

WENTWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to school for a new academic year and welcome to any new pupils to Wentworth. Our new Foundation children will be joining us over the next three weeks and we hope they will settle quickly and enjoy their time with us.

Over the summer we have had a new boiler fitted in the Viking building. So we are already for those cold days.

Mrs. Dack

PUPIL SUPERVISION

Children should not be left outside the school gates unsupervised before 8.35am. Year 5 and 6 children need a permission letter from their parents if they are walking home on their own.

CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are marked with their name and new class – NOT their initials or the name of an older sibling that has now left the school. Please provide your child with a coat, even if they come to school by car, as they will be going out to play in most weathers. Do not provide your child with a bulky backpack as we do not have the space to accommodate them on the school pegs.

CLUBS

Miss Nicoll will be sending out fliers for children to sign up for lunch time and after school sports' clubs next week. Mrs Jones will be running a Homework Club on Tuesdays after school to 4.15pm for Year 5 and 6 pupils. She will be sending out invites soon.

WATER BOTTLES

Please purchase your child a water bottle for £1 at the school office. Children need to take home their water bottles on a daily basis. Please wash them thoroughly and refill them for the next day. Children may top up their bottles from the school water coolers during the school day.

School swimming hats are also available at reception for £1 each, all in various colours.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform. Children not wearing the correct school uniform will receive a reminder slip from their class teacher. White polo shirts only should be worn - not shirts. Children should only wear the school sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo. Navy cardigans, tank tops or other sweatshirts are not acceptable. All children must wear black school shoes and dark or medium grey shorts, trousers, skirts, pinafores or culottes.

PARKING

Please do not park on double yellow lines or across neighbours' driveways or drop children off at the school gates. We have also received a letter from the shops on Washington Road asking parents not to park outside the shops when dropping off or collecting children. These spaces are for customers only. We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

DATA COLLECTION SHEET

Your child will bring home their data collection sheet this week we would ask that it is returned as soon as possible to ensure we have all the correct information.

SWIMMING POOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Parents will receive an email next week requesting payment for swimming pool contributions. Please pay using Sims Agora.

SETTLING IN MEETINGS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Teachers will share year group expectations and parents will need to complete the One Page Summary for their child for the new academic year. The new Foundation parents have already completed their summaries during their visit to school this term.

Year 1 to Year 6 pupils will have completed their part of the summary in class prior to the Settling In Meeting with parents.

All meetings will take place at 2.45pm on the assigned day and access will be through the main front entrance of the school for Viking Hall and through the Millennium Walkway for Mill Hall meetings.

Monday 12th September - Year 1 in the Mill Hall.

Monday 12th September - Year 3 in the Viking Hall.

Tuesday 13th September - Year 2 in the Mill Hall.

Tuesday 13th September - Year 4 in the Viking Hall.

Thursday 15th September - Year 5 in the Mill Hall

Thursday 15th September - Year 6 in the Viking Hall.

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

Class assemblies at 2.40pm –

6T - 13th October,

6S - 10th November

5TL - 17th November.

Crucial Crew Yr6 - Tuesday 20th September

Details to follow

New Foundation parents' coffee morning - Thursday 29th September at 9.00.am

Time to make new friends and have an input from staff on how we teach phonics and early reading and how parents can access the class Its Learning page.

Children's Individual Photographs— Wednesday 12th October—Viking Hall.

Grandparents' Morning - Wednesday 19th October. Grandparents' of our new Foundation pupils are invited to a special morning in school. Details to follow.

HALF TERM - 24th to 28th October

Staff training Inset Day – 31st October.

School closed for pupils.

Year 6 meeting with teachers, parents and pupils to discuss assessments – Thursday

10th November in the Viking Hall at

6pm. Details to follow from the class teachers.

Decoration Day – Friday 25th November.

Parent volunteers welcome. £2 contribution requested per child to support the purchase of extra resources. Details to follow.

Parent Consultations – Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 1st December – 3.30

to 5.20pm and 6 to 7pm. Details to follow from the class teachers.

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 2nd December at 2pm. Tbc Details to follow from the PTA.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances – 2pm on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December, 9.30am on Wednesday 7th December.

Details to follow from the office.

FLU Vaccination for children— Thursday 8th December

Christmas Dinners – week of the 12th December. Details to follow from the school office.

School Pantomime – Date to be confirmed
No charge to parents.

Year 3 Christingle Performance - 3.30pm on Thursday 15th December. Details to follow from the class teachers.

Santa Day - Tuesday 20th December. Pupils to wear anything Christmassy which can include Christmas jumpers, anything red or green or come along dressed as an elf, a Christmas fairy, Santa, a reindeer or a snowman! Do not to forget to still provide your child with a coat on the day and suitable footwear for playtimes.

Last Day of Term – Tuesday 20th December. Christmas holidays - 21st December to 4th January.

Pupils return to school for the Spring Term – **Thursday 5th January.**

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