



Wilcombe Primary School

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Friday 9th September 2011

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Diary Dates

27.09.11
KS2 Trip to Eden
Project

29.09.11
Yr 6 Life Skills

05.10.11
Federation Foot-
ball Tournament

17-21.10.11
Themed Week

20.10.11
Halloween Disco

20.10.11
Halloween Sleep-
over Yrs 3 and 6

**Happy Birthday
this week to:**

Robin Garland-
Grey
Casey Townsley
Cams Smith



Welcome Back

We would like to welcome all children and parents back to the new academic year. We would also like to extend a special welcome to those children who have joined our school this term.

We would also like to welcome five new members to our team. Mr Rupert Oxlade who teaches year 3/4. Mr Dan Pomeroy, year 5/6 LSA, Mrs Debbie Milton, year 4/5 LSA, Miss Hannah Sidlow, year 3 LSA and Mrs Kate Fever, FS LSA.



New Class Names

This year instead of just numbering our classes we have given them the following Mythical Creature names :

Nursery	Mrs Pedrick—Elves
Reception	Miss Firman—Pixies
Year 1/2	Miss Battishill—Dragons
Year 1/2	Mrs Thorburn—Unicorns
Year 3	Mrs Railston and Mrs Soper Phoenixes
Year 3/4	Mr Oxlade—Griffins
Year 4/5	Mr Gittins—Minotaurs
Year 5/6	Miss Rose and Miss Price Centaur

SOE3 Forms

This week every child in the school should have brought home a SOE3 activities permission form and publicity permission form for this academic year. We would be grateful if these could be returned as soon as possible.

Swimming

Children in Centaur Class will be going swimming next Tuesday. They should have brought home a letter giving full details. They will swim every Tuesday up to Half Term.

Term Dates & Diary Dates

As usual we are urging parents to keep an eye on the diary date column as this gives advance warning of events happening in school. We endeavour to give as much notice as possible of forthcoming events in case parents need to make arrangements. Please find below the term dates for this academic year.

Autumn Term

6th September to 16th December
Half Term 24th to 28th October
Non-pupil days
5th September and 31st

Spring Term

3rd January to 30th March
Non pupil day
4th January 2012
Half term
13th to 17th February
Easter Break
2nd to 13th April

Summer Term

16th April to 20th July
Non pupil days
16th April and 24th July
Bank Holiday
7th May
Half term
4th to 8th June

Healthy Snack

Our Healthy Snack initiative was so successful last year that we are now asking children to have a healthy snack at break time from Monday to Thursday, saving crisps until 'Free for all Friday'! Those children who bring or buy a healthy snack from Monday to Thursday every week will be rewarded with a voucher during the last week of each half term.

We endeavour to vary the snacks on offer to the children. There is always a selection of fruit, both fresh and dried. Cheese cubes and yoghurts are generally available. These snacks are 20p. Thank you so much for your support in helping the children make healthy choices.

Guitar and Keyboard Lessons.

Do you fancy having a go at playing guitar or keyboard? If you do then Marianne Ayre would love to teach you! Come and have fun learning to play popular songs & tunes including some from children's television, film and family stage shows. Lots of different styles taught. Grades also available for Guitar. Lessons commence on Wednesday 14th September. Contact Marianne for details of special rates. 01884 252009

Non-Uniform Day in aid of Fete

We are inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 16th September. In return we are asking that they provide an item for the tombola stall or fill a paper plate for our cake stall. We will send home paper plates to be filled with delicious offerings next week!

School Uniform

We are absolutely delighted with how smart the children look in their uniforms this term! However, we would like to remind parents that although smart black trainers are acceptable as school shoes the children should have a change of footwear for PE lessons.

We would also be extremely grateful if parents could ensure that children always have a coat in school and please, please ensure that all clothes are clearly labelled, we already have a collection of un-named sweatshirts and coats.

PE Kit

We would like to remind parents that all KS2 children should have a full PE kit in school at all times. This should consist of shorts, t-shirt and appropriate footwear. As the weather is getting colder we would also suggest that children bring a tracksuit. Some of our children have chosen to wear our new school PE kit, which consists of black shorts, t-shirt in your child's house colour and bag. If your child would like one, these can be ordered from the office for a fully inclusive price of £7.95.

Summer Fete

We will be holding our Summer Fete on Saturday 17th September from 12pm. There will be all the usual attractions so please bring your friends and family and come and support us!

We would be very grateful for volunteers to help set up in the morning or run a stall in the afternoon. If you can spare some time, please see Mrs Phillips.

Class Meetings

This term we are introducing class meetings. These aim to provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out what your child will be studying, what the expectations are for this year and ask any questions you may have. Curriculum newsletters will also be given out at these meetings

They will run from 3.00-3.30 in your child's classroom next week as follows:

Mon 12th Sept—Mr Gittins

Tues 13th Sept—Mrs Railston & Mrs Soper

Wed 14th Sept—Miss Rose & Miss Price

Thurs 15th Sept—Miss Battishill & Mrs Thorburn

Friday 16th Sept—Mr Oxlade

Parent Volunteers

We would welcome parent volunteers into school. There are a multitude of tasks that you can help with; including hearing children read, preparing our healthy snack or gardening. If you have a skill which you would like to share, we are open to suggestions. Please see Miss Oxenham if you would like to help.

Dropping Off and Picking Up

We would like to remind parents that children should NOT arrive at school before 8.30am as the playground is not staffed until then.

We would also like to highlight our policy on children going home. We will not allow any child in the Foundation Stage or KS1 to walk home unaccompanied. KS2 children are allowed to walk home on their own, unless we are informed otherwise.

Collection points: All KS2 children will leave via the doors at the front of the building and parents should meet them on the front playground unless other arrangements are made for those children who go home using the canal gate access or who walk home alone. Foundation stage and KS1 children should all be collected from the back playground.

Message from the Leadership Team

We would like to begin by welcoming all parents and children back to school. We trust that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, starting with the development of our new KS1 classrooms. These will be finished in the next couple of weeks and are looking wonderful!

We would like to remind all parents that we operate an 'open door' policy. Staff are available at the beginning and end of the day to discuss any issues and we are always keen to hear parents' views, good or bad.

We are also very keen to have regular volunteers in school—so please come forward if you would like to help out.

As ever we look forward to working with you in continuing to give your children the best possible education whilst at Wilcombe .

Gary Chown
Executive Head

Louise Oxenham
Head of Teaching and Learning

