



Wiveliscombe
Primary School
Newsletter 21st September

View From the Head's Study

A short note this week just to say how smart the children are looking in their uniform. Thank you all for adhering to our policy.

I have had several comments from parents who have noticed how much tidier the school looks as well. The staff worked very hard over the summer to declutter corridors and rooms to make the building an easier place to clean. A trophy is awarded once a week to the tidiest class to encourage the children to take more responsibility for keeping their classrooms and cloakrooms tidy. Last week it was awarded to Chestnut Class (Y4) and this week it's going to... (drum roll)... Ash Class (Y1).

It makes such a difference to how everyone feels when we work in an environment that is clean, tidy and cared for.

European Day of Languages

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 26th September it is European Day of Languages. Each class has chosen a country to focus on and the children can come to school dressed in the colours of the flag of that country.

We would like to ask the children to bring in a donation of 50p to come to school in non-uniform. All monies raised will go towards purchasing French resources for the school.

Many thanks, Mrs Geary

We have been trialling a weekly newsletter for several months now but have found that the daily pace of the school office will not allow us to continue with a weekly letter so from today on you will receive a newsletter once every two weeks, the next one being on the 5th October.

Children starting and transferring school September 2019

If you have a child who is due to start school / transfer to secondary and upper schools next September 2019, the application portal is now available on the Somerset County Council website. Parents can apply on line <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/> or you can phone Somerset Direct for a paper copy of the application 0300 123 2224.

Parent information is now available on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SomersetSchoolAdmissions/>

Before-school club

This runs every school day from 8.00am – 8.35am. It costs just £1.50 per child. The club is in the old Beech classroom and is supervised by Mrs Thompson. There is no need to formally book – just bring your child to the main door and ring the bell. Mrs Thompson will then greet you and take your child to the club. She will also take any infant child to their class at 8.35am if required.

You will be invoiced every half term.

After School Club

We have an after school club that operates every day from 3:15pm – 6:00pm at £10.50 a session, which includes high tea. For those of you who are not aware of the club, it is held at the Paddocks Nursery and the children are escorted at the end of the day by Nursery staff in a “walking bus”, and are then in the care of the Nursery staff until they are collected by their parents/Carers.

We are limited on spaces available on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

If you would like to book your child into the club, you need to contact the Paddocks Nursery (*in advance*). Their telephone number is 01984 622155 and email thepaddocksnurseryandpreschool@somerset.gov.uk

Holiday club

Following the success of the summer holiday club The Paddocks are repeating the club again during October half term. Please see the attachment that accompanies this newsletter.

Future Dates for your Diary

- **25 September** - NHS Vision testing for Yr 1 Children (re-arranged date, original date 9 July)
- **26 September** – Year 3 visit to Taunton Museum
- **26 September** – European Day of Languages
- **27 October** – Deadline for PTFA Christmas Card Design
- **3 October** – Parents Meetings
- **10 October**- Parents meetings
- **10 October** – School Photos (individual & siblings) – more details to follow
- **15 October** – Harvest Festival – more information to follow
- **26 October** – Last day of Term 1
- **5 November** - Back to School

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 are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure pupils receive effective support, protection and justice.