in the classrooms should your child need one during lesson time. Please speak to your class teacher.

PTA News

Date for the diary

What: PTA meet up

When: Tuesday 23rd April at 8:00pm

Where: The Shoulder of Mutton



Wendover Junior School PTA needs => **YOU**



1. YOUR CHILDREN BENEFIT

Participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps children perform better

2. THE SCHOOL BENEFITS

The PTA shows support for the school, teachers and admin team which nurtures the positive school atmosphere

3. YOU MAKE CONNECTIONS

You get to know the teachers and staff better and make friends with other school parents

4. IT'S GOOD FOR YOU

You feel good – it's fun and rewarding



We are a friendly bunch of parents who meet about once a term (usually in The Shoulder of Mutton). Some of our team have kids in Year 6 and will therefore be moving on to new schools in the Summer...**could you join us and get to know the ropes?** No special skills needed, just enthusiasm! Input can be as much or as little as you can give.

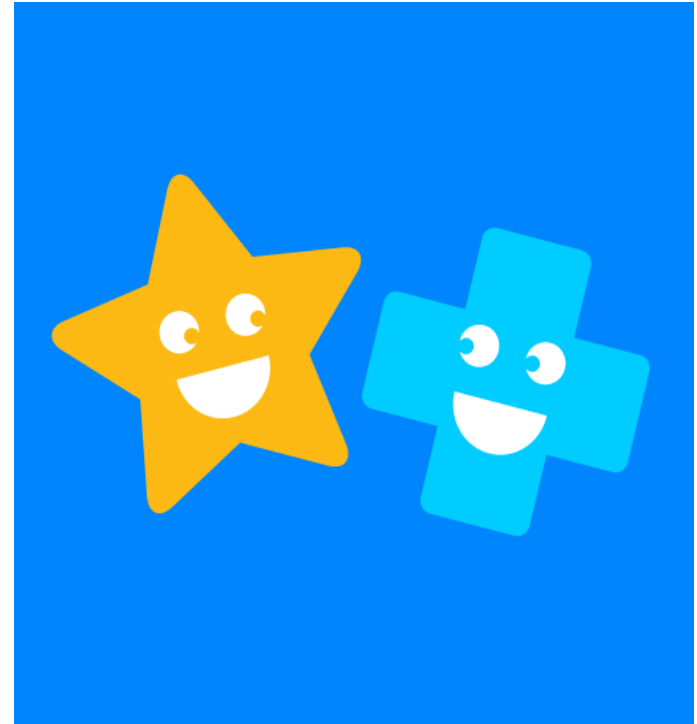
We'd particularly love to hear from anyone who could be our new treasurer – this is a great role for someone to do when and where they like without commitment to events (Key Stage 2 maths is fine!!)

For more information wendoverjuniorpta@gmail.com or admin@WendoverJunior.co.uk FAO Mrs. Brister

Doodle maths

As you know, we have provided online maths learning since September. The expectation is that all children complete up to 30 minutes of doodlemaths each week as extended learning (homework). This increases confidence and fluency, as well as giving them opportunities to develop good attitudes towards independent study.

We monitor time spent on doodlemaths each week. Whilst the whole school progress is good, some children are not engaging. Every child is expected to complete a minimum of 20 minutes per week – they can access doodlemaths through most devices. We provide additional support in school for anyone who has not engaged, allowing them to make up their time.



Dates for the Diary

Y4 Swimming lessons	Tuesday 23 rd April – Tuesday 16 th July (every Tuesday)	Consent on parentpay by Monday 15 th April
4W Class Assembly	Tuesday 30 th April	9am in the school hall
4J Class Assembly	Wednesday 1 st May	9am in the school hall
4S Class Assembly	Thursday 2 nd May	9am in the school hall
Bank holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 th May	
Y5 Perseus and Medusa drama workshop	Tuesday 7 th May	Consent/pay on parentpay by Friday 19 th April
Year 6 SATS week	Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	
3W Class Assembly	Tuesday 21 st May	9am in the school hall
3J Class Assembly	Wednesday 22 nd May	9am in the school hall
3S Class Assembly	Thursday 23 rd May	9am in the school hall
May half term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 29 th May	
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June	

Premier Education Sports Clubs:

Don't forget that Premier Education sports clubs are available throughout the half term! You can still book online (pending availability) and will only pay for the remaining sessions.

If your child hasn't already booked a place for these sessions, we encourage you to do so soon to secure their spot. Spaces are limited, and we want to ensure every child has the opportunity to participate in these enriching activities.

Booking portal: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover>

Key Contacts:

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to our dedicated team:

Venue Manager: Daniel

Email: dbell@premier-education.com

Phone: 01296 620 097

General Inquiries: Martyn

Email: office-11@premier-education.com

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We look forward to welcoming your child to our Afterschool Wraparound Programme and providing them with a memorable and educational experience. Thank you for your continued support.

Fancy learning a musical instrument?

Here is an opportunity for your child to begin their journey in music, and develop life-long skills that they will never regret. At WCEJS we are working hard to provide pupils with more performance opportunities in music, and would love more of our pupils to get involved and learn from our talented peripatetic music teachers.

Did you know we offer:

Drums/Bass/Electric Guitar (Pippa Beckford)

Piano/Keyboard (Michele Beckford)

Brass (Steve Kitchen)

Strings (Gareth Hart)

Classical Guitar



As music lessons are very popular some instruments become oversubscribed quickly but students can be added to a waiting list and offered a place as soon as one becomes available. Please contact the instrumental teacher directly via the email addresses below for further information.

Strings and classic guitar should be made via Bucks Music Trust <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

Drums/Bass/Electric guitar/Piano please email beckfordmusic@hotmail.com

Brass please email rjkitchen@sky.com

Family Support

Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information [HERE](#)

Support for Families and Staff

The [Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire](#) document has been updated with further contacts and links for finance and budgeting, health and wellbeing, food and cooking advice. Please share with staff, families, colleagues, friends and let us know of anything we have missed.