

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)

20 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to another year at Wendover CofE Junior School! The year 6 team are very excited about the year ahead. The children have settled well into their new class groups and are very much looking forward to all the exciting events that will take place this year. We wish the children a wonderful time in year 6 and we look forward to seeing them flourish over the coming year.

In this letter you will find some key information regarding routines, dates and some of the events that will be taking place over the year.

The Staff

In Year 6, the class teachers are Mr Kirk (6W), Mr Newnes (6J) and Mrs Khan(6S). In class, the children will be assisted by Mrs Brister, Mrs Elliot, Mrs Kaur, Miss Buckingham, Miss Keating,

Expectations

I am sure you will agree that having high expectations for every child is important. As the children are now the oldest in the school, we place a much greater emphasis on behaviour, independence, maturity and organisation, and ask that the Year 6 children are excellent role models for the rest of the school. Children are encouraged to hold a role of responsibility, such as: Head Pupils, Prefects, House Captains, Well-being Leaders, Social Time Monitors, Eco Warriors, Librarians and Junior Road Safety Officers amongst others. These roles prove to be very popular with Year 6 and a child who does not secure the role they initially applied for will be given the opportunity to try for a different one.

School Uniform

All children need to wear the specified school uniform every day and ensure they wear it correctly. Black school shoes should be worn – no boots. Children should come to school with a suitable coat to keep them warm and dry when they go outside to play. All clothing must be named. In addition, long hair should be tied up with a plain hairband (black, grey, red or white). Jewellery is kept to a minimum (optional wristwatch and one plain stud per ear). Nail varnish is not allowed in school. School trousers / shorts should not be tight fitting, e.g. leggings, and skirts should be of appropriate length and cut. Please refer to the school uniform policy for further guidance (this can be found on our website under the 'key information' section).

PE

It is essential children have their PE kit in school every day. Children are expected to change their socks for PE and tights should not be worn. Scheduled PE sessions will take place on a Thursday with Premier Sports. In addition to this, once a week, children will also be taught PE by their class teacher or as the case this term, this session will be swimming. Swimming sessions are due to start towards the end of September on Tuesday – you will be notified of this soon. Children need their swimming costume in school on a Tuesday. All kit must be named.

Extended Learning

By setting extended learning, we aim to develop independence and organisational skills. We encourage children to complete tasks to the best of their ability and seek help from staff if support is needed. All work will be uploaded onto eSchools on Monday and should be completed by the following Monday.

Task	How it is set	How it is marked/checked	Duration
Reading	Continue reading activities on Reading Plus Your child has been given a letter with their individual login details. In addition, we would expect the children to continue with independent reading. (it would be lovely if they could read to an adult at home once a week)	Staff will monitor Reading Plus activity	One 'lesson' section of Reading Plus (approximately 30-40 mins)
Weekly Spellings	Weekly spelling rules uploaded on eSchools. Your child must learn their spellings ready for their spelling test the following Monday.	Acknowledged on eSchools	Approx. 20-30 mins
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG)	Weekly SPAG activity on eSchools	Acknowledged on eSchools	30 mins weekly
Maths	DoodleMaths	Staff will monitor DoodleMaths Activity	30 mins weekly
Wendover Spelling Challenge	In addition to the weekly spellings, since Year 3 your child has been taking part in the Wendover Spelling Challenge. In Year 6 we will continue to work on securing these statutory words that have been set out by the DfE. Your child may refer to these words as the metal words or copper, bronze, silver, gold, platinum words. The Wendover Spelling Challenge words can be found on the school website. Please support your child to learn these at home ready for their test.	Your child will be tested half termly. If they manage to spell all the words correctly, they will receive a certificate in celebration assembly. Your child may be tested for more than one certificate per half term. Dates will be confirmed nearer the time.	At your own discretion

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Some Key dates and Educational Visits in Year 6

Please note all dates and visits are provisional. Circumstances may lead to changes to future events. Further events will be added as the year progresses.

Date	Event/Visit/Experience
Monday 23rd September	Team Building and Problem Solving Day
Thursday 26th September	Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 1st October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 19th November	6W Class Assembly
Wednesday 20th November	6J Class Assembly
Thursday 21st November	6S Class Assembly
Tuesday 3rd December	Maya Day
Tuesday 10th December	Hazard Alley (Half of 6W and 6J)
Wednesday 11th December	Hazard Alley (Half of 6W and 6S)
Spring Term (TBC)	Graffiti Art Workshop
Spring Term (TBC)	Big Bang Workshop
12 - 15 May	SATs week
23 - 25 June	Residential Activity Trip – Caldecotte Activity Centre in Milton Keynes
TBC - July	Birdman
TBC - July	Production

Volunteers

If you are in a position to help with any areas of learning, please make contact via the school office. We would really appreciate your help as we are always looking for ways to make the curriculum even more exciting and engaging for the children.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher if you have any queries or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday 26 September, 3.40-4.30pm.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Kirk
Year 6 Leader

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