



Wilcombe Primary School

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Friday 13th September 2013

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Diary Dates

20.9.2013
Tour of Britain
Cycle Race

27.9.13
WILCOMBE'S
50th BIRTHDAY
Open day 9.15-3.00
Disco 7-11pm

Happy Birthday
this week to:

Lexi Vosper
Gabi Brockington
Casey Townsley
Cams Smith



Welcome

We would like to welcome all pupils and parents back to the new academic year. We would like to say a big hello to those children and families who are new to our school.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Mandy Bentley who will be working in KS1 with Hippo class, Miss Hannah Sidlow and Miss Alice Higginson who will be joining our Foundation Stage Team And Mrs Kerri Mannion who is our Nursery Plus Learning Support Assistant.

Term and Diary Dates

While we take every effort to give parents as much notice as possible of events taking place in school, we are sometimes asked to participate in events outside of school at short notice. We would advise that you keep an eye on our diary dates column.

Autumn Term

9th September 2013 to 20th December 2013

Half term

28th October 2013 to 1st November 2013

Non Pupil Day

4th November 2013

Spring Term

Non Pupil Day

6th January 2014

7th January 2014 to 4th April 2014

Half term

17th to 21st February 2014

Summer Term

22nd April to 24th July 2014

Non Pupil Day

25th July

Half Term

26th to 30th May

Last day of Summer term - 24th July 2014

Change of Role

Some of you may have noticed Mrs Phillips has only been in school on Friday this week. She has taken up a new position as Finance Lead for the Primary Academies Trust and will be generally based at Woodwater. Mrs Carrie Jackson will remain the main contact in the school office and will help with general enquires.

Headlice

Unfortunately, we have already had a reported case of Headlice. Please can you check your children and treat them if necessary.

Congratulations

During the Summer holiday two members of our staff got married. We would like to extend huge congratulations to Mrs Barnett, formally Miss Rose and also to Mrs Way, formally Miss Firman.



Collecting and Dropping Off

Our new system in the mornings is working well with very positive feedback from children, parents and staff. Children are more calm and settled at the beginning of the day and ready to learn. However some children have been arriving before 8.30am. Please ensure this does not happen as there is no one to supervise before this time. Also the 8.30am-8.45am session is an opportunity for parents to stay with their children and access the early morning activities, rather than an opportunity to leave them earlier than before!!

The register will be taken promptly at 8.45am. Guided reading groups start straight after the register is taken so it is important children arrive on time. Please ensure your child is on time as lateness can be disruptive to theirs and others learning.

Collection points for the end of the day are: Foundation Stage—Monkeys—Verandah doors as indicated by staff.

KS1—Giraffes and Hippos—from classrooms. **Please help us by coming to the class doors. It is difficult to see parents from the steps.**

LKS2—Parrots and Tigers—from class doors at the side of the building to avoid the bottle neck at the front door.

UKS2—Poison Dart Frogs and Silverbacks—children will leave via the front door.

Foundation stage and KS1 children **must** be collected from school by an adult; KS2 children can walk home unaccompanied if they have permission. Parents must inform us if their child is being collected by someone else. We reserve the right to check if we haven't been told!

Tour of Britain

On Friday 20th September we will be taking all of KS1 and KS2 to cheer on the cyclists as they come through Tiverton. We will leave school at 11.30 to walk down and watch from the Green on Old Road. We will not return to school until 12.30 so the children will have a late lunch. Foundation Stage children will remain in school.

After School Clubs

Club notification slips were sent home yesterday to all children who returned their forms indicating which club they will be participating in. Clubs start next Monday 16th September and will run up until October half term, week commencing 21st October. All clubs run from 3.00pm - 4.00pm with the exception of football which runs until 4.30pm. Clubs for KS1 will start after the half term break.

School Meals

We would like to remind parents that the cost of a school meal is now £2.20.

We would also like to remind parents to complete the menus which are sent out on a monthly basis, please complete these with your child as we have had situations in the past where parents have ordered meals that their children don't like and therefore refuse to eat!

All meals should be paid for in advance. We will only allow arrears of up to 5 days. If payment is still not received you will be contacted and asked to bring in payment, including the arrears before 10.30am or provide a packed lunch. If payment falls more than 5 days in arrears the Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to cancel school meal requests and insist parents provide a packed lunch until full payment has been received.

Holiday Request

We would like to remind parents that due to a change in government legislation we are unable to authorise holidays during term time unless there are extremely exceptional circumstances. If you are still planning to take your child out of school then you still need to complete a request form

Swimming Lessons - Silverbacks

This half term Silverbacks will be commencing swimming lessons. This is part of their PE curriculum and is not optional. The lessons will commence on Tuesday 17th September and continue every week until Tuesday 22nd October. The school heavily subsidises the cost of these lessons. However, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child per week.

Social Networking Sites

We would like to remind parents that if you see any posts on social networking sites which you feel would have an impact on your child's education or safety at school, please come and talk to us. Social Networking sites are not the place to air any concerns and can cause hurt and offence to children, parents and staff. They rarely achieve anything and often inflame the situation. Always come into school and see a member of staff and usually you will find that a solution can be reached very quickly.

Message from the Leadership Team



We would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year, especially those who are new to our school. It is great to see the children looking so smart in their new school uniforms and would like to thank parents for supporting us in this.

At Wilcombe we believe that the school and parents should work in partnership to support the children and positive relationships are important to us. Teachers are available every morning if you have any queries and will be willing to make a further appointment with you if you need more time. We also welcome volunteers into the school so if you would like to offer some of your time please see Miss Oxenham.

Please make sure you read the newsletter as it is our main form of communication each week. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you rather than a paper copy please supply the office with an email address.

Finally, Wilcombe is 50 this year! To celebrate, we will be holding an Open Day on Friday 27th September which you are all invited to! Come and join in with some fun activities. In the evening we are hosting an adults only disco for former pupils and staff as well as current parents of pupils and current staff. Tickets are £5 each and on sale NOW from the school office! Bring friends and family and come and celebrate with us!! It should be a fun night!

Gary Chown

Executive Head

Louise Oxenham

Head of Teaching and Learning

