

2nd July
2020

Term 6 - Wk 5



After School Clubs

No After School Clubs are running this term.

Nut Free Please!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Return to School

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming back Y5 and Y4 over the past couple of weeks.

This week we saw the following attendance percentages:

Year 6: 97% of cohort attending school

Year 5: 93% of cohort attending school

Year 4: 97% of cohort attending school

Year 3 return on Monday and we will have only one Key Worker Bubble remaining.

Thank you to those parents who have been able to move their child from the KW Bubble to their Class Bubble. This has meant we have been able to welcome all year groups back to school. An update on September arrangements will be shared in due course.

End of Year Reports

These streamlined reports, alongside a letter will be circulated at various points next week. Please see the information below, so you know when and how your child's report will arrive home:

Year 3	Emailed by class teacher on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th July	
Year 4	Emailed by class teacher on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th July	
Year 5	Emailed by class teacher on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th July	
Year 6	Bubble 1 paper copy sent home with children on Tuesday	Bubble 2 paper copy sent home with children on Thursday

Black Lives Matter

Widcombe CoE Junior School strives to promote equality and celebrate diversity. We are committed to equality, inclusion and creating a better life for all. We condemn racism of any kind and are saddened by the recent events. We are proud that equality is one of our core principles and is taught within our PSHE and wider school curriculum. Our children already have access to a rich equality-based education, where there are planned lessons, discussions and debates.

However, we recognise that we can always do more. We will continue to support and monitor the WJS Learning Offer and ensure we are doing everything we can to promote equality and anti-racism within our school communities.

As a starting point, please find attached to this newsletter a parent guide, which will support you to begin or continue an age appropriate conversation with your child and help them to understand race and anti-racism.

If you ever have any concerns with regards to any form of racism, please do contact school and so appropriate action can be taken.

Have a lovely weekend; 4th July – looking forward to heading out for supper on Saturday night, the 'new normal' *Miss Taylor*

Classroom News

Year 4 Return



It was fantastic to have year 4's back this week, they settled into their new routine very quickly and were beaming all week! During the week the children planned and designed their own gods and goddesses, deciding on a name and personal attributes. There were some wonderful creations. Each day the children wrote a letter of application to become an Emperor for a day, the successful applicant proudly wore a crown! We look forward to seeing what they do next week!

Year 5

This week in Science the children have been learning about the different kinds of forces and this ended up with Supernova discussing magnetic forces, what makes a magnet work and our earth magnetic force field!

They then played a game of bingo using our knowledge of forces. Well done Adam, Sami and Isla for getting full houses.

Year 5, also did some research into constellations and astronomy. We then had a go at finding out our zodiac constellations and recreating them. Some of us then invented our own constellations!



Keyworker Bubbles



In Bubble 1 they woke up some tired muscles with Pilates on Tuesday. In a socially distanced hall the children followed a video which focused on stretching and flexibility. There were some very impressive performances from some very bendy children!

Mr Dorrans enjoyed the 2 minutes of laying down and breathing deeply at the end the best!

If you would like to follow this at home the link is <https://youtu.be/ZNfjY25-jY>

Year 6 Enterprise Fair

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoon we all held our breath and crossed our fingers and were rewarded with a dry afternoon for Year 6's first of two 'socially distanced' enterprise fairs. Enterprise has become a bit of a rite of passage at WJS and the Year 6 team were determined to allow this cohort to take part, despite the difficult circumstances.

The children threw themselves into the challenge with every bit as much dedication and enthusiasm as in previous years, going above and beyond to get high quality products made at home and create novel and fun activities. They stepped up to the challenge of ensuring government guidelines and school rules were kept to - making socially distanced queuing systems and ensuring all activities adhered to strict hygiene standards.



The fair was a huge success, with children and adults alike having a wonderful time. Bubble 2's turn for the fair is this afternoon. Money raised will help make the end of term special for this wonderful group of Year 6 children.

Thanks to everybody for your support.

Returning Library Books

Thank you to everyone returning books to the library – there is a big grey box for returned books to go in, where they stay for a quarantine period before being returned to the shelves. I expect some children might not remember what books they borrowed in February and March so I am reminding them via their teachers. Please keep the books coming in. Thank you!

A SPECIAL PLEA to children in YEAR 6 to PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BY FRIDAY 10th. Books are very expensive to replace and we are so lucky to have such a brilliant selection that all the children at our school can benefit from.

Free School Meals Eligibility Checking Service

B&NES Free School Meals Eligibility Checking service has launched a new Free School Meals web page on the B&NES website with a link to an online benefit related free school meal application form which can be found using the following address: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you are already receiving benefit related free school meals for your child(ren) there is no need to re-apply. This also applies to children in year 6 in a B&NES Primary School going into year 7 in a B&NES Secondary School. If your child is in this year group free school meal entitlement will automatically transfer to their new B&NES secondary school .

Eligibility

Your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals (and therefore, their school will receive the pupil premium) if they are attending a state school in Bath and North East Somerset, and you are receiving one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is £7,400 or less, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **without any Working Tax Credit**, and an annual household income of £16,190 or less (as assessed by HMRC - Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- **Four-week run-on** Working Tax Credit (paid for four weeks after you **STOP** qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please note that **if you receive Working Tax Credit, your child will not be eligible** for benefit-related free school meals (and their school will not receive the pupil premium).

If you have applied for Universal Credit, your child will only become eligible for free school meals when you receive your first Universal Credit payment

PTA NEWS

Last week we posted details of how to make a voluntary donation to the PTA, if you would like to do so please make an online transfer to the following account:

Account Name: Widcombe School

Account Number: 70958611

Sort Code: 20-0506

or make a PayPal transfer to widcombePTATreasurer@gmail.com.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation we will not be able to accept any cash donations to the school offices. We understand that not everyone is in a position to donate, especially during this most unusual of situations we find ourselves in, and this is very much a voluntary contribution. However if you would like to help to raise funds whilst we are in lockdown there are two other ways to help.

Join **EasyFundraising** (easyfundraising.org.uk) and link to our cause (Widcombe Schools PTA). Every time you make a purchase at an online retailer via the easyfundraising website that retailer will make a % contribution to the PTA at no extra cost to you.

Sign up to **Your School Lottery**, a weekly lottery that raises money for the PTA. Tickets are £1, 40p of which will go directly to the PTA and you will have a chance to win money every week up to a jackpot of £25,000. So far we have raised £356 from 37 draws. Go to yourschoollottery.co.uk to find out more and start supporting Widcombe Infant & Widcombe Junior C of E Schools.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 6th July	Year 3 Bubble 1 return to school
Wednesday 8th July	Year 3 Bubble 2 return to school
Week Commencing 6th July	Reports home via email for years 3–5, paper copies to be sent home for year 6.
Monday 13th July	Galaxy & Satellites Bubble 1 Year 6 Performance & Leaver Ceremony 6.30pm
Wednesday 15th July	Galaxy & Satellites Bubble 2 Year 6 Performance & Leavers Ceremony 6.30pm
Friday 17th July	End of term for children
Monday 20th July	INSET Day