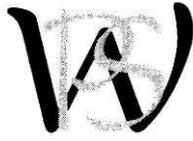


Wiveliscombe News



28 April 2017

Achievement Certificates – Roll Call of Honour

Poppy Richardson, Maya Yon, Maggie Smith, Harley Ormerod, Caspian Trump, Otto Lawrey, Ella Holmes, Summer Harding, Charlie Mellor, Jamie-Leigh Danskin, Abigail Totterdell, Niamh Higgins, Noah Lloyd, Bertie Thorne, Amelie Keal, Jason Spiller, Corey Garrity, Moe Williamson, Mark Sattler, Hebe Stewart, Reuben Berry, Madeline Rome, Austin Leigh-Firbank, Jude Smy, Ben North, Ralph Brammall, Isaac Adams, Charlie Thorne, Claudia Gilbert, Harry Cookson, Marshall Johnson, Brooke Garrity, Charlotte Mills, Jude Marsh, Amelia Hutchings, Ezmae Coombs, Jo White, Zahra Wilkinson, Cosima Varney, Faye Salmine, Ella Cottrell

Future Dates for your Diary:

- **1 May - May Day Bank Holiday**
- **2 May – Return to school**
- **8 – 11 May – Year 6 SATS**
- **16 May - Academy Portraits - Yr 6 & Class Photos** (see letter dated 26.04.17 for details)
- **17 May – Poetry Slam; KS1 & EYFS joint** (details included in Newsletter dated 03 03 17)
- **17 May – Year 5 PE Festival, Kingsmead** (more details to follow shortly)
- **17 – 19 May – Year 6 PGL Residential** (more details to follow shortly)
- **23 May – NHS Heights & Weights National Measurement programme for Reception & Yr 6 Children** (refer to letter from Public Health/Somerset County Council for more information)
- **26 May – last day of term**
- **29 May – 2 June – Half Term**
- **5 June – Inset Day**

- **6 June - Return to School (Tuesday)**
- **6 June – KS2 swimming starts, last session – 18 July** (more details to follow)
- **8 June – KS1 swimming starts, last session – 20 July** (more details to follow)
- **19 – 22 June – Travelling Book Company** (more details to follow)
- **23 June - Sports Day**
- **28 June – Year 4 – Orienteering, Norton Manor Camp** (more details to follow)
- **29 June – Year 5 – Outdoor Education, Norton Manor Camp** (more details to follow)
- **30 June – Reserve Sports Day**
- **30 June – Yr 6 Camp** (more details to follow)
- **1 July – PTFA Summer Fair** (more details to follow)
- **5 July – Year 6 Kingsmead Induction Day & eve** (more details to follow)
- **14 July – PTFA School Disco** (details to follow)
- **17 & 18 July (both at 6.30pm) – Yr 6 Play** (more details to follow)
- **19 July (2pm) – Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly, venue TBC as Church is not available** (more information to follow)
- **21 July – Last Day of Term**
- **24 July – Inset Day**
- **25 July - Beginning of Summer Holidays**

Reminders:

3rd May – Yr 6 PGL (17 – 19 May) – deadline for full payment of trip

5th May – Deadline to return latest school menu



Remember – ALL KS1 children & KS1/KS2 children who are entitled to a free school meal & would like a meal MUST complete & return a menu (even if your child would like the main meal & dessert, so option 1a every day). Without a menu, a school meal will NOT be prepared.

12th May - Deadline to return Opt-Out slip for NHS Child Measurement Programme (Rec & Yr 6)

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Job Vacancies

Medical Teaching Assistant

We require, to start in September 2017, a teaching assistant to work with a very young child with Type 1 diabetes. The job involves supporting the child on a 1:1 basis by monitoring blood levels and administering bolus. The job will be 22.5 hours per week - 8:30-1:00 every day.

Applicants should be enthusiastic, patient caring and committed to the well being of young children. Experience of working with pupils with medical needs would be an advantage, although full training will be given.

Closing date 8 May
Interviews 10 May

Finance/Admin Officer - Paddocks Nursery

Grade 13 £17,772 - £20,138 pro rata (actual salary £12,008 - £13,606)

25 hours per week (with the possibility of these being annualised to working more in term time and less in holiday periods).

Permanent position

For more details see attached advert.

Mrs Richardson

We found out last week that Mrs Richardson, the teacher who has covered Mrs Ker's maternity leave in Larch Class, feels unable to continue for personal reasons. With such little notice and due to the likely difficulties in recruiting a teacher to cover a post for what would be left of the summer term, we have decided that Year 4 and 5's three classes should become two from next Tuesday. Parents and children directly affected have already been informed.

Swimming

As we do every year, swimming sessions for the whole school will commence after May half term as follows:



KS2 Tues 9.15 - 11.45 first session 6th June last session 18th July

KS1 Thurs 9.30 - 11.30 first session 8th June last session 20th July

A letter confirming the exact time slot your child's class will be swimming will be issued shortly.

As always, adult support is needed for help to walk the children safely to the pool and back. If you are able to help please speak to your class teacher. Remember - If you would like to help, you will need to have a current DBS (less than 2 years old). If you wish to apply for a DBS please contact the school office.

Do you have a spare / old set of children's rowing boat oars?



If you have an old / spare set of children's rowing boat oars you would like to donate to Oak and Elm class, please either give them to Mrs Hayes (teacher of Oak Class), Mrs Goodwin (teacher of Elm Class) or to the school office.

Many thanks, Oak and Elm

Beetle Drive – 6th May, 2pm – 4pm

The PTFA are holding a beetle drive on Sat 6th May at the school, from 2pm to 4pm. This is supposed to be a family event suitable for children from very young. The idea is to draw a beetle using a dice to determine which body part you can add, taking it in turns going round the table. The first person to draw their beetle wins that round. It really is very simple and lots of fun. It really would be lovely to see lots of people for a fun Saturday afternoon.

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Co-op Local Community Fund

Dear Parents and Carers

The Co-ops local community Fund is supporting Wiveliscombe Primary School in its current Period.

Please support us by choosing us as your local cause. Co-op gives 1% of what you spend on its products to community projects selected by Co-op stores near your home. You can choose which cause your own 1% goes to. This money will then go to providing new books for the school library along with other resources needed by the school.

Please select Wiveliscombe Primary School PTFA under your co-op membership page <https://membership.coop.co.uk/dashboard> To support our children's learning.

Please also spread the word and get your family and friends to support us.

If you have any questions or would like more information please have a look at the co-op website or speak to any member of the PTFA

Many thanks for your continued support

Wiveliscombe Primary School PTFA

Mrs Batstone

As you may know Mrs Batstone has had her baby, and is now looking forward to coming back and having Ash Class for the last week of the summer term. Beyond that she will be working an afternoon a week in KS1 for us, up until at least autumn half term.

Governors' Corner

We have started the term needing to react to a teacher leaving, and holding a meeting with parents to explain the budget and new class structure for next year. Every organisation has difficult decisions to make when faced with events outside their control and we are no different. As Governors we have to make sure the best strategic decisions are being made. We have a very energetic and focused Governing body and Leadership Team and I want to reassure you that we are making the right and best decisions for the school and its children. I was especially proud of how teachers beyond the Senior Leadership Team have also played their part in recent decision making. They have been instrumental in making sure that we have found the optimal solution and have fully supported and steered the steps we have been forced to make. Thank you to the team!

Some of these decisions are tough and we will not please everyone. The Education System is under pressure and these difficult times are here for the foreseeable future. Rest assured we have a strong team that is equipped to deal with the challenges. We will continue to do our best to communicate with parents but firmly believe that if we face these challenges together we will get the best out of the resources available for our school and children.

Adrian Myram, Chair of Governors

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

Don't forget ...we return to school Tuesday 2nd May due to bank holiday Monday.



Have a lovely long weekend!

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