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Date: 19th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: End of Autumn Term

This term has been filled with numerous events, and as we approach the end of the festive season, I would like to thank parents and carers for their invaluable support. Your involvement, whether through volunteering, attending events, or supporting your children at home, has made a significant difference. We are grateful for your partnership and dedication to your children's education.

I would also like to thank the children for their hard work and resilience, as we navigate through the busy period. I hope they have enjoyed the opportunities on offer, as well as their engaging classroom learning and activities.

Some of the highlights of this half term have been our Junior Choir performing at various Christmas events within the community; a group of children representing our school at the city wide Diversity Event; welcoming parents into school for reading sessions, SEND coffee and parent sessions and early years crafts; our carol performances; Year 5 and Year 6 visit to Heath Park to watch the musical 'Sister Act'; and Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children UK that raised £212.00.

This week is filled with excitement, with the Pantomime and Christmas parties underway across the school with a surprise 'special guest' making a magical appearance across the infant building.

I would like to thank the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for another successful Santa's Grotto and Christmas Fayre. The hard work of this group of parents to organise events and raise funds for school initiatives, is greatly appreciated.

It is unfortunate, that we have to say goodbye to Mrs Taylor-Ward, SENCo, at the end of this term. We wish her all the best in her new role and are confident that she will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of children with special educational needs. Mrs Cowdrill will take up the post of SENCo from January 2025.

Mrs Oakley will be joined by Mrs Tromans (currently teaching in Year 3) to be the class teachers for 1C/O moving forward in January 2025. Mrs Oakley will teach Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Tromans will teach Wednesday to Friday. We are pleased to have appointed, Miss Cowmeadow, who will join Year 1 in February 2025.

Mr Sharpe will teach full-time in 3M/T during the period that Mrs Tromans is in Year 1.



From topics of conversation arising this half term, please may I remind all parents/carers of the following important messages.

Nut Free School

We would like to remind you that our school is a nut-free environment. This is in place to protect children with severe nut allergies, ensuring their safety and well-being. We kindly ask that you refrain from sending any food items containing nuts or nut products with your child.

Please check food labels carefully and educate your children about the importance of adhering to this rule. Your cooperation is essential in maintaining a safe and inclusive environment for all our students. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Medication Coming into School

Regarding the administering of medication at school, please may I remind parents/carers of procedure followed by school as set out in the Model Medicines Policy, compiled by the City of Wolverhampton Council and The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

Most medication prescribed for a pupil will be able to be administered once, twice or three times per day. In these circumstances, parents/carers will be able to manage this before and after school and there is no need for medication to come into school for us to administer this. School will only administer medication prescribed four times plus.

No medication will be allowed into school unless it is clearly labelled with the following and the appropriate documentation at the school office has been completed.

- the child's name
- the child's date of birth
- the name and strength of the medication
- the dosage and when the medication should be given
- the expiry date

Cost of Offsite Visits

Please be aware, that although the school is working incredibly hard to ensure best value for parents/carers, we would like to inform you about an upcoming increase in the costs of our offsite visits from January 2025. This is due to an increase in venue fees and expenses: seeing an average increase of 20%.

We remain committed to providing enriching educational experiences for our children, whilst being mindful of the costs involved and the financial impact on families. We plan your child's journey through the year, as well as during their time at Wodensfield, and consider the number of onsite and offsite visits, event days, extra-curricular activities and donations etc. Whilst we will continue to attempt to mitigate the increase, your contributions are vital.

On a separate note, please could I stress the importance of adhering to deadlines set by the school. Deadlines are vital to ensure the appropriate procedures can be followed including sharing of information, finalising of risk assessments, staffing and timings etc.

This timely cooperation helps avoid last-minute complications and ensures a fair and consistent process for all. Your support in adhering to these deadlines is greatly appreciated and contributes significantly to the overall success of our school events and visits.



Parking Concerns

Before half term, it was brought to the school's attention that the parking of parents in the streets directly surrounding the school is a significant concern, which puts the safety and lives of children at risk.

Whilst I fully appreciate how difficult it can be to find a convenient place to park in order to drop and collect your child from school, I am sure you would all agree that as adults, our convenience should not put children and their families at risk of harm.

The Local Authority and Police Community Support Officers are aware and will be patrolling at sporadic times to reiterate our concern, as we all work together to protect the health and safety of our children and community.

I have attached the Spring Term Key Dates Diary for your perusal, which will be communicated again in January.

We return to school on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8:40am. Nursery children return for their stay and play session on this day, and to their Nursery hours on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

As we look forward to the Christmas break, I encourage everyone to take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the company of loved ones. It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past term and set new goals for the year ahead. Thank you again for your continued support and commitment. We wish you all a joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Walker
Headteacher



SPRING TERM KEY DATES 2025

Week Beginning	Events
6th January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th Jan. Children return to school at 8:40am for start of the Spring Term • 6th Jan. Nursery Stay and Play, as per letter dated 16/12/2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AM children 9:30am to 10:30am ○ All Day children 11am to 12pm ○ PM children 1:30pm to 2:30pm • 7th Jan. Nursery children to return to their Nursery session <p><u>Reminders:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk – Paid direct to Cool Milk https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/ All under 5s are free • 10th Jan. Spring Term Apple Deadline – Pay via School Gateway app. Summer Term Apple is live. • Cost of a school meal is £2.60 per meal (£13.00 per week). Please pay in advance and inform the school office re: changes to meal plan
13th January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th Jan. Year 6 Dog Safety Workshop (onsite – no charge) • 15th Jan. Year 3 Parent Reading Session
20th January 2025	
27th January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th Jan. Severn Trent Assembly, followed by workshops for Year 4 and Year 5 (onsite – no charge) • 29th Jan. Year 3 Parent Reading Session
3rd February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RWI Testing Week • 3rd Feb. Year 3 and Year 6 Planetarium visit (in school experience) – letter to follow • 5th Feb. Year 3 Italy Day – letter to follow • 7th Feb. Year 6 Parent Meeting 9-9:30am in Junior Hall – SATs programme and Whitemoor Lakes Residential
10th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RWI Testing Week • 12th Feb. Year 3 Parent Reading Session • 13th Feb. PTA School Disco – information to follow • 14TH FEB – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
17th February 2025	HALF TERM BREAK
24th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th Feb. Children return to school at 8:40am for start of Spring 2 Term • 28th Feb. Individual (Only) School Photographs – Reception to Year 6
3rd March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Mar. Year 2 Parent Meeting re: Kingswood Residential 3:30pm to 4pm in Classroom 2H
10th March 2025	
17th March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th Mar. Year 3 Parent Reading Session • 19th to 21st Mar. Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes

24th March 2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th to 25th Mar. 2K Residential to Kingswood • 26th to 27th Mar. 2H Residential to Kingswood • 26th Mar. Year 3 Roman Workshop (in school experience) – letter to follow
31st March 2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Apr. Year 3 Parent Reading Session
7th April 2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11TH APR. INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
14th April 2025	EASTER BREAK
21st April 2025	EASTER BREAK
28th April 2025	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th Children return to school at 8:40am for start of the Summer Term

