

## Parent/Carer Newsletter



## Key Dates for Parents/Carers

October – Black History Month & WCPS Teeth Brushing Month

Thursday 21st October – Parent Curriculum Session 1 (online via Teams - 4pm – 5pm)

Friday 22nd October – Parent Curriculum Session 2 (online via Teams - 11am – 12pm)

Friday 22nd October – Last day of Term (finish at normal time)

Monday 1st November – Children return to School

November – Mental Health Month

Thursday 4th November – Diwali

## Important Information

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend.

Thank you, parents who have sent in feedback, regarding this weekly newsletter. There was quite an even split on some of the feedback, making it difficult to make a change, however there was some very useful feedback which we will look to action as soon as possible.

This morning, I attended a meeting with health representatives from across Berkshire and the Slough Headteachers. We were informed that there are a large number of unvaccinated residents in Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead, where numbers of infection are starting to increase. As such, they will be issuing us with further guidance this week in regards to precautions that schools should take. Once I have this, I will write to you again with any changes to our risk assessment and procedures.

For now, it does not seem sensible to hold the Parent Curriculum Session after school in the Barn today and Thursday. Therefore, we will move to an online session, which will be through TEAMS, on **Thursday 21st October at 4pm** and **Friday 22nd October at 11am**. Please see TEAMS link below.

PARENT CURRICULUM SESSION 1 (Thursday 21st October 4pm-5pm)

Click here to join the meeting

PARENT CURRICULUM SESSION 2 (Friday 22nd October 11am-12pm)

Click here to join the meeting

Parents, I urge you to attend as we will be sharing with you our approach, which has been developed using evidence-based research to firm us on what works and what simply does not.





You will need to be aware of this before the Parents Consultation Sessions. In these sessions, we will talk about:

- How children learn
- Teaching at Wexham
- Why we do not use differentiation
- · Assessments at Wexham including responsive marking

#### **Mental Health Month**

During the month of November, we will be raising awareness of what mental health is, and how it can be affected and more importantly, supported. We all have mental health which at times is very positive and at other times, not so much. There are also people who are deeply affected by medical conditions around mental health. We need to ensure that we have a great understanding of it and the language we use around it. We will run sessions in school for teachers and pupils, followed by some sessions for parents. We use the Anna Fraud website a lot which you may wish to look into over the break.

#### Diwali

Some of our families will be celebrating Diwali on the 4th November so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Diwali - may you enjoy the festivities with your family and friends and stay safe. Being a festival of divas and light, no doubt you may use fireworks; if not on Diwali, then maybe on the 5th November. We hope you all remain safe and talk about the dangers of fireworks.

## Halloween

It is Halloween on the 31st October, please remember to stay safe, and accompany children so that they understand stranger danger is always something they should be considering.

With all that being said, I hope you have a great half-term break and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Miss Mehat





## Awards & Honours

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Morning Nursery	England	Spain	Australia	South Africa	Cuba	Brazil	Philippines
	Japveer	Rafay	Hafsah	Raghavi	Alayna	Harry	Gurjaish
Areena	Wales	Poland	Tonga	Ethiopia	Canada	Argentina	China
Afternoon Nursery	Hannah	George	Filip	Menna	Kiratpreet	Afan	Ekampreet
	Scotland	Italy	Fiji	Egypt	Mexico	Peru	Sri Lanka
Ismail	Kara	Yusuf	Aliza	Affan	Deetya	Haleema	Zayn

HOUSEPOINTS

House Name	Points	Ranking
Copper Beech	1494	2nd
Horse Chestnut	1471	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Majestic Oak	1532	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sycamore	1279	4 <sup>th</sup>

# MATHLETICS

1st	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Fiji	Cuba	Spain	
Lets Improve	Argentina		
Top Scorer	Yuvraj Sri Lanka		





## Key Messages & Reminders

## **Inappropriate Shows**

It has been brought to our attention that a number of our pupils have been talking about the new Netflix series **Squid Game**, this is highly inappropriate for young children due to the extreme levels of violence and adult context portrayed. The show states this should not be viewed by anyone below the age of 15.

Please note that children are accessing scenes from Squid Games via places such as their TikTok accounts as it can pop up on their 'For You' page and therefore even if they are not searching for it, they can come across scenes which are disturbing. Please monitor what your children are watching and have access to.

Miss Mehat

#### **Connect - Free courses for Parents/Carers**

Home Start Slough have arranged free courses for Parents/Carers who have children or young people who are pre & post assessment for Autism. More information can be found below.

Home Start Slough



Free courses for parents/carers who have children or young people who are pre- and post-assessment for Autism!

## Session Schedule for 2021

November Every Monday from the 1/11 to the 6/12

09:30 - 11:30

#### Session Schedule for 2022

**Every Wednesday from** June **Every Wednesday from** January February July the 12/01 to the 16/02 the 08/06 to the 06/07 **Every Monday from the Every Monday from the** February \_ October 28/02 to the 04/04 November April 03/10 to the 14/11

## Over 6 weeks (in two hourly sessions) parents will explore:

- Connecting with self and others
- Connect with child/children
- Strategies that glue and connect the family
- · Connecting in panic times (routines)
- "Connect before Correct" (positive discipline)
- Connections for next steps (what support is out there and where?)

To register your place, please contact: Sarah Doe sarahdoe@hsslough.co.uk or call 07473107282.

Venue: Arbour Park, Home of Slough Town FC, Stoke Road, Slough, SL2 5AY.



We are a registered charity supporting families in Slough and Burnham. Recognising diversity and individuals is part of everything we do. We are there for parents when they need us the most because childhood can't wait.





## Top Table

#### **LOWER PRIMARY**

Year 1

Italy: Haya for working very hard in lessons and improving her writing

Poland: **Saffron** for her amazing progress with her writing Spain: **Nadhra** for her efforts in learning our story map

Year 2

Fiji: **Halimah** for a well thought out and accurate short burst write Tonga: **Mehakpreet** for applying the toolkit features to her short

burst write

Australia: Callum for his innovated write plan

Year 3

Egypt: **Innayah** for trying really hard to use the correct punctuation in her independent writing.

Ethiopia: **Bismah** for always willing to share her ideas with the class

and being resilient.

South Africa: Emery for coming to school with a positive attitude, being a good role model and

forming positive relationships in class.

### **UPPER PRIMARY**

Year 4

Cuba: **Zaiyon** for his brilliant effort and understanding in derivative facts/distributive law and improved presentation in his Maths work. Canada: **Bilal** for his hard work and determination in understanding

multiplication and division & finding derivative facts.

Mexico: Insha for a wonderful effort in her cold write

Year 5

Peru: Adam for his creative ideas and interesting language choices

during his independent writing.
Brazil: **Max** for a brilliant hot write

Argentina: Yuvraj for a great piece of writing in English

Year 6

Philippines: **Nimratpreet** for her enthusiasm and participation in every lesson this week. We have been particularly impressed with her application of the agreed order of operations today.

China: Kaleb for his enthusiasm and determination in understanding and applying the agreed

order of operations

Sri Lanka: Wessal for making an excellent start on her independent application









From all the staff here at Wexham Court Primary School...

