



Wivelsfield Primary School and Nursery

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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all our new parents and carers are now feeling very much part of our happy community.

Raising funds for MacMillan

Each year we ask our school community to get busy baking to raise money for Macmillan. Rather than a coffee morning, we sell cakes to the children in the day, open up the hall in the afternoon for any parents, carers and grandparents who might fancy a cup of tea and cake before pick up and then have a grand sale of anything left at the end of the day. Thank you to Year 6 for serving and selling cakes during the afternoon and to all of you who supported in any way. We raised approximately £300. **THANKYOU!**



Harvest Assembly

Despite all the local development, we remain a rural school and like to celebrate harvest each year. It gives us an opportunity to help others by giving donations to Burgess Hill Food Bank and also to remember those that work to produce the food that we put on our tables each day. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our two Harvest Assemblies, when the children brought their gifts to

the hall and sang and performed poems to celebrate autumn and harvest. It was Robins Class first performance of many at Wivelsfield School and as well as confidently performing their Little Farmer Show, they joined in Big Red Combine Harvester with relish. Thank you to all of you who donated food and well done to all our young performers.

Book Fair

Once again, we held a hugely popular and successful book fair. The book fair not only brings the joy of reading into the spotlight for families, but also benefits the school. We earn money from every book sold to buy books to replenish our libraries and class book shelves and this year earned in the region of £900 worth of books! Thank you to Mrs Green for organising the Book Fair and to all the staff and parents who helped sell books.



A request from Mrs Green: Please can parents and carers search through their children's bookshelves at home and return any school books that are no longer being read and return to school. Thank you!

Hedgehogs Village Walk

Our Hedgehogs have been out and about on a geography walk around the village. After all the recent rain, they were blessed with beautiful weather and the walk culminated in a picnic in the church ground. Thank you to the vicar for allowing this, and to the parent helpers who gave up their day to help.



School Council

Miss Griffith reports that the school council has been actively discussing ways to promote respect across the school community. They've come up with a great idea to introduce a 'Respect Award' competition within each class. Each class has come up with a list of ways to be respectful.

The plan is to encourage students to demonstrate these respectful behaviours, with the most respectful class being recognised each term. The council is excited about this initiative and believes it will help foster an even more respectful and supportive environment across the school.

Green Team

Miss Guy is leading the Green Team and reports that the newly formed and very passionate 'Green Team' (former Eco Council) have held their first two meetings to discuss what the children would like to achieve this year. Miss Guy was absolutely blown away by the children's knowledge and enthusiasm for ways to protect the planet, starting with our school.

Two areas the children are really keen to focus on is how to encourage greater biodiversity in our school grounds as well as reducing the amount of litter. Before the team can design their action plan for the year, they will be conducting an environmental review across the school to see what we are doing well in and what could be improved. Watch this space for more updates as the team will certainly need help and volunteers throughout the year!

Sport Tournaments

Despite the muddy conditions 44 children from Years 3 - 6 took part in the Chailey Area Cross Country competition. Well done to all the competitors who completed their races and especially to those who were placed. 4 boys from Year 5 and 6 have qualified for the area final later in the year. Year 5 and 6 girls and boys have also taken part in their first football tournament of the year. Mrs Sinclair was delighted by the team work and encouragement showed by everyone who took part.

Thank you to parents who help with the transport and to Mrs Sinclair for organising these events.

Fire Engine Visit

Swallows and Starlings have been learning about the Great Fire of London and as part of this topic, have



enjoyed a visit from the Fire and Rescue Service to learn about fire safety and, of course, see the fire appliance close to hand.

On Wednesday we had an impressive Fire of Wivelsfield when, under close supervision, the wonderful houses made at home

were burnt to the ground! Thank you to parents and carers for working with your children at home to make their learning exciting in school.

Wrens Nursery



Children in Wrens continue to play and flourish under the expert care of Amanda, Diana, Leanne and Claire. They have been learning all about autumn and looking for signs of autumn on their welly walks.

They have also been learning about Harvest and exploring Autumn foods in all sorts of creative ways.



Online Safety news from Miss Glasscock

Film Age Ratings

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18+ rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

Facts Vs Fiction

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern-day technology making pretend violence and horror look even more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference.

Attendance

As you may be aware, school attendance is a focus both nationally, locally and at Wivelsfield School. This year, we are aiming for a whole school attendance of at least 96% . So far we are meeting this target, so thank you to all of you who ensure your child comes to school as often as they are able to. Miss Glasscock is leading attendance this year; please contact her with any concerns or questions.

Staff News

We are having to say goodbye to two members of our SEN team. Miss Cook is leaving at half term and Mrs Hilton in the middle of November. Mrs Hilton has been with us for over 5 years and throughout this time her calm and caring approach has been an example for all of us. She will be hugely missed and we wish her every happiness and success as she pursues a new career path.

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Lowries will be joining us in January as class teacher for Foxes Class two days per week. She will be visiting the school and getting to know the children during December.

We will let you know as soon as we can confirm the class teacher for Robins in January.

I hope you all have a lovely October break with lots of fun, be it at home or away on holiday. If you are celebrating Halloween or Bonfire Night keep safe. Following an assembly, your children should be able to give you lots of tips!

With warmest regards,

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