

# Wildmoor Heath School

## Newsletter



Issue 2

18<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Term Dates:

Half Term: 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October

End of Term: 21<sup>st</sup> December

School Re-opens: 7<sup>th</sup> January

### Upcoming Dates:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.00am**

Macmillan Morning Coffee Morning  
with Senior Leaders:

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

School Photographs - Portraits

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am**

Phonics Workshop

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6.00pm**

Year 6 RYG and SATs Information  
Evening:

**w/c 1st October** International  
Week

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** Year 5  
trip to Winchester Planetarium

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

International School Dinner day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** Y6 Assembly at  
2.40pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** Harvest  
Assembly (Foodbank donations)  
tbc

**9<sup>th</sup> October** Open Morning 9.30-  
11am for new parents

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at  
9.00am Work Party in Nature  
Garden

**16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October** Parent  
Evenings

**19<sup>th</sup> October** Head Teacher/  
Deputy Head Teacher Coffee  
Morning

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have been back at school for two weeks now! The children have continued to be enthusiastic learners and are always keen to share their learning experiences with me, which is a true privilege. I would like to thank our first class teaching and learning team who have worked over and beyond to ensure the new year started well and to make sure that all our children are receiving the best possible learning every day. Visitors to school this week have commented on how friendly, sociable and open our children are – indeed there is a real ‘buzz’ in school – with children keen to share their ideas, try different approaches and ‘grapple’ with new challenges.

Our wonderful administrative team have ensured that the term has started well, and that communications home are strong. I hope that our website and school calendar have given you a good flavour of the year ahead. If you need any more information, or we can help in any way, please just let the office know.

### Head Boy, Head Girl and Ambassadors

For the first time in the history of Wildmoor Heath School, we have elected a Head Boy, Head Girl and team of Ambassadors from our Year 6 children to support them. They will have a number of exciting opportunities, including welcoming prospective parents and visitors to school and representing Wildmoor Heath at external events. The team is as follows:

Head Boy – Fin            Head Girl – Alannah

Ambassadors - Evie, Sophie, Kristian, Daniel, Scarlett, Emily C,  
Ethan A, Luis, Keira, Tamara.

### Welcome Meetings and Parental Learning Workshops

Thank to those who attended our Welcome Meetings for each year group, where the teachers discussed the topics, expectations and learning plan for the year. The school website will shortly be updated with the timetable, curriculum map and expectations for each year group. If you have any queries about your child's education, please see your child's teacher at the end of the day or book a convenient time with the school office.

### UPDATES ON THE PAST TWO WEEKS

#### Family Campout Great Fun for All

The PTA held their very successful campout this past weekend with 30 pitches being booked. From Saturday lunchtime, families set up camp and games were held through to the evening. Children of all ages played happily together, whilst parents were able to enjoy time chatting. The campfire was a roaring success with marshmallows for everyone and breakfast just about gave the campers the energy to pack away. A total of £560 was raised, so thanks to the PTA for all the brilliant organisation but also families for your support.

**31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.00am**

Mathematics Parental Workshop

**Edgbarrow Dates (Yr 6 Parents)**

Edgbarrow is offering tours for Year 6 children with their parents/ carers on Monday or Tuesday mornings from 9.15-10.15. This will be conducted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. This is by appointment only. If you attend one of these sessions, please call the Wildmoor Heath office by 9am to confirm your lunch arrangements for that day.

**Thursday 4th October from 6pm**

**- 8.30pm** - Edgbarrow open evening for Year 6 children and parents/ carers.

**Thursday 18th October from**

**9.15-11.00am** - Edgbarrow open morning for Year 6 children and parents/ carers.



Wildmoor's PTA is a very dedicated and committed team of parents and carers who work tirelessly to support the pupils and staff. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to thank Mrs Cooper and her team for their amazing and highly successful events throughout the year, which have led to record incomes to support the school. If you feel you would like to help, even on an ad hoc basis, please let us know.

**Year 3 Swimming Gets off with a Splash!**

Our Year 3 children started their swimming lessons at Harmans Water pool this week and were all very keen! We are very fortunate to have established a good partnership with Harmans Water over the years; the swimming lessons for young swimmers of all abilities and the children truly enjoyed the experience.

**Volunteers to Support Our Children**

We are keen to draw up a list of parents/ carers/grandparents who would be willing to support our children's learning, even for an hour or two a week. This may be in reading, maths, arts or sports – all support will be warmly welcomed! We will hold a short training session, also answering any queries, for any adults who are interested in coming into school.

**FAMILY SUPPORT AT WILDMOOR HEATH PRIMARY**

The school team provides a number of family support services and are happy to help you with support and guidance wherever possible. If you have a concern about your child, please speak to their teacher, as a first point of contact. For specific issues, I am pleased to confirm, the following staff have responsible for these services:

**Child Protection and Safeguarding Issues: Mrs Semper and/or Mr Thomas**

The safeguarding, welfare, health and safety of all our pupils and staff is the foremost concern for all staff and governors and we are proud to have excellent safeguarding procedures in place at Wildmoor Heath. Mrs Semper is the Designated Safety Officer (DSL) and Mr Thomas is the Deputy Designated Safety Officer (DDSL). Both of us have held these positions for some time in previous schools and have recently completed Bracknell Forest multi-agency renewal training. The Safeguarding Policy (September 2018) can be found on the school website and/or a copy can be requested from the school office. The policy has recently been updated in line with new governmental requirements, is personalised to Wildmoor Heath and is fully compliant across all Greenshaw Learning Trust academy schools.

If you should have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our community, please do not hesitate to advise Mrs Semper or Mr Thomas. We are trained to listen carefully and to follow up on any concerns. If you seek advice over any potential safeguarding issue, we are most happy to listen and advise.



**PUPIL PREMIUM – PLEASE HELP US TO RECEIVE MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING.**

Registering for free school meals will help raise money for the school. All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are able to receive a free healthy school lunch. However, it is important for any qualifying family\* to still sign up for free school meals. Registering could raise extra money for your school (Pupil Premium). **THIS MONEY COULD SAVE YOU MONEY ON SCHOOL TRIPS, AND FUND VALUABLE SUPPORT LIKE EXTRA TUITION AND AFTER SCHOOLS CLUBS.** Even if you don't want your child to receive a free school meal, we would strongly encourage you to register so that the school receives as much funding as possible. This money will be used to improve your child's education. Your child may be eligible if you are receiving one of the following:

#### Income Support

- Income –based Jobseekers allowance
- Income-related and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an income of not more than £16,190)
- Universal credit

To register please complete the attached form and return to the school office or apply online at: [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

#### **Attendance, Exceptional Family Leave: Mrs Semper**

At Wildmoor Heath, we take the Government's expectations on attendance very seriously and we are proud to have achieved 96.7% attendance last year. Our target for this year is 97% and we are determined to maintain our excellent progress. Mrs Semper is responsible for any parental requests for exceptional leave and will be happy to discuss such requests with parents. The school's policy is that requests for family holidays during term-time will not be authorised. However, we recognise that families may have specific requests in their individual circumstances.

Mrs Semper will also monitor absences carefully; she works closely with Bracknell's Education Welfare Officer where there is a concern over a child's frequent or sustained absences. Please try to ensure your child always comes to school, unless they are very ill.

#### **Special Needs and Disability Advice: Miss Leadbeatter**

Wildmoor Heath is proud to be a fully inclusive school and we take every step to ensure that any child with a special need or disability receives a broad and balanced education. Miss Leadbeatter is the school SENDCo (Special Needs and Disability Coordinator) and she maintains close professional partnerships with Bracknell Forest's SEND specialists. Should you wish to discuss any issues concerning special needs, or your child's progress, please discuss these first with your child's teacher who will arrange for you to see Miss Leadbeatter.

#### **Food Vouchers: Mrs Attfield and/or Mrs Webb – School Office**

The school administrative staff are happy to support our families with any help which may be needed. This includes the supply of food vouchers to collect food from the local Foodbank from Wellington Business Park, in Crowthorne. We treat any requests with the upmost discretion and will act quickly to support in every way.

#### **Health Issues and Administration of Medicines: Mrs Attfield and/or Mrs Webb**

The school team will be happy to advise you of local medical support and counselling services. We will also explain our policy on the administration of medicines in schools and to work closely with parents/ carers to arrange for medicines to be administered by first-aid trained staff at certain times in school hours. The team can also advise you on the absence required for childhood illnesses such as chicken pox, measles mumps, diarrhoea, stomach upsets, etc.

#### **Healthy Snacks**

Children are welcome to bring a snack for break time, please can you ensure it is a healthy snack e.g. fruit or cheese, no sweets or biscuits.

#### **Macmillan Morning Coffee Morning with Senior Leaders**

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 we will be holding our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning in the school hall, attended by senior leaders. There will be a selection of homemade cakes and pastries, together with tea and coffee. Mrs Semper, Mr Thomas and Miss Leadbeatter will be on hand to chat with parents and a collection will be made towards the MacMillan Cancer Research Fund.

### **Sponsored Walk: 26<sup>th</sup> September**

We are holding a sponsored walk on **26<sup>th</sup> September** to raise money for school funds. Each class will have the opportunity to gather sponsorship funds in return for completing a series of laps of the school field with their teacher. We would appreciate support from parents and carers for this special walk day.

### **EnergyKidz**

The school offers excellent care for children before and after school, and during school holidays, through Energy Kidz, our breakfast and after-school club. This is of great value to working parents and is much-reputed in the area. The children enjoy many activities, including construction, problem solving, arts and crafts, and making friends with other children who may not be in their class. During the summer holidays, children from as far as Ascot attended our club, proving that the Energy Kidz' provision is extremely well-renowned.

I would like to thank you all for ensuring good attendance, uniform and homework habits for your child – working together we can support your child's education and accelerate their progress.

If you think you can support in any way, please pass your details to the school office

Mrs Semper  
Headteacher



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**Respect - Everyone - Achievement - Courage - Helpful & Caring – Individuality - Never Give Up - Go for It!**

