



Wingham Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 5

Dear Parents,

We have had a very action packed term with lots of sporting events, fund-raising days and curriculum enrichment activities. Thank you to everyone who attended or helped with any of these, including the Open Afternoon, which appeared to be successful and enjoyable. The children appreciated your visit and loved showing you around the school. Please give us feedback if you think there is any way in which we can improve it for the future.

WINGHAM VILLAGE SIGN COMPETITION

All children should already have received information about this competition organised by the Parish Council. A vibrant, brightly coloured 'Welcome to Wingham' poster needs to be designed on A4 paper (landscape) and returned to school, clearly named by Friday, 20 April, please.

FUND RAISING

The week beginning Monday 19th March was Sports Relief and as you know, the children took part in a 'Daley Challenge'. Thanks to everyone's efforts with sponsorship -we are hoping to raise a substantial amount in support of the chosen charities. **Please collect your sponsorship money over the Easter break so we can send our contribution as soon as possible.**

On Tuesday of this week, Mrs Blench and the Honeybees invited everyone for 'Afternoon tea'. There was a wonderful turn out and the children are very proud to have raised **£415** for a very worthy cause.

The PTFA organised an extremely enjoyable Easter Fair and Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 25 April, which made approximately £600. The weather stayed fine and a lot of families attended – the PTFA are working incredibly hard to raise funds for the school, focusing particularly at the moment on upgrading many of the laptops that are used by children in all the classes and particularly at key stage 2.

The School Parliament have been busy working on our 'Eco-schools' focus and all the year groups now have a garden area to plant up and care for. The PTFA will be helping us to purchase plants and any equipment or materials we need to enhance this outdoor learning. Thank you to them, for their continuous support and hard work.

SPORT

This term, Year 2 have had tennis lessons with a coach from Polo farm and last Friday they were able to visit the centre to take part in an afternoon of tennis activities. They also sent representatives to a Yr. 2 Multi-skills festival in which they competed extremely well and came third.

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Year 4 have been canoeing and Year 6 children have had cycling proficiency days in order to use their bikes safely on the roads. We attended the 'Northbourne Park' cross-country competition and also, the Yr.3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics.

Our Boy's Football Squad and our girl's football team continue to play well this season and on Monday March 5th, the girls took part in the Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament. They did extremely well winning one match, drawing two and losing just one. Also in their most recent match, they beat Aylesham 3:0 so their dedication and excellent training with Mr. Woolliscroft is really beginning to pay off.

On Wednesday March 21st, as part of our Sport relief week, we held an Inter-House Indoor Athletics Competition. This was organised by the Yr. 6 House Captains supported by Coach Tom from Teamtheme. All of the classes took part and after an enjoyable and competitive day the result was as follows: -

4th place – Marlowe 688 points
3rd place – Becket 707 points
2nd place – Augustine 753 points
1st place – Chaucer 848 points

ENRICHMENT

This term we celebrated World Book Day with everyone dressing up as a favourite fictional character. It was a shame that it was during the snowy week so some children missed the activities but the costumes were still amazing despite everyone having to contend with snow, ice and the bitterly cold weather. We had our annual visit from a group of Japanese students who held workshops for Yr. 3 and 5 while Yr. 4 attended Young Voices at the O2 and had a fantastic time. Yr. 5 have visited Dover Castle and have experienced two World War II days while Mrs Baldwin and Yr. 4 have held an 'Indian afternoon'. Mrs Blench and the Reception class invited all the parents to their Afternoon tea and Yr. 2 have had a day at the Natural History Museum and an afternoon of Forest Schools at the woods – overall, a very exciting term!

TALENT SHOW WINNERS

This is another of our annual events and we had some lovely performances that really entertained us all. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to the nine final acts and particularly the winners.

First Place: Molly – 'Safe and Sound'

Second Place: Poppy – 'There She Goes'

Joint Third Place: 'Ben and Teddy's Big Show' and Dayne – 'Once I was 7 years Old'

EFFORT CUP WINNERS

Well done to these children who have worked particularly hard this term. In the Infants we have Millie, Luc and Oliver and in the juniors – Abi, Lewis, Stanley and Harley.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Do you have uniform in good condition that your child has outgrown? We are hoping to start holding a 'Nearly New Uniform Sale' three times a year where you can purchase items for £1 each. All proceeds will go towards enrichment for the children. If you do have any unwanted uniform, please drop it off at the school office and look out for information about the first sale near the beginning of next term.

SWEETS AND DRINKS

Could I please remind you that our school policy is to **not** bring sweets, cakes or biscuits in on your child's birthday. Fresh and dried fruit, raw veg, tomatoes etc. may be brought in for playtimes and children may bring in bottles of water (pop-up tops preferably please). No squash or juice except in packed lunch boxes please. Children are only allowed access to their packed lunch box at lunchtime so healthy snacks for playtime should be packed separately. Thank-you

FIZZPOP SCIENCE

The Fizzpop science after-school club is also open to Yr. 1 and 2 children. **Please sign up on line if you would like your child to attend.**

BOCCIA – after-school club

Next term following a member of staff completing their Boccia leader's training, we will be offering Boccia as an after school club on a Friday. Boccia is an internationally played Paralympic sport similar to the game of Boule. It is a truly inclusive sport and can be played by anyone. With this in mind, we hope it will appeal to some of those children that normally consider themselves not 'sporty'. Unfortunately, to allow the club to run smoothly it will be necessary to limit the numbers to 12. However if there is a high demand for places we will endeavour to continue the club in the following terms, giving others a chance to have a go.

Thank-you to all the teachers who voluntarily give up their time to run after-school clubs and to Mr. Woolliscroft who works so hard with many of our sports clubs. We do our very best to provide the children with a variety of exciting extra-curricular opportunities during the year. Although they are not part of our statutory provision, we know that they enhance the children's learning and their experiences. I am sure that you will appreciate that these take time to organise and run and, due to the nature of them, places often have to be limited. I am concerned that recently Mrs Miles has experienced a number of quite unpleasant exchanges regarding 'extra-curricular' provision. This is unfair to her and I would ask that any concern relating to after school clubs be brought directly to me. Thank-you for your support in this.

We wish you all a very happy and safe Easter holiday and thank you for your support throughout the term. Please return your LEARNING LEAVES at the very beginning of next term. We read every one and carefully consider your thoughts and any concerns or suggestions you might have.

Kind regards
Pat Fletcher

Term 5 begins on Monday, 16 April 2018

Please find below a schedule of School clubs that will be running in Term 5 starting on the **week commencing Monday, 23 April and finishing on Friday, 25 May.**

Premier Sport clubs - SIGN UP ON LINE PLEASE: shusband@premiersport.org

Dear Parents/Guardians

Golf Lessons are run by a P.G.A. Golf Professional covering the key fundamentals of the game. Please see the attached flyer and for further information or to book your child a place please contact me on the details below.

Email gjbailey1@googlemail.com

Day	Club	Time
Monday	Fencing (Yr.3-6) Premier sport	7.45 – 8.45 am
	Infant Drama (Yr. R-2) Children must commit to term 5 and term 6	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Tag-rugby (Yr.4 – 6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Golf (Yr.1 - 6) Gareth Bailey	3.20 4.15 pm
Tuesday	Football (Yr.2 - 3)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Rounders (Yr. 4-6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Young Book-Makers (Yr. 3-6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
Wednesday	Infant archery (Yr. R - 2) Premier Sport	7.45 – 8.45 am
	Gymnastics (YR – 2)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Multi-skills (Yr. 3-5)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Girl's football (Yr. 3-6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Fizz Pop Science Yr. 1-6. <u>SIGN UP ON LINE PLEASE:</u> kent@fizzpopscience.co.uk	3.20 – 4.15 pm
Thursday	Tennis (Y2 – 3)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Creepy Claws (Yr. R-6)	3.20 – 4.15 pm
	Football (Y4 - 6)	3.20-4.15 pm
Friday	Boccia (Y2- 6)	3.20-4.15 pm
	MAX 12 Children	