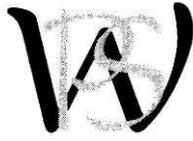


Wiveliscombe News



3 March 2017

Achievement Certificates – Roll Call of Honour

Charlie Thorne, Imogen Wheeler, Maisy Kidner
Harrison Knight, Myla Corfield-Tonge, Amelie Keal,
Amy Johnson, William Barrington, Connor Smith,
Tom Wheeler, Oscar Laker-King, Lily Discombe, Max
Hannaford, Archie Austin, Moe Williamson, Fern
Hellings-Langdon, Alexander Portman-Ross, Jake
Perry, Isobel Mullins, Millie Ekless, Amy Savage-
Bailey, Harry Kennen, Matthew Gregory, Alex Wood,
Jacob Cook, Harvey Johnson, Nathan Cook, Neve
Leigh-Firbank, Albie Chapman, Oliver Gray, Arwyn
Jones, Jacob Bellamy, Paulina Obodzinska, Oscar
Coward, Daisy North, Harrison Knight, Asta Myram,
Luke Barrington, George Mills, Jasmine Duncan,
Fenton Cherry, Sophie Hooper, Elizabeth Beale,
Johnny Martin, Ben Pursey, Ella Holmes, Oliver
Hellings-Langdon, Chloe Gregory, Gabi Grudzien,
Andrew Smith, Robert Myram, Esther Davies, Sandra
Grudzien, Connor Smith, Kizzie Lee, Harvey Batten,
Harvey Johnson, Harry Armitage, Trudie Blaker, Max
Quarterly, Scarlett Smith, Mrs Ker, Heidi Stucki, Ruan
Lizemore

Future Dates for your Diary:

- **8 March** – Yr 3 PE Festival at Kingsmead
- **10 March** – PTFA Non Uniform Day; 50p donation to fund Beetle Drive now due to take place after Easter (instead of Sat 11 March). More info' to follow
- **14 & 15 March** – Parents' Evening
- **21 March at 2.15pm** – Celebration of Dance: Oak, Hazel and Beech Classes (details included in this Newsletter)
- **17 March** – Deadline to return school menu

- **21 March** – Hazel Class – Chemical Labs Assembly at Dulverton Junior School – see letter dated 27 January for more details
- **21 March** – next PTFA meeting at 3.30pm at school
- **24 March** – Maple & Ash Class Trip to Taunton Museum
- **24 March** – Red Nose Day, Non Uniform Day (dress in red) & cake sale – see letter dated 22 February for more details
- **24 March** – PTFA School Disco (information to follow shortly)
- **28 March** – Oak & Elm Class Trip to Taunton Museum
- **28, 29, 30 March** – Poetry Slam (details included in this Newsletter)
- **31 March** – last day of term
- **3 – 17 April** – Easter Holidays
- **18 April** – Return to School
- **21 April** – PTFA Film Night (information to follow shortly)
- **26 – 28 April** – Yr 4 Kilve Residential
- **26 April** – Yr 5 Trip to Exeter Mosque – more details to follow
- **1 May** - May Day Bank Holiday
- **3 May** – Deadline for final payment of Yr 6 PGL residential
- **8 – 11 May** – Year 6 SATS
- **16 May** - Academy Portraits - Yr 6 & Class Photos
- **17 May** – Poetry Slam – KS1 & EYFS joint (details included in this Newsletter)
- **17 – 19 May** – Yr 6 PGL Residential
- **26 May** – last day of term
- **29 May – 2 June** – Half Term
- **5 June** – Inset Day
- **6 June** – Return to School (Tuesday)

Parents' Meeting for Whole School - 14 & 15 March



Parents' Meetings will be held on the above dates. Please see the attached letter for further details.

PTFA members will be at school selling refreshments during the parents' evenings

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Poetry Slam

We had a very successful internal poetry day last term, which was so well-received by staff and enjoyed by our children that we have decided to do it again. We felt it was really worth celebrating and so this time, we invite you to come and enjoy it with us. Please come along! Perhaps you'll have a poem to perform too!

28th March - Hazel and Beech 2:30pm

29th March - Willow 2:30pm

30th March - Chestnut and Larch 2:30pm

17th May - KS1 and EYFS joint 2:30pm

Mrs Laws

Parents of children in Oak, Hazel and Beech Classes

You are invited to a celebration of dance!

Our classes have been lucky enough this term to be taught dance this term by Rah Cattell. We would love you to come to see what we have been learning. Please come to a sharing assembly on Tuesday 21st March at 2.15pm for a cup of tea, then the performances will start at 2.30pm. We'll be finished in time for a normal school pick up.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Mrs Hayes, Miss Webber and Miss Harrison.



Old/Spare Waterproof clothes

Has anyone got any spare waterproof clothes (particularly trousers, jackets and wellies) their child has grown out of that they would like to donate to the school? KS2 have just started Forest School sessions and EYFS/KS1 will be beginning outdoor learning sessions in the Summer term. We would appreciate any donations for all ages from Reception to Year 6 children.



Magazines

Year 4/5 are going to be working on newspapers and magazines for the next four weeks. If any of you, who have children, have any children's magazines (that are suitable) to donate to Beech, Chestnut or Larch we would greatly appreciate them!

Many thanks

Miss Harrison, Mrs Hendriks, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Richardson

Active Kids

Sainsbury's have started this year's Active Kids vouchers once again. Over the last couple of years we have used the collected vouchers to purchase various items for PE such as restock of tennis balls, flags and stamps for orienteering. We would like to encourage parents, family and friends to collect as many as possible again this year! Vouchers can be posted in the "Active Kids" box located in the school foyer or handed in at the school office.



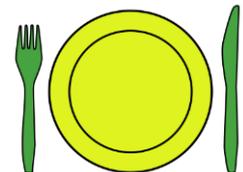
School Admissions Facebook

Parents and carers are encouraged to 'like' the School Admissions Facebook page so you can receive the latest updates and deadline reminders; particularly those parents who have children starting in Reception or children who are moving up to secondary school in September.



School Meal Provision

As stated in the letter sent home to parents dated 1 March 2017, with effect from 31 March 2017 Millennium Catering will no longer be providing our school meals and as from 1 April 2017 Kingsmead School have agreed to take over the production of the School meals.



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They will be working hard to ensure this a smooth transition and no interruption to the service provided.

As usual, menus/payment can be posted in the school post box located by the hatch by the school office or (if paying by cash) handed to a member of the office. Please remember to return all forms/payment in a clearly marked envelope addressed to Kingsmead School Kitchen with your child's name, class name.

We ask parents in advance for your co-operation: to ensure your child's school meal is processed in a timely manner it is imperative menus / payment are returned by the requested return date stated on the menu. Late menus/payment may result in a delay in your child's menu being processed.

Please note – the March return date on the current menu recently given to the children (for period wc 17 April – wc 4 May) is earlier than usual (17 March 2017) due to the change over.

Fencing

We are working on improving site security over the next couple of months and plan to install more fencing around the school to secure various areas. If there are any agricultural contractors – or similar - out there who would be able to help or advise, then your support would be much appreciated. Is there, for example, anyone with a small tractor (to access our site) with a back auger who could help us by drilling holes into the ground for fence posts? Would anyone be prepared to give up half a day to help our caretaker putting up the fencing? Any kind of help would be much appreciated. Please contact the Office if you can offer some time or support.

Audit of Parent Skills and Experience

We know that we have some amazingly talented or experienced parents at this school: authors, illustrators, IT specialists, accountants, fire officers, doctors, cooks and chefs, builders....the list is endless. However, what we don't know is who they all are! If you are in any kind of role that our children might find interesting or that we could draw on for

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advice, ideas or resources, and you are willing to help us in any way then please let us know. If you have visited some far-flung country, cycled from Lands End to Jon O' Groats (or vice versa), can juggle or breath fire, can embroider tapestries, fluently speak another language, are good at making things, know the history of Wivey, etc... then again please let us know.

What we are trying to do is to harness the skills, experience and/or knowledge of parents to help us out occasionally in what we do at school. Therefore we would like to compile a list of who can do what that we can draw upon. Please do not be modest – your skill or knowledge may be quite niche, but could still excite and inspire our children. Complete and return the slip at the end of this newsletter.

Former pupils of this school

We would like to find out what former pupils of the school are doing now – whether they were here 10 years ago, 20, 40 or even 80!

What did they go on to become as adults – builders, scientists, hairdressers, racing drivers, chefs?

It would help the children who are here now to have some idea of what they might be themselves in 10-15 years' time.

If you were a child here, or know someone who was, please let us know by completing the reply slip at the end of this newsletter.

Wiveliscombe Town Hall Trust – Thank you!



The Town Hall Trust would like to thank the children and parents for raising an amazing £143.20 at our last non-uniform day. Donations raised will be used towards the restoration of the Town Hall windows.

Social Media app “Musical.ly” – keeping our children safe on line!

Important/useful information we would like to share with you that has been posted by Callington Police this week -

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep our young people safe on line Launceston Sector Police are urging parents to check if their children are using popular social media app Musical.ly safely and securely.

We have been made aware locally that some of our children are accepting 'fans' because they are 'famous' and must be ok. They are also posting videos of themselves in their school uniforms which clearly raises the risk of identifying their locality. As parents we have a duty to play an active role in our children's on line world. Please don't bury your heads in the sand....Get involved!

This warning comes after concerns have been raised that girls between the ages of eight and 12 are being targeted and groomed by potential paedophiles through the apps private messaging service.

Musical.ly is a video social networking app for video creation, messaging, and live broadcasting. The app lets users create short videos by lip-syncing to popular songs.

These issues were first raised in Merseyside when the Liverpool Cyber Safety team revealed that they had dealt with several cases of grooming through the app and consequently sent emails to local schools warning parents to be vigilant over how their children are using the app.

It's believed that males are creating accounts and posing as teens before private messaging victims asking them to send more inappropriate content.

In the modern day and age it is a lot harder to know if someone is who they claim to be and children are the most vulnerable victims.

There is no suggestion that the app developers - who have safeguards in place and take swift action to remove inappropriate content - have done anything wrong,

5 ways to keep your child safe whilst using the app

- 1. Secure their account by making it private- this way only users that your children accept are able to view their videos. You can also block a user if needed.
- 2. Tell your child to never include their location when posting videos.
- 3. Tell your children to only accept a follower request if they can be 100% sure that they know the user.
- 4. The app has an age rating of 13+ so if you find that your child created an account without your permission you can email privacy@musical.ly and let them know that the account was made by someone underage. They will promptly work to delete the account.
- 5. You can delete all videos, remove their profile picture, change their account name and finally make the account both invisible and unrecognisable before removing it from your child's device/s.

Money Raised from the Bags To School



Thank you to all of you who cleared out cupboards, wardrobes and drawers of old or outgrown clothes. 260kg was collected and £104.00 raised!!

Beetle Drive - Message from the PTFA

The Beetle Drive that was originally planned to take place on Saturday 11th March has been postponed until after Easter.

The non-uniform day on Friday 10th March will still go-ahead so the funds raised will be ready for The Beetle Drive.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Regards
PTFA

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Governors' Corner

Wivey is a pleasant corner of the world where it is sometimes tempting to heed less and less to dark movements in the outside world. But we nevertheless and increasingly find that an eye watches us from afar, keeping us alert to the arrival of the Nazgul and threats to remove some of our most treasured assets from our guardianship. So what to do? Ignore it, fight it or seek to change the course to our own design? We now have a loose fellowship of schools (The Tone Valley Partnership) which will help us develop what we do and keep those horsemen from Mordor (or is it Maundown?) at bay. We had 80 replies (thank you to you all) to

the parent survey (results in the next newsletter) which will be great for understanding those areas where we're doing well and where we need to improve. Recent tweeks to the website will help you (and the Nazgul) find out about how the school works (you can now even find minutes of Governor meetings – omg, run, hide). And school meals will soon return to a diet of liver and potatoes followed by prunes and lumpy custard – or not (there will be a new catering contract when Millenium pack up shop at the end of term, more details coming soon). Hi ho hi ho – ain't it fun being a governor! Time to go back to my hobbit hole.

Julian Mellor, Vice Chair of Governors

Reply Slip: Audit of Parent Skills and Experience:

Parent name:

Child:

Skill, experience or knowledge:

Reply Slip: Former pupils of this school

Past Pupils:

Name:

Time here as a child:

What you grew up to be:

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