



# Wildmoor Heath School

## Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Year 2 and 6 SATs

Year 6 will sit their end of Keystage 2 assessments (aka 'SATs') next week. They should be incredibly proud of the work they have done and the fantastic attitude they've displayed. They have faced a new, harder, curriculum and a significant change to the test format with great resilience and maturity. They are truly 'reaching for their best' and we all wish them luck next week. Year 2 are also facing end of Keystage 1 assessments. These are predominantly done by the teacher based on classwork, but they will also sit reading and maths tests later in the month. These are done 'informally' within a normal lesson and are very low key. Although they may be less aware they are being assessed, Year 2 have also been working incredibly hard and should be proud of themselves.

Mr G Strudley (Headteacher)

### New Staff for September 2016

We will be joined by two new part-time teachers next year – **Mrs Esther Dalton** will be job-sharing with Mrs Joseph in the Reception Class, while **Mrs Sharyn Holtzhausen** will be providing PPA cover and working with individuals and small groups who need extra support with learning. Both will be working three days each week. **Mrs Imogen Smith**, currently one of our lunchtime support team and an 'occasional' Teaching Assistant (TA) joins us permanently and full-time from September. We will also be welcoming **Miss Megan Lee** to the team as a TA. It's my pleasure to welcome them all to Wildmoor Heath. I know their experience and skills will both enhance and compliment our existing team and I am looking forward to working with them.

### E-Safety: Parent Workshop

We are holding a parent workshop on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm to discuss e-safety and to launch Gooseberry Planet – the game and resource bank we will be using in school to teach your children about keeping themselves safe on-line. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.



### Building & Grounds Update

Two new pieces of adventure playground equipment, chosen by the School Council, will be installed the week after half term. During the summer break, we be re-organising the classrooms to create space for a new Library and ICT Centre in the current Year 3 classroom. The current F1 will get a 'makeover' to become the Reception class while Year 5 will have a new carpet. The 'old' Library will be returned to use as a cloakroom – this will also provide more suitable space for the older children to get changed, separately, for PE.

### Big Pedal

The final results are due on 9<sup>th</sup> May, but it's looking good! At the end of day 9, we had an average of 47.94% biking or scooting to school and were 192<sup>nd</sup> in the UK (out of 16,800 participating schools). More importantly, we were 1<sup>st</sup> in Bracknell Forest! After the fantastic turnout on Day 10 (aided by a free breakfast!), I am sure that position has been retained. Thank you to all the children (and mums and dads) who supported us and to Miss Leadbeatter for organising it. We are pleased that our partnership with Sustrans is encouraging so many children to use scooters and bikes.



### Uniform Consultation

The school's uniform policy has come up for review by the governing body (it was last looked at 4 years ago) and we have been asked to consult with parents and the School Council. Several parents have suggested that children should be able to choose between shirt and tie or polo shirt all year round and not just during the summer. I would be interested to hear your views on this idea and urge you to complete the short survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2GL7RSX>. The governors will discuss the outcome of the consultation at the next meeting in June. Whatever, the outcome, we will continue to expect children to come to school in uniform and to look smart.

### Dates for your diary

09 May – Year 6 SATs Week (NB. Special breakfast club)  
23 May – Year 2 Statutory Assessments  
18 May – Year 6 to Wellington College Well-being games  
23 May – 'Take One Picture' Arts Week  
13 Jun – Year 1 Phonics Screening

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