

# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020



## Key Dates coming up for Parents & Carers

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome Meetings via Zoom Year 1 (4pm) & Year 2 (4:30pm)
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome Meetings via Zoom Year 3 (4pm) & Year 4 (4:30pm)
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome Meetings via Zoom Year 5 (4pm) & Year 6 (4:30pm)
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – last day of term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, Reception pupils started full time schooling and Nursery started their transition into school. Both year groups, with the support of parents and teachers, did very well to settle the pupils in quickly and calmly. Obviously, there were a few tears, but not for long. Our brave Early Years' pupils got stuck into their activities, having fun in no time. Although Mrs Kobayashi was in quarantine, she made a Zoom appearance throughout the day to read, sing and chat, to England Class. Thank you to Reception parents for being supportive and brave as well. Like many Early Years' settings, many of us went home exhausted; however, I hope you all had a restful weekend and are ready to get stuck into the week ahead.

This week, the pupils will start returning to a normal timetable. They will have their regular lessons, which have been tailored to support the loss of learning time in school. The Senior Team will be in classes in order to support pupils and get a greater sense of the misconceptions around missed learning during Lockdown. The pupils will find learning a challenge, as we are trying to encourage children to retrieve past learning, which requires 'Hard Thinking'. We will repeat work over the course of the year, however, some learning can take place at home, as it requires constant repetition until children have committed it to memory. By this I means the following:

- All multiplication tables
- Number bonds
- Certain spellings such as high frequency words (Reception to Year 2) words such as 'said, and'
- Handwriting

The above list needs practice beyond the time that the children are in class.

This week you will also receive your class newsletters and be invited to attend a class Zoom Welcome Meeting. Please refer to these for more guidance. Each year group also has a page on our website, which can be accessed under the Learning Tab, and teachers will continue to use TEAMS to set homework and communicate with parents. Parents can contact teachers via TEAMS between 3-4pm.

In regards to reading, this will remain a priority across all Primary schooling. Please keep encouraging pupils to read fiction and non-fiction books; and to discuss them with you. To widen children's vocabulary, discuss tricky, or new words and find out what they mean. Currently, returned books need to be set aside for 48 hours, which means there are fewer



books to select from. While, we find a more efficient way, please take your child to The Curve or Langley Library so that they have a range of books at home.

### **COVID-19 Update**

As you are aware, the 'Rule of Six' does not affect educational settings, however, we must remain mindful that as the winter approaches, the rate of infection may increase. To complicate matters, we have an emergence of the common cold. We will be reminding children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and to wash their hands often. Please reinforce washing their hands all the time and teaching them how to blow their nose and cough into a tissue. We want to keep everybody as healthy as possible to avoid pupil or staff absence. If we have concerns about a child or adult, they will be taken into a COVID designated room and checked. We are working with our Local Authority colleagues, to ensure we follow the correct procedures and will notify parents only if and when we have a confirmed case.

At present, we have children off with colds; your child can come in unless they have a temperature. A reminder that the COVID symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to your sense of smell and taste.

If your child has all 3 of these symptoms your must report this to the school and not send your child in. You must report this by calling the school or emailing: [covid@wexhamprimary.com](mailto:covid@wexhamprimary.com)

Each Thursday, the Health and Safety Team meet to review the week. Changes we will be implementing this week are:

1. Whilst queuing at drop off and pick up time, or whenever you are on the school site, please wear a mask. Staff will also be wearing masks where possible. Some staff may not be able to wear masks, please therefore be understanding of this.
2. We must ask that all parents adhere to social distancing guidelines of keeping a 1m+ distance whilst queuing. This also applies when talking to any staff member. If you have a question, even a small one, please email the school in the first instance, or message the class teacher via Teams between 3:00-4:00pm, Monday-Friday only.
3. Children in Years 5 or 6 are able to walk home alone, however, you must provide the class teacher with written permission.



**Pupil Leadership** - This week the children voted for their class/year group Eco Warrior, Librarians and Schools Council member. These are important roles around the school where the children will take on leadership responsibilities, develop their speaking skills and represent their peers' views. We are excited to see all that they achieve this year! The

children selected are as follows (we will share House Captains next week as some year groups still have to elect theirs):

Class	Librarian	Eco Warrior	Schools Council
Fiji Australia Tonga	Joshua Alya Aliza	Fatima Emaad Eesa	Lilly Myra Haleema
Jamaica Canada Mexico	William Jordain Eliza	Ayaan Akash Alex	Qirat Sagan Ralphie
Ecuador Peru Chile	Maya Kelsey & Abeera	Ibrahim Jibreel Ryan	Insha Zayn Zain
Mozambique Morocco Tanzania	Aiza Fiza Anayah	Max Riley Yanis	Zachary Amber F. Raaniya
France Italy Hungary	Inaya & Ilyas Saaliha Aerron & Azan	Maliha Ekampreet K. Abbie	Laiba Aisha Z. Agrima
Thailand China Nepal	Essraa & Qadar Manal	Simran Jessica R. Aaryav	Haaris Oliver Petro

**School Meals** – Please be aware that if your child has moved up to Year 3, you must now pay for school meals, unless your child is entitled to free school meals. The cost of a meal is £2.05 per day; please ensure that your child’s sQuid account is kept topped up. A Free School Meals eligibility form is attached and one will be sent home. Please ensure you return this to the office. We hope to return to serving hot meals within the next few weeks.



**Out of Hours Provision** - The Breakfast Club and After School Club have started well, with positive feedback. For Breakfast Club, if you are booking a place, you will be charged unless you cancel the day before. For Afterschool Club, please follow Sports 4 Kids policy.

### School Applications

- **Reception** applications for September 2021 - online applications opened on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September and will close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- **Secondary School** applications for September 2021 (this applies to current Year 6 pupils) – online applications opened on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September and will close on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.



**Litter** – There is a lot of litter being dropped on the school playground. Please could you ensure that you use the bins provided and encourage your children to throw their litter away.

**Late Items** – If it is unavoidable and you need to drop off late items e.g. lunches etc, these must be clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. Items must be dropped into the yellow crate outside the main office – this will be emptied at regular intervals.

Kind Regards,  
Miss N Mehat

## Award & Honours – Week Ending 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

STARS OF THE WEEK				
Year Group	Name			
Reception	Leo – England	Noor Fatima – Wales	Maryam – Scotland	
Year 1	Mahad – Australia	Amaal – Tonga	Albie – Fiji	
Year 2	Jordain - Canada	Anes – Jamaica	Mark – Mexico	
Year 3	John – Ecuador	Taylor – Peru	Kelsey – Chile	
Year 4	Aiza – Mozambique	Bhavana – Tanzania	James – Morocco	
Year 5	Muhammad N. – Hungary	Shahzain – France	Kerolos – Italy	
Year 6	Haaris – Thailand	Oliver – China	Farzaan – Nepal	



House Points this Week					Total Year - 2020/21		
House Name (Alphabetical)							
Copper Beech			4 <sup>th</sup>			240	4 <sup>th</sup>
Horse Chestnut		2 <sup>nd</sup>				255	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Majestic Oak				3 <sup>rd</sup>		243	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Sycamore	1 <sup>st</sup>					256	1 <sup>st</sup>

Mathletics	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	France
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mozambique
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Italy
Let's Improve	Tanzania

## Key Messages and Reminders

### Trending on Twitter this week

- Nursery settling in



### Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Learning Support Assistants x 2 – term time only
- Lunchtime Controllers x 2 – term time only

You must be able to converse in English for both roles. Please contact the office at [mail@wexhamprimary.com](mailto:mail@wexhamprimary.com) for further information and an application form. Alternatively, you can find further information on the school website in 'Working for Us' section.