



Newsletter



Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our wonderful PTA committee members and volunteers, including many staff, who helped to make a very wet and windy fireworks night such a success. As always, this event was sold out and I am pleased to say that it raised over £1300 for PTA funds.

Please note that 2019,20 Term Dates are now final and will be sent to you today as a separate attachment. These will also be posted on our School website by the end of the day.

Best Wishes

Mrs A Smart, Head Teacher

Achievement Awards



Badgers:

Hedgehogs:

Otters:

Squirrels:

Owls:

Kingfishers:

Coming next week due to Kindness Week, Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need – phew!

Best Attendance of the week last week

Hedgehogs, 100% - congratulations!

Language of the Term



Ahoj! Ella (Kingfishers) and Eddy (Hedgehogs) would like us to celebrate Czech as our language this term. For resources and ideas, including how to pronounce key first words, please look at

www.newburyparkschool.net/language-of-the-month

Dekuji, Mrs Bancroft

Dates for the year	
Assembly dates Badgers 12.7.19, Hedgehogs 28.6.19, Otters 22.3.19, Squirrels 5.7.19, Owls 29.3.19, Kingfisher 15.3.19	
W/C 12 th November	National Anti-bullying week 'Choose Respect'
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need Day
Monday 3 rd December	Christmas Craft morning – parents/grandparents welcome from 9.10am
Wednesday 5 th December	Rainbow Theatre Group visiting school. 'Snow White'
Friday 7 th December	PTA: Christmas Fair after school
Wednesday 12 th December	Reception and Parents' Christmas lunch (details nearer the time)
Thursday 13 th December	Y1 and 2 Christmas lunch
Monday 17 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 2 Performances 1 9.15am and 2.15pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Reception Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas parties, all year groups Last day of term

<https://www.chandaginfectschool.org.uk/term-dates>

Please check these carefully when booking holidays, as holidays booked during time will only be authorised in *exceptional* circumstances. Family birthdays or anniversaries are not classed as exceptional circumstances. Expected attendance for our Trust is 100%. **NB: Our holiday dates are different from the generic dates on the B&NES website.**

[Term dates for 2019,20 will be parentmailed and also posted on our website this week.](#)



This week was Anti-Bullying Week. Nationally it's a time to ask all children, staff and families to stand together against bullying.

This year, the message is 'Choose Respect' and in Monday's Anti-Bullying Assembly, children were encouraged to respect each other and think about others' feelings.

All children should be clear on 'What bullying is' i.e. it is something that is planned to hurt either physically or emotionally and that happens again and again.

We do not tolerate bullying in our school and any child who thinks that they or another child are being bullied knows to tell an adult straight away.

All classes have created art or drama work based on anti-bullying and this was shown in a Sharing Assembly today. Please see me if you have any questions with regards Anti-Bullying.

Mrs Seal, PSHE leader

Sharing from our Anti-Bullying Assembly today

Reception shared their Kindness tree and told us that it is important to respect each other's choices. Year 1 and 2 talked to us about Respect and showed us that they are looking out for each other in the playground so that everyone stays happy in school. We loved your song too Year 2!



Kindness is our School Value of the term and the children have already started to add to our hall display with the kind deeds that they have completed. If your child does something kind at home, please let their teacher know so that they can add this to a heart shape in school.

Remembrance Assembly



Last Friday, the children took part in our annual Remembrance service at school. They all did a great job retelling the story 'Where The Poppies Grow' and showed great respect when displaying their homemade poppies, which can still be seen in our school hall. Many thanks to the families that helped make such a stunning display.

Mrs Lewis, History Leader

Mindfulness walks

OBSERVE

Without *trying to change* the way you're walking, simply observe how it *feels*. Just take a moment to observe it, to *notice it*.

Mindful walking with headspace.com

Teachers have introduced Mindfulness with children either last or this term. This may take the form of a Mindfulness walk, breathing techniques or guided body scan relaxation. Ask them to show you what they have learnt! In the past, children tell us that these techniques help them to feel “Calm, relaxed, peaceful and able to sort out anything that hasn't gone well that day.”



Tickets for Reception, Year 1 and year 2 Christmas Performances

These will be available to book through Parentmail from Sunday evening all being well. You may reserve a total of **2 tickets per child**. This means **either** two tickets for the morning show, 2 tickets for the afternoon show or one ticket for each show. Please note that if spare tickets are available after all parents have made their selection, these will be released in order of requests received. In Parentmail, there is an option to add your name to a waiting list for additional tickets. We are planning to send out tickets – which will double as your programme for the performance - the week commencing 3rd December. **These must be shown on arrival.**

PTA News



The big clear up from the night before!

We hope that everyone had a great half term. Thank you to those that supported our **cake sale** before the break. We **raised a whopping £361**.

We're getting ready for our **Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December** and held our first planning meeting this week. It's shaping up to be a great event and we'll have lots of fun things to do, including 'Where in the world is Santa?', a children's sweetie stall, a bottle stall, and plenty of cakes and mince pies. They'll even be a performance from the children taking part in the Sing-up club. We are holding a **mufti-day on Friday 30th November** to raise donations for the fair – **please bring in a bottle and/or a filled sweetie cone**. We'll also welcome cake donations on the day of the fair too.

Finally, thank you to everyone that braved the rain and came along to our **firework night** last week, and an even bigger thank you to our team of amazing volunteers (both parents and teachers) who made the event possible (including the clean-up the following day). Despite the weather we are pleased to confirm that we **raised just over £1,300** which will be used to fund the class wish lists for the year ahead. It was lovely to receive a message from a parent following the event to say that “it was the best fireworks night we've ever been to” so we hope that everyone had a great time.

The PTA Team

Supervision at the end of the day

Please ensure that after children have been passed to you by the class teacher, your child stands close to you and does not run round the playground or play on play equipment. This is vital in helping us to see the next parent waiting and in helping us check that every child is accompanied at the end of the day. Thank you

Calling all our wonderful Volunteers!

Do you volunteer your help in our school for 4 or more days a month? If you do, it is a requirement that you attend annual Volunteer Safeguarding training in our school. We have run one of these sessions already this year and the next will run at 2.45pm – 3.10pm on Wednesday 5th December. Please book via Parentmail Events.

ZEST Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Olivia from Owl class, who won first prize in the Prince Charles' Birthday colouring competition. Runner up prizes were awarded to Thalia from Squirrels and Archie from Hedgehogs.

Children in Need raised £187.70



Thank you for all your contributions. *Matilda from Otters made Aqua beads at home, sold them at school and has added the money she raised to the spotty clothes donation. She raised £9.16. Well done Matilda!*

Requests for leave of absence

Our term dates are DIFFERENT FROM THE DATES ON THE BANES WEBSITE. 2018,19 and 2019,20 dates are now available.

No leave of absence will be granted where our individual school term dates have not been followed.

There is a clear correlation between good attendance and good outcomes at school. Children need to be at school in order to have the relevant teaching in order that they will be ready for their next stage in learning. I will be meeting termly with our Children Missing Education Officer (CMEO) regarding attendance at our school. We, along with other local schools, follow BANES policy on holiday requests. **Any child who has attendance below 90% is considered by the government to be a persistent absentee** (supported evidence of chronic illness of course is taken into account and would not be counted) and requests for holidays in term time will not be granted unless there are **very exceptional circumstances**. This means that they are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short." (National Association of Head Teachers) **The expected attendance for all children in Wellsway Multi-Academy Trust Schools is 100%. The headteacher makes the decision whether or not to authorise absence, including sickness absence.**

- All applications for leave of absence must be made **in advance** by the parent(s), carer(s) or corporate parent that the pupil normally resides with.
- Where a request for leave of absence has been made by one parent only, any estranged parent with parental responsibility¹ will be advised of the request for leave. The school will not become involved in disputes between parents over permissions surrounding the request. If the parent on receipt of the notification does not agree with the absence then he/she may put in writing to the headteacher notification to that effect. This will be given consideration should a Penalty Notice be issued for the absence. “¹ Except where there has been an order made by a court restricting the sharing of information with that parent. In such cases it is the responsibility of the parent to provide documentary evidence of the order.
- **Illness:** If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please either visit or phone Mrs Weeks in the school office rather than leaving a message with the Class Teacher, who may have lots of messages to remember. In this way, we can ensure that all absences are recorded correctly. Our school answerphone has a dedicated line to report illness if outside of the office opening hours (8.30am -5pm, but 4.30pm on Fridays).
- **Please note that if your child is absent from school and we do not receive a message or are unable to reach you on the phone, we may be obliged to follow up with a home visit to check on your child’s safety.**
- Please ring us on each day of absence, unless by prior arrangement with the office, e.g. in the case of chickenpox or sickness, where a set number of days at home may be required. Mrs Weeks will be in the office from 8.30am each day.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN MUST BE 48 HOURS CLEAR OF SICKNESS OR DIARRHOEA BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.**

Trust

Respect

Kindness

Cooperation

Courage

Creativity