

WILLIAM MACGREGOR'S NEWSLETTER

Last week I sent out dates that we currently had for the rest of the academic year. However, there was one mistake on that. **The Little Wandle phonics workshop** that is for all key stage 1 families is the 26th September and not October. This workshop is at 5.30pm. It is very important that Ladybird parents try to attend this as much of the children's learning will revolve around this programme for the next 3 years. It is also a great chance for year 1 and 2 parents to see what your child will learn in their year group as the programme progresses. It is wonderful to see the children so excited about their lunchtimes. We changed the format of our **lunchtimes** last term and this has enabled the children to have more free time outside. One area of lunchtime I would like to improve further are the children's

lunchboxes. I know year 3 are particularly excited to bring in their packed lunch since this is their first time able to but I am concerned across key stage 2 in general about the amount of extra treats that are in these boxes on a daily basis. I completely agree that children are able to have a chocolate biscuit or small bar as part of a balanced lunch diet but I am seeing an increasing amount of often up to 3 or 4 chocolate bars per day. This amount of sugar will have a negative impact on children's learning in the afternoon. Please can I ask that these are therefore limited. A reminder too that any sort of fizzy or energy drink (including Prime) is not allowed in school. Our school council are going to be working with the children on health and well-being as the year progresses. If your child is having a school lunch, please can I urge you again to ensure these are pre-booked at home to save teachers valuable teaching time each morning.

You may already know that this year our **swimming provision** has slightly changed. Instead of weekly swimming for year 4 across a year; year 5 have been attending a 'pop up pool' at Coton Green Primary School everyday for the past two weeks. The children swim for up to 40 minutes each day for a 4 week period. This has been so far hugely successful and the progress in the children's swimming is incredible already. I hope that this is something we can continue with now each year. The children have been amazing and a huge thank you to parents for ensuring kits are in school each day. I can imagine the towel washing and drying hasn't been easy.

A reminder to complete the **flu vaccination** form to enable your child to receive this in school on Tuesday 24th October.

Open morning

If you know anybody whose child will be school age and due to start school in September 2024, please alert them to our open mornings and afternoon. Prospective parents will be given a guided tour by our year 6 pupils.

Tuesday 10th October at 9am

Wednesday 18th October at 9am and 1.30pm

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Jones x

STAR OF THE WEEK

Year 1 – Caleb

Year 2 – Elsie

Year 3 – Kyren

Year 4 – Luna

Year 5 – Livy

Year 6 – Edi



MATHS SHED

Leaderboard:

Year 2

Year 3

Year 6

Year 4

Year 5

Year 1



Top Mathstronauts:

- Mia M - Y2

- Ana T - Y2

- Lucas H - Y3

SPELLING SHED

Leaderboard:

Year 4

Year 2

Year 3

Year 5

Year 6

Year 1



Top Spellers:

- Emi - Y4

- Noah M - Y4

- Neveah S - Y4

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TT ROCKSTARS

Congratulations to all of the children who have improved their rock speed this week!

Rock Hero (under 1 sec) -

Rock Legend (under 2 secs)-

Rock Star (under 3 secs)-

Dakota, Ivy F,

Headliner (under 4 secs) -

Luna L, Noah M, Olivia L

Support Act (under 5 secs)-

Ollie H,

Breakthrough Artist (under 6 secs)-

Emelia H,



School photos will be conducted on

Monday 2nd October 2023

At this session we will be photographing

Whole School

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ATTENDANCE

Whole School: 96.2%
 Ladybirds: 94.9%
 Year 1: 98.2%
 Year 2: 95.8%
 Year 3: 98.4%
 Year 4: 98.1%
 Year 5: 94.7%
 Year 6: 93.3%



Why is high attendance important for your child's education?

As a parent/carer you want the best life chances for your child/children. Being in school every day gives them the very best chance of achieving this. GCSE'S may seem a long way off for your child but 90% of children with average attendance at primary school and into secondary school of around 85% fail to achieve 5 or more GCSEs and one third of children fail to gain any.

Poor attendance in school will limit children's ability to achieve their full potential and this will impact opportunities in life.

IT IS GOOD TO BE GREEN!
 COME ON WMG, WE NEED TO IMPROVE
 ATTENDANCE!
 WE ARE AIMING FOR 97%

THE CLASS NEXT WEEK WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE
 GETS AN EXTRA PLAYTIME

Year 3 have
 the best
 attendance
 this week!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to all children celebrating their birthday this week! 🎉



Alfie M (Y6)
 Isla (Y6)

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Congratulations to Ms L Coates who won £5.70 last week and has very kindly donated this back to the school. Thank you.

We have raised £2,712.00 so far.

We have a new area we are fundraising for now and this is the area to the side of the trim trail. This will be an area dedicated to reflection, one that reaches our senses and provides an area of calmness and sanctuary.

