

# Wiveliscombe News



26 May 2017

## Achievement Certificates – Roll Call of Honour

Luke Adams, Adela Mears, Harry Tier, Bertie Thorne, Claudia Gilbert, Nathan Pincombe, Jasmine Duncan, Maya Yon, Harrison Knight, Harry Crocker, Jacob Cook, Esther Davies, Maple Class - year 2, Maple Class - year 1, Amber Bimson, Poppy Richardson, Holly Hooper, Isaac Adams, Tabbie Shaw, Asta Myram, Freddie Gray, Sophie Withers, Charlotte Mills, Nathan Cook, Kieren Smith, Emily Scully, Elijah Thompson-Farley, Millicent Ekless, Moe Williamson, Matthew Gregory, Faye Salmine, Charlie Thorne, Alex Wood, Daniel Savage-Bailey, Mollie Fox Harvey Johnson

## Future Dates for your Diary:

- **26 May** – last day of term
- **29 May – 2 June** – Half Term
- **5 June** – Inset Day
  
- **6 June** - Return to School (Tuesday)
- **6 June (9.15am – 11.45am)** – Yr 6 Kingsmead Transition Visit
- **6 June** – KS2 swimming starts, last session 18 July (refer to letter dated 12 05 17 for more details)
- **8 June** – KS1 swimming starts, last session 20 July (refer to letter dated 02 05 17 for more details)
- **8 June (9am)** – Deadline to return School Photos
- **9 June** – NHS Vision Screening – Reception Children
- **19 – 22 June** – Travelling Book Company (more details to follow)
- **23 June** - Sports Day
- **27 June** - Oak & Elm Class Trip to Tropiquaria (refer to letter dated 26 05 17 for more details)

- **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 having major refurbishment
- **21 July** – Last Day of Term
- **24 July** – Inset Day
- **25 July** - Beginning of Summer Holidays

## Reminders:

**26<sup>th</sup> May (2.15pm)** – Year 4 Kilve Assembly, including Yr 4 parents (details included in Newsletter dated 12 05 17)

**26<sup>th</sup> May** - Deadline to return NHS Screen Vision Opt-Out slip (Reception children only)

**6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Swimming starts for all year groups this week except Yr 6 who have their Kingsmead Transition Visit on 6 June

**9<sup>th</sup> June** – Deadline to return school menus



## Class Photos

As you will be aware, the children brought home their class photos yesterday.



If you would like to place an order, please return the order form along with payment (in the envelope provided) to either your class teacher or school office by **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 9am.**

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children and young people are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure children and young people receive effective support, protection and justice.

## School Uniform

There is a school uniform and we strongly encourage parents to send children to school in uniform. The uniform helps develop a child's school identity and helps us to look smart. It consists of:

- school sweatshirt or any jade green cardigan or pullover
- plain white blouse/shirt or polo shirt
- grey/black skirt or trousers
- dark school shoes (not trainers)
- green and white dress or grey/black shorts
- **summer sandals which must have backs (crocs are not suitable)**

Children should not wear jewellery (stud earrings only), make up or high-heeled shoes to school.

As parents we expect you to adhere to this policy. Please do not put your child in the difficult position of having to explain why they are not in uniform to their teacher.

## Sun cream and Sun Hats

With summer on its way.... when hot weather has been forecast, please could parents apply sun cream to your child (ren) before coming to school and send your child (ren) to school with a sun hat so they are protected from the sun whilst on the playground?



Also, please be reminded of the school uniform and sensible footwear as mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter.

## Year 6 Residential PGL Trip – 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 had a fantastic trip to PGL last week.

They enjoyed every activity and bravely took on many challenges. They were super supportive of one another and were great fun to be around. Even though the weather wasn't quite as kind to us as it could have been, they never once complained. Well done Year 6!

Mrs Laws

## Scooters

Please could parents and children refrain from leaving scooters/bikes etc on school premises overnight. We have recently received reports of missing/stolen scooters being taken from the bike shed.



## Meetings with Teachers

Just to remind you that if you want any more than a very quick chat with a teacher at the start or end of the day it's generally best to make an appointment, so there is time and some privacy for the discussion. The start of the day is the busiest period for any quality time with staff, but you can always leave a message with the Office that you'd like a chat either in person or by phone when there is a mutually convenient time. Teachers are generally free at the end of a day (apart from Wednesdays when there is usually a staff meeting), but if not then they will try to arrange a meeting with you as soon as possible.

## Home-School Diaries/Reading Records

Please remember to check your child's home-school diary regularly, and to use it as a record of when you have heard your child read. However, if you have any concerns or worries about anything, then this is probably not the best way to communicate them. Instead, have a chat with the teacher at the end of the day, or phone to arrange a meeting or telephone conversation.

## Class Sizes

The governors met a few days ago and agreed to limit class sizes to no more than 36 from now on. The school's Planned Admissions Number of 34 will be strictly applied to applications of any children outside of catchment, and for those within catchment a cut-off of 36 will be applied when we talk to the Admissions Team at County. Some of our Key Stage 2 classes for next year will already be 1 or 2 children above this cap of 36, which means that we will not be taking any more children on in those classes. This policy will be reviewed annually by our governors.

## New Appointment to Key Stage 2

The School is delighted to announce that after a thorough interview process involving a very good field of candidates, we have appointed a permanent teacher for Key Stage 2, Mrs Nicola Topps. Mrs Topps is currently at West Monkton Primary School where she has taught for a number of years. She will start in September with us, and we would expect her to spend a few days here with her new class in July, once staffing for classes has been decided upon. I know you will all make her feel very welcome!

## Governors' Corner

*We live in increasingly stressful times, even here in our beautiful corner of Somerset, we cannot fail to be affected by stress. At Wiveliscombe Primary School we are proud to promote a caring and emotionally supportive culture. As in inclusive school, we do our best to support those within our community who need extra support, as and when they need it.*

*Throughout the school, from Reception to year 6, children and adults alike are encouraged to enrich their emotional health: through friendship; forest school; PHSE lessons; with ELSA sessions, nurture groups, peer mentoring and by looking after each other. These are lessons we can take with us throughout our lives, and we are constantly looking for ways to further our support of positive mental health. We are so lucky to be part of such a richly caring and inclusive wider community.*

*Fizz Fry, Staff Governor*

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## Non-Pupil Day

Don't forget .... Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is a Non Pupil Day, so we return to school Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.



Have a lovely half term!

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