

Wildmoor Heath School

Newsletter

19th October 2017

Thank you to the PTA

You may have read in the press recently about the growing number of schools in England which ask parents to make regular donations to school funds by direct debit. A report in The Guardian in April put the figure at 1 in 5 schools with the majority paying up to £50 a year with some paying up to £100. You would be unsurprised to know that governors have discussed a similar approach for Wildmoor Heath. The reason we decided not to take this step is because we recognise the invaluable work of our excellent PTA. The PTA Committee – with your support - not only raise thousands of pounds for the school to enhance facilities and subsidise trips, but also bring us together at a range of social events for children, adults and families. Without our PTA, we wouldn't have as much adventure play equipment, we'd have fewer computers and books and nowhere near the number of range of school trips and activities. We'd also lose an essential component of our school's identity. The role the PTA has in creating a sense of community is, for me, as important as the fund raising.



The events that PTA put on don't just 'happen' and I would like to thank the committee and everyone who volunteers, in whatever capacity, for the work they do and the difference they make to the school and children. The PTA are always looking for potential new committee members to take on key positions or to organise events. If you are able to help in any way, I urge you to volunteer.

The next events coming up are a non-school uniform day on Friday 17th November. The PTA will be asking for donations of sweets, chocolates, bottles of wine and good quality new gifts for the Tombola at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December (watch out for the letter). Please help the PTA by making a donation, attending the fayre and if you can, volunteering to help!

Saturday 9th December 2017
12.30pm to 3.30pm



Mr G Strudley, Headteacher

Wet weather

Now that the weather has turned decidedly autumnal, please remember to send your child with an outdoor coat and a change of shoes. We try to go outside for break and lunch in light rain and to use the field unless very muddy. Similarly, children should not wear any part of their school uniform for PE – again, unless the rain is very heavy, we try not to cancel outdoor PE.

Severe Weather / School Closure Procedures



Please note that information about what would happen in the unlikely event of severe weather forcing us to close the school is published on the school's website:

<http://www.wildmoorheath.org.uk/ForParents/School-Closure-Procedures/>. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for our text / e-mail service and make sure that we have up to date contact numbers for work and home as well as the names of who can collect your children if you are unable to.

Harvest Festival – Thank You



I have been asked by the Crowthorne Foodbank to pass on their thanks to parents and careers for their generous donations during the Harvest period. The food you have given will now be made into parcels to support those less fortunate in our local community.

Crowthorne & Sandhurst Student Council

Last Friday two of our pupils attended the inaugural meeting of the Crowthorne & Sandhurst Student Council at Sandhurst School. As well as Wildmoor Heath, there were representatives from Sandhurst School, Uplands, Crowthorne, Owlsmoor, College Town Juniors and St. Michael's in Sandhurst. The meeting was hosted by The Mayor of Bracknell Forest. The purpose of the Student Council is to share ideas, to discuss common concerns and to ensure local politicians and decision makers take the views of young people into account. We are aiming to meet each half-term and the children have been promised a visit to the Council Chamber for a future meeting.



Wildmoor's New Kit

We are pleased to have been awarded a Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment pack. The pack contains 14 full football kits (including a contrasting colour for a goalkeeper) which will be used when the children



participate in tournaments, and a box of books for readers of all ages which have been added to the school's library. The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum linked education programme that uses the appeal of the

Premier League and its clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Coffee Morning

We will be holding a 'drop in' coffee morning on **Thursday 9th November between 9.00 – 10.00am**. It will be a chance for parents to informally hear about what's happening in school and to ask Mr Strudley any questions they may have. It will be great to see you, so please do come along if you can.

Academy Consultation Reminder

Just a reminder that the academy consultation ends on Friday 10th November. The governors will meet on Tuesday 14th November to consider the points raised by stakeholders and to take the next steps as appropriate. If you do have questions of views, please e-mail: consultation@wildmoorheath.org.uk.

Rugby Tournaments

The annual inter-house tag-rugby tournament was held on Wednesday with children from Year 5 and 6 taking part. The standard of play was very high with the matches very close. In the end, however, Sandhurst reclaimed the title from Wellington. Well done to all those who took part and to the winners in particular. The was more rugby today with 12 Year 6s representing the



school at the Bracknell Forest inter-schools tournament at the Great Hollands Recreation

Ground. During the Autumn term, all of Year 6 have been receiving coaching, so hopes are high for a few wins, although we know the competition will be stiff!

Dates for Your Diary

- 20 Oct 17 – INSET Day / Half Term starts (School Closed)
- 27 Oct 17 – School reopens
- 09 Nov 17 – Coffee Morning (9-10am)
- 10 Nov 17 – Armistice Day Observed (11am)
- 17 Nov 17 – Non School Uniform Day for PTA
- 24 Nov 17 - Roots to Food (Years 3-6)
- 03 Dec 17 – BF Carol Concert (Leisure Centre)
- 09 Dec 17 – PTA Christmas Fayre (12.30 – 3.00pm)
- 12 Dec 17 – Christmas Concert (Y1 – Y6)
- 14 Dec 17 – Nativity Play (Year R)
- 15 Dec 17 - Christmas Dinner
- 19 Dec 17 - Peter Pan Panto Trip (YR/Y1)
- 19 Dec 17 - Last day of Autumn Term



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