Robert Piggott CE Federation

Newsletter

www.robertpiggott.wokingham.sch.uk

What an unusual start to the summer we are having. We do not know whether to apply sun cream or get out our winter coats! We are just 2 weeks back and already so much has been accomplished. The Year 4 Times Table checks have been finished and this week sees the completion of the Year 1 Phonics screening.

This year Sports Day has been another incredible highlight of the school calendar. The children from both schools were fantastic. They gave their all, earned points for their Houses and then competed graciously wherever they placed. The Infant Sports Day even had races for mums, dads and toddler races.

Congratulations to three of our Junior pupils - Ula Bookless who unbelievably won both the sprint and the Netherton, Barney Beard won the Year 6 Sprint and Ben Welch smashed the longstanding Netherton record with a time of 1 minute 54.85seconds.

The last few weeks in any school year can be tricky. Timetables are often forgotten as rehearsals and end of term activities ramp up, Year 6 get very excited about moving to secondary school and Year 2 are more than ready to move to the Juniors. We know that you would agree, it is exactly for these reasons that we must maintain our boundaries within school and keep all our children and staff safe by ensuring our high expectations of behaviour until the very last child leaves on 19th July. Please continue to help us by ensuring that your children follow the uniform, phone and punctuality rules that are in place year-round.

All the staff at both schools are incredible and with the office staff, they are our front line in the face of incoming and outgoing communication. Please do treat them with the respect they deserve.

Please do keep an eye on the events scheduled for the remaining five weeks of term. We very much look forward to seeing you all at the wide array of services and shows across both schools.

THE HAIR NECESSITIES

Tilly Clark recently had 12 inches of her hair cut off and has donated her ponytails to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer and have lost their hair. She was really happy for her hair to be donated and her family are incredibly proud of her and we think the new hairdo really suits her.

She will soon receive a certificate from the Little Princess Trust.

ILLUSTRATOR VISIT

We were very fortunate to welcome Simon Murray to the Infant School. He is the author and illustrator of a collection of books based on the a character called Icky Doo Dah.

He spent time with each class encouraging them to be imaginative and come up with some amazing creations.

We look forward to welcoming him to the Junior School next year.

CHAMBER MUSIC

Last week a group of 25 Junior musicians took part in a workshop led by Berkshire Chamber Orchestra. They had great fun composing alongside the professionals and the next day were invited to watch the orchestra perform their piece.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Year 5/6 girls and boys attended a football tournament at Woodford Park where the girls narrowly lost out in the final. The boys also did well and made it to the knock out stages. The sporting calendar has been very full recently and a sports newsletter will be out next week.

DONGOLA

Whilst our Year 6 children were away at PGL, Year5 were very lucky to have spent the day with Wargrave Boat Club being taught Dongola Racing. Dongola racing is a popular event in traditional local regattas, especially on the River Thames in southern England and was first competed at Maidenhead in 1886. Competitors use wide punts and a team of (usually six) people with single-bladed paddles, facing forwards and kneeling, normally with one leg up and one leg down. The person at the rear is responsible for the steering with their paddle.

SPORTS
DAY

Attendance

Infant School 95.6%
Junior School 96.1%
Attendance expectation 96%

You can view your child's attendance online using your Arbor login.

Should your child drop below 90% you will be notified by the School leadership team.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 16th June 9.30am	PTA Kids Fun Run @ Wargrave Recreation Ground
Tuesday 18th June 10.45-11.05am	Year 2 break time transition @ Juniors
Thursday 20th June 9.30-10.30am	New EYFS familiarisation with parents
Friday 21st June evening	Wargrave Festival Ibiza Classics PTA
Wednesday 26th June morning	Whole School transition
Wednesday 26th June 9.30-10.30am	New EYFS familiarisation (children only)
Thursday 27th June	Wargrave Literary Festival Author visits @ Mill Green
Friday 28th June 8.10am	School Council Meeting @ Junior School
Friday 28th June afternoon	Year 3/4 RE Inspired workshop
Friday 28th June 2.30pm	Kingfisher's Class Collective Worship (Kingfisher parents welcome)
Friday 28th June 3.10pm	PTA Ice Cream Sale
Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 Bushcraft Residential Trip
Tuesday 2nd July	Juniors District Sports
Tuesday 2nd July 10.45-11.05am	Year 2 break time transition @ Juniors
Friday 5th July 2.30pm	Doves' Classes Collective Worship (Doves' parents welcome)
Wednesday 10th July 6.00pm	Year 6 Talent Show @ Junior School
Thursday 11th July morning	Year 1 Music Event @ Addington 8.40am in school please
Thursday 11th July 4.00pm	New EYFS parents' information evening
Friday 12th July 3.10pm	PTA Ice Cream Sale
Monday 15th July	Year 3/4 to Natural History Museum
Monday 15th July 2.00pm	Year 2 Leavers' Production
Tuesday 16th July	Magic Show for Infants & Juniors provided by PTA
Wednesday 17th July afternoon	Year 6 party
Wednesday 17th July	Reports emailed out
Wednesday 17th July 9.30am	Year 6 Leavers' Service @ St Mary's Church (Year 6 parents welcome)
Wednesday 17th July	Year 5/6 Boys Cricket tournament
Friday 19th July	End of Term 1.30pm Juniors 1.40pm Infants

Parking restrictions

Do not park where you are prevented from doing so by restrictions – single yellow lines with time restrictions, double yellow lines and school keep clear zig-zags. These restrictions are often deliberately placed to allow safe crossing of the road. You may be glad of them when crossing to your car.

Dropped kerbs

Dropped kerbs are there to assist people with pushchairs and wheelchairs to cross the road. Although it may be tempting if they provide a convenient space, please don't park so that you block them. You are depriving someone of an accessible place to cross the road.

Use the crossing provided

If you are a parent please always use the zebra, light controlled crossing or school patroller when one is available outside or near your school. Not only is it sensible for adults to use the safest crossing place, it is important to provide a good road safety example to children.

Be aware that some vehicles run the red lights (and don't stop for pedestrians waiting at zebra crossings) so please don't allow your children to step into the road until approaching vehicles are stationary.

Verges

Do not park on the verges – the damage caused to these areas is both unsightly and costly to repair. They are usually deemed part of the highway so any parking restrictions apply to the verge also.

Speed

Please drive slowly at school times, children may suddenly step out into the road. Research shows that if you hit a child at 40 mph there's an 80% chance they'll be killed, but if you hit them at 30mph there's an 80% chance they'll survive.

At some schools the limit is only 20mph.

Car doors

For safety reasons it is advisable when picking up or dropping off children to park your car such that children can get in or out on the kerb side of the car. In this way they are not getting out straight into traffic. However, please be aware of other pedestrians using the footway before opening your doors, as you may hit or obstruct them.

Further information

For any other information please contact the Road Safety Officer at Wokingham Borough Council.

E-mail myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk
Tel No 0118 974 6000

Considerate Car Use

The wellbeing of children is of prime concern and your co-operation and consideration when driving will help us create a safe environment around our schools.

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The Council has a duty to promote sustainable travel to school. Encouraging children to walk or cycle to school benefits us all:

- our children get regular exercise and learn vital road safety skills
- our local communities are not inconvenienced by lots of cars at peak times
- the air we breathe outside the school gates is cleaner
- we are not adding to global pollution

Cars and schools do not mix well. Children can be easily distracted when approaching or leaving school and this is when incidents can happen. However, we recognise it is not always possible to walk or cycle. If you feel you really have to drive to school, please bear in mind the following points.

Park and Stride / Walking Bus

Consider parking further away from the school and walking part of your journey – this disperses the cars and reduces the number in any one location to a safer level. It is also an opportunity to talk to your child, teach them road safety skills and for them to learn about their surroundings.

Pedal Cyclists

Watch out for children and adults cycling to and from school, especially when opening doors on the road side, and allow them enough space when overtaking.

Avoid the pavement

Do not drive or park on the pavement - children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be. Blocking the pavement, even if only half-on, makes it difficult for those who do want to walk.

Junctions

Do not park within 10 metres of a junction in any direction - this allows motorists the safe visibility they need to see approaching traffic (the police have the power to enforce this restriction). You don't want to be involved in an accident and you don't want to face a fine.

Reversing

Try to avoid reversing manoeuvres near a school and do not use the school entrance to turn around. It's very hard to see children directly behind you and the back end of the car can overhang the footpath.

General inconvenience

Please park so that you do not cause inconvenience to anyone else – this includes double parking, blocking residents' driveways, and parking right outside someone's window. None of us would like it if we were prevented from getting out of our driveway!

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ART CLUB

Get Active

SUMMER Activity Camp

Where Every Activity Builds Skills

Venues across the South East

For ages 4 (Reception+) - 16

Dates between:

22nd July - 30th August

£31.45	£34.45
Half Day	Full Day
8am - 3:30pm	8am - 6pm

Earlybird! Book before 30/06 and save 10% using code SUM24

LOCATIONS

- Wokingham
- Woodley
- Shinfield
- Lower Earley
- Reading
- Thatcham
- Maidenhead
- Hillingdon
- Farnborough
- Didcot
- Great Missenden
- Marlow
- Slough
- Burnham

See Full Venue List

WHAT'S ON...

- Themed Crafts
- Football
- Table Tennis
- Dodgeball
- Mini Olympics
- Science Experiments
- GIANT board games
- Dance
- Team Games
- Footgolf

and more!

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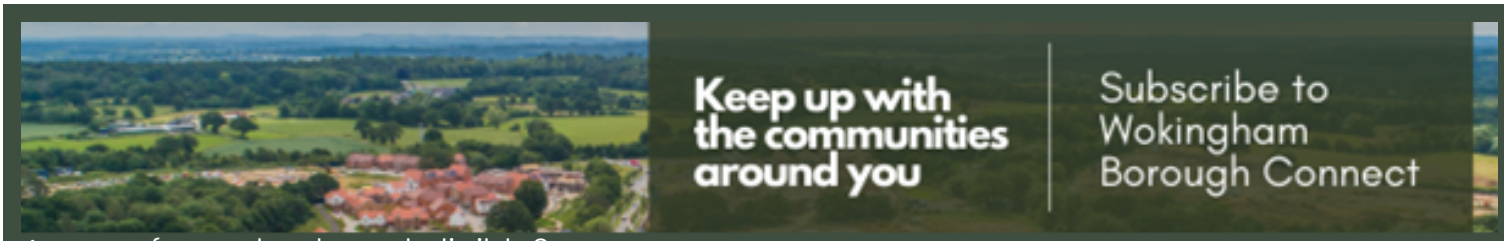

Are you free school meal eligible?

With the higher cost of living in recent years you may now be getting support you didn't used to.

Let the school know if you're free school meal eligible and the school gets extra funding, as well as daily meals for your child or children.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- NASS support
- Guarantee element of State Pension
- Child Tax Credit, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child's school.

Download the form and apply for Free School Meals on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

THE READING AGENCY **Summer Reading Challenge**

Dear parent/carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.[1]

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group.**
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem.**
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with the public library network.

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the official Challenge website.
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Challenge will launch on Monday **1 July** in all Wokingham Borough libraries.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success here.
- Visit the official Summer Reading Challenge website for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following @SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook.

Wargrave Guides and Rangers presents

BINGO

20th June

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Festival marquee - Mill Green

Doors open 6:45pm
Eyes down 7:30pm

Book online now!
www.eventbrite.co.uk

Some tickets also available on the door*
*subject to availability

BINGO

Refreshments & snacks available

Tickets £8

WARGRAVE VILLAGE FESTIVAL

WARGRAVE BIKE fest

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024

A day of cycling & family sporting fun

Mill Green, Station Rd, Wargrave RG10 8EU

Tickets on sale
wargravefestival.org.uk/wargravebikefest

Cycle the beautiful Chilterns

3 DISTANCES TO CHOOSE FROM
FREE DRINK FOR CYCLISTS
10 OLYMPIC SPORT CHALLENGES FOR KIDS

THREE DISTANCES TO CHOOSE FROM

75km ride - £30 | Registration 8:00am
50km ride - £25 | Registration 8:00am
20km ride - Adults £10 / Children £1 | Registration from 8:30am
(Participants under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult)

Tickets inc. digital cyclist pack, fuel stop (for longer distances) PLUS a free beer/wine/soft drink for all cyclists on return to Mill Green, plus the Olympic Passport for cyclists 13 & under

PLUS A FAMILY SPORTS DAY BACK ON THE GREEN

FAMILY SPORTS DAY 10AM-2PM - ADULTS FREE | CHILD £5 (OLYMPIC PASSPORT)

Pick up your Olympic passport booklet and wristband for children 13 & under and get access to:

- 10 Olympic sports challenges
- Climbing Wall
- Cricket skills workshop
- Rugby target practice
- Tennis, Golf, Table Tennis
- Rowing challenges
- Martial Arts, Wrestling
- Indoor toddler soft play & Kids art table
- South African Braai & Bar
- Cakes & Coffee & Candy Floss

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Home Counties Martial Arts

Tactical Tuition
FIRST AID | SAFETY | SELF-DEFENCE

FREE Self-Protection Event for Young People!

Monday, 8th July
6 to 7pm
Loddon Hall, Twyford
Limited to 30 attendees

Learn Essential Skills
- Situational Awareness
- Emergency Preparedness
- Mobile Phone Safety
- And more!

Why Attend?
Prepare your child for new school journeys and increase their safety awareness. Open to everyone, with a focus on those transitioning from junior to senior school.

Support Nai's House
While the event is FREE, donations to Nai's House, a mental health support charity for young people, are appreciated.

Book Now!

Contact Ken on 07398 333 782
ken3171965@gmail.com

Fun with Time

Free Course

St Nicholas CoE Primary School,
Friday 21 June, 9:30-11:30am

Learn how time is taught at primary school and fun ways to support your child's learning at home.

For further information, please speak to the School Office or email adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk or call 0118 9743797

To enrol please visit
www.webenrol.com/wokingham
Click courses then Help your Child with Maths
Select the Time St Nicholas only course

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Wokingham Bikeathon

Sunday 23rd June 2024

Event Hub: Cantley Park
Twyford Road, Wokingham, RG40 5TU

Refreshments on route

Family friendly

Sustainable medals

Register now!
Adults £20 • Children £5 (ages 12-17)
or FREE with a paying adult!
Under 12s - FREE!

Not-for-profit event, raising funds for local charities

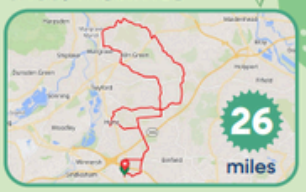
www.wokinghambikeathon.co.uk

4 routes to choose from:

Short

Suitable for families and leisure riders
60-90 minutes

Intermediate

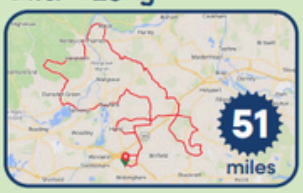


Quietest route recommended for families
120-160 minutes

Long

More experienced riders
120-180 minutes

Extra Long



More experienced riders
180-240 minutes

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See you there!

www.wokinghambikeathon.co.uk

Summer holidays at the Ure Museum of Archaeology

Here comes the sun!

Summer TEXTIVAL at the Ure

23rd July 2024, 11 .00am - 2.00pm

To coincide with the UK-wide Festival of Archaeology, the Ure is holding a festival of ancient textiles. Dyeing, weaving and cord making. All ages welcome!

Summer Olympots at the Ure

3rd August 2024, 11 .00am - 2.00pm

We're creating our own Olympics! Come along to find out where it all started! Indoor and outdoor games for all.

Pots and Tots

11am - 12pm; 30th July and 13th August;
Makaton assisted relaxed session 24th August

Storytelling, music and movement for children aged 2 to 7; older siblings and friends are very welcome to join in.

Hold on tight! Object handling sessions

10am - 11am and 2pm - 3pm; 20th and 27th August, 3rd September

Suitable for all ages, everyone is welcome!

All sessions are free but please book by emailing ure.education@reading.ac.uk

Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology
University of Reading

For more information please contact **Victoria Stevens**, the Learning Co-ordinator, at ure.education@reading.ac.uk
Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology, Edith Morley Building
University of Reading Whiteknights Campus, Pepper Lane, RG6 6AB
Tel: 0118 3786990 https://collections.reading.ac.uk/ure-museum/

MOVING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

10 July and 17 July, Wednesdays
7.30pm to 9pm, online via Zoom

£15 - free to those on jobseeking benefits or low incomes

Building on the information given by the schools it looks at the transition from a practical and emotional standpoint.
Particularly helpful for parents and carers whose child is anxious around the move.
The course looks at how secondary schools work and discusses issues around practical organisation, friendship issues, and managing anxiety.

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www.webenrol.com/wokingham
(then click on courses and family learning)
adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk
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