



Wivelsfield Primary School and Nursery

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Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

As we end one of the most gloomy and rainy terms we have had for a long time, I think we all deserve some sun in the February break - let's hope we get some!

Staff News

Mrs Lowries will be leaving us in early March to pursue a career in a different educational role nearer to her home. Mrs Lowries has been a great asset to the school and we will all miss her and wish her every success for the future.

We look forward to welcoming Ms Kate Swordy as our new Forest School leader. We hope she will be able to join us in late March in readiness for lots of Forest School activities in the spring sunshine.

Thank you

We have become a school of chess enthusiasts! A huge thank you to everyone who has donated a chess set to the school. The chess club led by Miss Parris on Thursdays is hugely popular and your generosity means lots of children can be part of it. Chess is also a regular feature being played on the terrace at lunchtimes for children who want a quiet activity to enjoy with their friends.

Thank you also for the donations of pre-loved books to the school. These have been distributed amongst the classes.

Foxes Class were lucky enough to have some beautiful new books donated to the school in memory of a local resident who died recently and loved both reading and children, and wanted to give something to the school.

Wrens have also benefitted from the donation of a lovely little picnic bench - perfect for the warmer days ahead!

Thank you to all the school community for your wonderful generosity.

Using the car park each end of the school day

You are undoubtedly aware that, to keep everyone safe, the car park is closed for the majority of parents and carers each end of the school day. There are a few exceptions to this and to make it easier for us to identify your cars, Mrs Green has made some badges to be displayed in the front of your car. If you currently have permission to use the car park, please call at the office to collect a badge. Everyone is welcome to use the car park to drop off for breakfast club and until 8.30am, then after 8.55 am and before 3.00pm. The car park is open for use again after 3.30pm. Please drive carefully and respectfully whatever time of day you use our car park. Thank you.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who makes sure their children attend school as often as they can. At the start of the academic year, we set a target of 96% whole school attendance, and at the moment we are somewhat below that at 95%. You can see how well your child's class is doing below:

Robins: 96%

Hedgehogs: 95.7%

Rabbits: 94.1%

Foxes: 94.9%

Otters: 94.3%

Badgers: 94.7%

Owls 95.9%

Well done to Robins and Owls who at the moment have the best attendance since September 2025.

Sport Events

Despite the dreadful weather our young sports people have been as active as ever.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a Chailey Alliance tag rugby tournament, whilst Years 3 and 4 had a great time at the indoor athletics, where they achieved a brilliant first place!

We enjoyed a visit from the Schools' Triathlons at Ardingly College, which was a new experience for the school. We wish all the Wivelsfield teams who have signed up the best of luck in the triathlon and fundraising for Restless Development.

Finally, Active Education organised an active festival that encouraged confidence, cooperation, and personal challenge. Well done to all the children who took part in that.

Curriculum Enrichment

Different classes have benefitted from a range of enrichment activities for their classes. To support geography, Otters Class braved the mud of the local woods to compare that environment with a rain forest environment.



They also had a great afternoon with a visit from some rainforest animals!



Meanwhile, to support their history learning, Rabbits Class had a walk to the old school, which closed in 2007 when this school was opened. Two teachers who worked there met them and talked about how everyone had to walk down the lane to the hall for their lunch and how, many years ago, the headteacher would have lived in the school house! The class also visited the church to enrich their RE learning about Christianity.



Year 5 have also been busy with a visit last week to Chailey School to see a performance of 'Back to the 80s'. This was followed by a visit to Newhaven Fort yesterday where there is a wealth of exhibits about WW2, which they are learning about in History.

Not to be outdone, Robins have been celebrating Chinese New Year with a Dragon Dance to drums and cooking a tasty stir fry.

Thank you to all our teachers who work so hard to make learning fun and memorable for your children.

Sharing of Information

I am sure you are aware we have several parents working in the school as members of our Teaching and Special Needs Assistants team. Please may I ask that if you require information about any aspect of school life, you seek this from the appropriate class teacher, a member of the office team or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

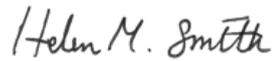
World Book Day

A date for your diary, and one of my favourite school days of the year, is World Book Day which this year falls on **Thursday 5th March**. I know Miss Kelly will be sending out a letter telling you about all the activities we have planned for the day, but in the meantime, why not get planning your child's book character costume?

I hope you all have a lovely February break and that the sun shines, at least for a day or two!

Staff return to school on Monday 23rd February, and we look forward to welcoming children back on **Tuesday 24th February**.

With every good wish,



Helen Smith
Headteacher