



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming dates for your diary

Monday 11th September: Term Starts for Reception
Thursday 28th September: Reception Trip to Pizza Express
Monday 9th October: School Photographs
Tuesday 10th October: Year 4 Trip
Friday 20th October: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 30th October: School Starts
Tuesday 31st October: Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Thursday 2nd November: Reception Trip to Pizza Express
Monday 6th November: INSET DAY – No School
Tuesday 7th November: R/KS1 Consultation Evening
Thursday 9th November: KS2 Consultation Evening
Tuesday 28th November: 'Flu Vaccinations
Monday 18th December: Christmas Performances (TBC)
Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Performances (TBC)
Wednesday 20th December: TERM ENDS 1:30 pm
Thursday 21st December: INSET DAY – No School
Thursday 4th January 2018: SCHOOL STARTS
Friday 9th February: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 19th February: SCHOOL STARTS
Thursday 1st March: World Book Day Mufti
Friday 2nd March – Thursday 8th March: Book Fair
Friday 9th March: INSET – NO SCHOOL

Stars of the Week



Every week, in each class, children who demonstrate our IPC goals are chosen as *Stars of the Week*. They are recognised in Rewards Assembly and each receive a certificate, which is first displayed in school, before they proudly take it home! Their names will also be printed here - so watch this space!



Our 9 personal goals:



...and the globe represents International Awareness!

From Miss Lim

Welcome to our first edition of this year's weekly newsletter!

Every week, Mrs Meredith collates updates from staff across the school and puts everything together in what we hope is an informative, entertaining newsletter. Although we try to keep you updated via other channels – the school website, Facebook page, noticeboards on the playground, letters home – this newsletter is one of the main ways we will communicate key information to all parents, so please make sure you read it carefully! As the year unfolds, we will look forward to sharing the pupils' successes with you, helpful reminders and tips about how you can support their learning, accounts of trips or events, and key dates for your diary. The newsletter is a really lovely record of all the exciting things that Weyfield pupils get up to every week and we hope you enjoy reading it. If you want to make any suggestions or contributions, we are always open to new ideas so please just grab me on the playground!

It has been an absolute delight welcoming everyone back to school this week. The children have thrown themselves back into their reading, writing, maths and IPC lessons. I was amazed in our first Rewards Assembly this morning, listening to the teachers' praise for all the hard work and effort children have already displayed – in just 3 days! – and I can't wait to see what they achieve as they progress through the year. I'd like to remind you what a difference it can make if you support and challenge your child at home. It is our expectation that children read every night with an adult, as this really develops their confidence and love of reading. If you need any support with this or have questions about Accelerated Reader, please just speak to your child's class teacher.

As ever, it has also been a real pleasure catching up with the whole community and I look forward to working with you all again this year. Let the good times roll!

Have a great weekend,

Miss Lim

Headteacher

School Council Elections

As the school year starts, the children will be learning something about democracy, as Years 1-5 will be voting for our School Council



Pupils from Years 1-5 may nominate themselves for these positions, writing their own 'manifesto', which they will deliver, as a speech, to voters of another year or class, giving a brief account of how they believe they and their peers can influence school life through this important forum.

Elections will take place on Wednesday 13th September and the results will be announced in Rewards Assembly on Friday 15th. **All prospective Councillors should now be writing their speeches!**

Reception children will be able to join in this process as they move up the school and Year 6 will shortly be embarking on their own elections for Head Boy and Girl, as well as other positions of responsibility.

Living Streets WOW

We are continuing our work with the charity, Living Streets, and their year-round walk to school challenge, WOW. If your child walks, scoots or cycles to school at least once a week, they will be rewarded with a collectible badge at the end of the month.



This year's theme, Walk the Americas, will teach pupils about the wonderful landscapes, animals, culture and history of the Americas. Living Streets has also created the WOW Walk to School app which you can use to bring the badge to life with fun games and virtual reality. The app can be downloaded from the Play Store, Amazon, iTunes and the App Store.

With WOW, we aim to lower congestion outside the school gates, improving road safety for our pupils, and increasing activity levels. If you live too far away from school to walk, you can Park and Stride which still counts towards a WOW badge. www.livingstreets.org.uk/wow

Safety Around School

As a follow-up to WOW, can we start the new academic year by reminding everyone of the need for safe and courteous behaviour around the school entrance, particularly at the start and end of the school day. Drivers should comply with parking and waiting restrictions, which are in place to safeguard Weyfield's children, and should also show due respect to Mrs Romaine, the School Crossing Patrol. The law requires drivers to stop when the Stop sign is held upright and it is an offence if a driver does not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol. The penalties for not stopping include a fine of up to £1000 and three penalty points on your driving licence. Even though we have not yet had a full week of school, we have witnessed some extremely dangerous practices on Woking Road as the children have been leaving. Please make sure you are driving and parking safely. Thank you.

Attendance

Don't let your child miss out!

Every day at school, we guarantee that your children are experiencing new and exciting things. Whether it's playing a new sport with Mr Espinosa, launching balloon rockets with Mrs Shred and Mr Hanley, tackling Mrs Mankel's brainteasers, speaking French with Madame Clark or enjoying a new book... our staff are busy planning daily learning opportunities that will engage and challenge your child. BUT, your child has to be IN school to enjoy these lessons! And, the bad news is there are **ONLY 190 school days** in a year, which means we don't have much time to cram all that excitement in. **Every day your child spends out of school is a day lost.**

The greatest gift you can give your child is a love of learning and **the opportunity to attend school every day.** School is where they will mature, make lifelong friends, discover their passions and talents, learn new knowledge, and develop the core skills they will need to be financially and emotionally independent as young adults. So please, bring your child to school every day on time – don't let them miss out.

This week, **Willow Class** has the best attendance figure of **96.19% Well done, Willow Class!** Overall attendance is only **91.94%**.

Welcome, Mr Espinosa!

We are delighted to welcome Rodrigo Espinosa to Weyfield. As part of the Premier Sport organisation, he will be responsible for P.E. lessons across the school.



Originally from Chile, Rodrigo is married to an English girl and, about a year ago, when little Diego came along, they decided to move to England so she could be nearer her family.

Rodrigo loves the outdoor life and enjoys listening to many different styles of music. He also says he was "born dancing"! If you see him, wave your hankie at him and ask him if he fancies a quick cueca!

Over the holidays I read...

"Welcome to Nowhere" by Elizabeth Laird.

This is a book about a boy called Omar and his disabled brother, Musa. They live in Syria, where a war is raging between the government and the people. Omar, Musa and the rest of their family have to flee once their house gets bombed.

I really liked this book, because it is an example of what happens in real life.

Ellie has just moved up to Year 6.

'Welcome to Nowhere' is a book that Year 6 will be looking at in greater detail during the course of the year.

Suggested reading lists will be available shortly.

