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Friday Flier



Harvest Assembly

Thank you to Reverend Matt for his Special Harvest Assembly. I would also like to thank parents for their generous donations. Particularly in this very difficult financial climate. I have also been asked to pass on the thanks of the Waterlooville Food Bank to the parents who kindly donated items which will be distributed to people in the local area who, because of a crisis in their lives are struggling to provide for themselves and/or their families.

Play Equipment outside Wagtails' Class

Please can I remind parents that this is not to be used by children at the beginning and the end of the school day. We have noticed that an increasing number of parents are allowing their children free rein of this equipment.

Whilst it does look very exciting please can I take this opportunity to remind you that this equipment is only for the use of the children whilst they are being supervised by school staff during school day. **It should not be used by children at any other time of the day.** This includes younger and older siblings. Please can you work with us in order to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Informal Parental drop ins: Wednesday 11 October 3.30pm – 4.00pm

As previously advised we are offering parents the opportunity to drop in to their child's class on Wednesday and have a look at their books and visit their new class. Class teachers will also be available for a brief chat. Please note that it is likely to be very busy at 3.30pm

Year R parents: Please enter and exit via your child's normal door.

Year 1 and Year 2 Parents: Please enter and exit via either the North or South Door.

Please can we request that you do not exit using the main school entrance as we do have children on site who are using the after-school club and their parents are required to remain outside until staff are able to safely hand over their children to them.

School Photographs will be taken on Friday 13 October (individual)

Please ensure that your child is in school uniform with their hair etc as you would like it for their photograph. Unfortunately, once again, the photographic company's **default procedure is that sibling photographs will not be available, this is both for the safety of the photographers and the quality of the pictures as the photographers will remain 2 metres away from the children at all time and posing them would be problematic.**

Family sibling 25% discount: To support parents wishing to purchase the 2023 individual photographs of their siblings they have continued their "Family discount" which provides a 25% reduction on their individual photographs purchased.

Novelty Lunch: Thursday 05 October

Thank you to our cook, Claire Hardy, and her staff for making this a very successful event and for parents in supporting this. The children seemed to enjoy their lunch. We will be having another one in January!

Wanted: Washing Machine and car/van to transport

Do you have an old washing machine that is just sitting in your garage that you no longer want? If you do, please can you consider donating this to the school. We only require a very basic machine. Unfortunately, we have no way of transporting this so we are also asking if anyone would be able to help us in the event that a washing machine were to be offered. If you are able to either donate a machine or help to transport one, please can you leave your details with the school office.

Beehive Invoices

If your child attends our after-school club all outstanding invoices should have been paid in full.

Head Lice

We have had a number of reported cases across the school, particularly in Years 1 and 2. Please check your child's head over the weekend and treat as necessary. We are still advised that the most effective way of removing head lice is using the wet-combing method as described below.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply ample conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure that the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb
- Work methodically through the hair section by section so that the whole head of hair is combed through
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure on the wet hair
- Repeat the procedure on day five, nine and thirteen in order to clear the young lice as they hatch, before they have had time to reach maturity. It is extremely important that you repeat on the days advised above.

If you do choose to use a chemical method, your child does not need to remain at home for the whole day. They can return to school after treatment, even if slightly late.

Busy Bees

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

Year R: *Jacob Joey Shergold and George Sumbler.* **Year 1:** *Jenson Freeman, Bobby Gibbons, Danny Howes, Sidney Winter, Abigail Wollaston and Oscar Ziya.*

Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Woodpeckers' Class
- Kestrels' Class

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Reminder of INSET Days for this academic year

- 27 November 2023
- 02 January 2024
- 28 March 2024
- 03 June 2024

Forest School Sessions

The timetable for this half term has already been sent out. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: [Autumn A Timetable](#)

Lunch Menu

Next week's menu will be: Week 2. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: [menu](#). Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

Yours sincerely



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