

Wiveliscombe News



20 June 2017

Achievement Certificates – Roll Call of Honour

Lewis Thorne, Faye Salmine, Johnny Butterworth, Robert Myram, Elijah Thompson-Farley, Oliver Bimson, Summer Hill, Adela Mears, Taya Salmine, Caspian Trump, Kaitlyn Selbie, Peter Lonsdale-Eccles, Amy Johnson, Johanna White, Thomas Files, Levi Jackson, Lily-Anna Stenning, Oliver Hellings-Langdon, Matilda Fox, Chloe Thorne, Millen Moore, Freya Whiting, Emily Scully, Wilfred Kennen, George Perry, Harry Kennen, Connor Smith, Lorna Cook, Ola Rudnik, Calum Thorne, Daisy Hayes, Sandra Grudzien, Isaac Harwood, Amelie Keal, Nathan Pincombe, Logan Schofield

Future Dates for your Diary:

- **19 – 22 June** – Travelling Book Company
- **23 June** - Sports Day (refer to letter dated 16 06 17 for more details)
- **27 June** - Oak & Elm Class Trip to Tropiquaria (refer to letter dated 26 05 17 for more details)
- **27 June** – Ash & Maple Class Trip to @Bristol (refer to letter dated 08 06 17 for more details)
- **28 June** – Year 4 – Orienteering, Norton Manor Camp (refer to letter dated 15 06 17 for details)
- **29 June** – Year 5 – Outdoor Education, Norton Manor Camp (refer to letter dated 17 06 17 for details)
- **30 June** – Reserve Sports Day
- **30 June** – Yr 6 Camp (refer to letter dated 09 06 17 for more details)
- **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 having major refurbishment
- **21 July** – Yr 6 leavers' Pool Party – details included in this newsletter
- **21 July** – Last Day of Term
- **24 July** – Inset Day
- **25 July** - Beginning of Summer Holidays

Reminders:

Online payment System – If you haven't already done so, please ensure you sign up to our new online payment system for school trips as soon as possible.

If you have misplaced your original letter giving details of how to sign up and your individual link code, please contact the school office.

Ordering school uniform ready for September

23 June 2017 is the deadline for ordering school uniform online (with School Trends) for uniform required for September to ensure delivery and collection by the end of term.

Book Fayre – Don't forget to pop in to the school hall and have a look at the wonderful books available to purchase. The book fayre is available in the school hall from 8.35am – 9am and 3pm – 3.30pm, with the last one being the morning Thursday of (22nd).

Why not take advantage of the buy two get one free book offer!

The school will also receive commission on all sales.

Reminder for payment of upcoming School Trips

27 June - Oak & Elm Class Trip to Tropiquaria

Deadline for payment of £8.00 is due by Thursday 22 June.

27 June – Ash & Maple Class Trip to @Bristol

Deadline for payment of £7.50 due by Thursday 22 June.

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Classes Next Year

After a lot of thought, some recruitment and much deliberation we have decided on the classes and teachers for next year:

Reception – Mrs Hayes

Year 1 – Mrs Goodwin

Year 2 – Miss Anson

Year 3 - Miss Harrison

Year 4 – Mrs Hendricks

Year 5 - Mrs Topps

Year 6 – Mrs Laws

New Reception children have already begun a process of transition from the Paddocks to Oak Class, and we will be planning a similar transitional process for our children already here, as they prepare to move up a year group.

NSPCC Internet Safety Workshop

We have received an email from Mr James Geen, Headteacher of Cotford St Luke Primary School inviting Wiveliscombe Primary School parents and carers to join their parents and carers for an **internet safety workshop provided free of charge by the NSPCC.**

The workshop is taking place at Cotford St Luke Primary School on **Thursday 19th July** from 9.15am-**10.15am.**

Please see the attached letter for more details.



Year 6 Pool Party

The leavers' pool party will be held at Wivey Pool on Friday 21 July from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. There will also be pizza and games on the rec from 6.30pm onwards.



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Poetry Slam

A big well done to Albie Chapman, Kizzy Lee, Isaac Adams and Ollie Tilley who performed at the Poetry Slam on the 6th June. They recited and performed 'Detention Tension' written by Coral Rumble. The children were also lucky enough to meet poet Rachel Rooney and enjoy some of her poetry too.

10 Tips to Hearing Your Child Read

Attached to this Newsletter is a useful document containing '10 tips to hearing your child' read which we would like to share with you and encourage your child to read.

The Head's Study

Welcome back to my occasional column of ramblings for the newsletter!

This time I want to talk about the election and what it means for schools. I think that with a minority government still so focused on Brexit, there is a risk that dealing sensibly with the issues that obviously concerned so many people voting last week, such as education and other public services, could come a distant second to staying in power and unpicking "the mess" (Theresa May's own words) that those in Downing Street are now in over Brexit. However, it will be the case that the Prime Minister will need to listen a lot more carefully to what her backbench MPs say to her, and if they are saying that a lot of their constituents are very concerned about school funding then she WILL need to take heed. Therefore, please continue to write to, email and Tweet our re-elected MP, Rebecca Pow to let her know about the very real effect that frozen education budgets are having on schools locally.

I invited Rebecca Pow to a meeting of local Headteachers last month where I presented the PowerPoint that I had put together for the

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parents' meeting we had a while ago. She was surprised that our frozen budgets do not increase even to allow for escalating costs such as pay, national insurance, superannuation, minimum wage increase, the local government pension deficit, the 0.5% Apprentice Levy (she had no idea schools had to pay this), and energy costs. She also had not realised that while a new funding formula (perhaps unlikely to happen now) might benefit us by £30,000, this would be more than wiped out by our projected cut in real terms of £56,000. Rebecca spent more than an hour listening to what school funding is really like, and I would like to think that she went away better informed.

We need to continue to put the case to Rebecca for more funding, and also to our County Councillors who could do more to help Somerset schools than they have done in the past. We have a government now who will need to listen to those that vote them in if they are to stay in power – it will be important that we make use of that.

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James Hunt, Somerset County Councillor
jahunt@somerset.gov.uk

Finally, one of the most encouraging things in the fall-out from last week was reading about the number of young people who made the effort to ensure they were registered to vote and then turned out. It reminded me of the great work that children in Beech and Chestnut classes did last Thursday and Friday on the election, and should be a reminder to all of us that this country's future lies with its young adults and children. Their voices and interests must be heard when decisions are being made that will affect their educations and adult lives, and voters and those in power need to constantly ask the question "what legacy are we leaving as a nation for those that come after us, how are we investing in their futures?"

Governors' Corner

Uniform is an issue that is frequently raised to Governors, and in particular we received many comments about uniform in the Parent Survey, which I am taking this opportunity to respond to. This may seem a very petty issue to focus on, but it is an issue that can cause division and frustration amongst parents and children. As a School we have a Uniform Policy that the Governors fully support and this is underpinned by our values and ethos. Our uniform is our identify and like sports people representing their team, our children should wear it with pride. Seeing children not complying sends out a very poor message to those children who do comply, and as parents we all play a part in supporting the school in setting standards in life and respecting rules.

This term we have seen children coming to School more and more in trainers. We fully understand that towards the end of the school year, children may have worn out or out grown their school shoes and there will naturally be a reluctance towards buying a pair of new shoes now that will be grown out of by September! We are not therefore asking parents to go out and buy new shoes before the end of term, but we are wanting to highlight the importance of uniform and the impact it can have on our community if it is abused. Please do your best to maintain standards and ensure that as a minimum, we do start the new academic year in September with all our children looking smart and properly dressed. Many thanks.

Adrian Myram

Chair of Governors

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