

Wainwright Primary Academy



Newsletter

12th September 2016

The start of a new term, new academic year!

It is a new academic year and we are thrilled with how well the children have settled into their new classes. We have seen lots of smiles, positive attitudes and great efforts in learning. All teachers have commented on how well their class has done this week and how hard they have worked. This is a great start, so well done boys and girls!

School Planners

We hope you like our new School Planners that all children have been given. You will see that the planners contain lots of useful information. If you have not had chance to look through your child's planner, please do take the time to have a look through and also sign the relevant documents. The reading diaries can be completed at home or school and feel free to write a note to your child's teacher in the planner. The teacher may also write a note home. Every child is required to have their planner in school each day. If a planner is lost it is expected that these will be replaced at the cost of £3.00. This is why a book bag or school bag is important – this will keep a planner safe as well as reading books, homework and also letters that get sent home.



Uniform

The children look so smart in their uniform, so thank you for helping us with our new uniform policy. As stated in the letter sent out last week, we can only apologise for the delay in some of the items. Mrs Hazlehurst is meeting with the uniform company on Wednesday to raise a number of issues. Please inform the school office if you would like an issue raising.

We expect all children to be wearing as much of the uniform as possible. We appreciate the delay with some items. Please be reminded that shirts, grey skirts, dress or trousers and shoes must be worn. The proper kit is expected in P.E.

Please can all uniform items be clearly named.

School Council

We very much value the input from all of our pupils. The work that we do in school aims to seek their views and involve pupils in improving our school. One of the ways we do this is through the School Council. School Council elections are currently taking place. We are encouraging children to stand as School Councillors for their class. At nomination stage, each willing class member presents a case for being the class School Council member for the year. We look forward to announcing our winners!!!



Welcome Sign

We hope you like our new sign that we have had installed over the summer. The front of the building is work in progress and to add to this we are putting up a 'Welcome' sign. We hope to capture the diversity of our school community by representing the word 'welcome' in the different home languages we have in school. Attached to this letter is an image of our new 'welcome' sign. We want to ensure that we have included all of the home languages and that we are printing the word 'welcome' correctly. Can you please help us with this by confirming we are printing the word in your home language correctly? Please can you contact the school office if you see an error.

Friday Assemblies

Every Friday morning we celebrate achievements for the week. A child is nominated in each class by their teacher for their efforts over the course of the week. We would like to welcome parents to this assembly. Assemblies start at 9.10 am. Please wait at the side gate to the playground and these will be opened for you to come around to the hall. Each week, parents of the children who have been nominated for an achievement certificate will be sent a text.

Breakfast and After School Club

We are starting a new adventure with our Breakfast and After School Club. **The changes to both clubs will take effect from Monday 19th September** (please see the separate letter & leaflet, which will also have been given to your child today). We would like to give our club a name of it's own so we are asking pupils and parents for suggestions of an exciting name for our club. After suggestions have been made, our new School Councillors will pick 5 favourite names and then run a school election with ballot boxes. All children will get to vote. Suggestions from your child must be submitted to Mr Butler by Friday 16th September.



Policy Review

We are currently reviewing our school policy on how we reward good attendance, behaviour and anti-bullying. We are interested if you have ideas on how we can improve our policy. We will be asking the School Council to gather pupil views and we also welcome any views from parents.

Blue, Red and Gold Cards

In your child's School Planner you may see a blue, red or gold card attached. The purpose of the cards are to keep you informed as parents:

Gold – A card for celebration

Blue – A card to highlight a situation that has arisen– e.g. incorrect uniform, lack of PE kit.

Red – A card where a behaviour incident has occurred and a sanction has been issued. On receipt of the red card, the class teacher will gladly discuss the situation further with you. The aim will be to work together to prevent the issue of another red card.

Key Dates so far this year

Please also see the school planner for term dates and inset days.



Thursday 15th September – Y 5/6 Residential Meeting 4pm – Please enter the Main Hall at the rear of the building

Wednesday 5th – 7th October – Y 5/6 Residential Visit to Kingswood

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Half Term Break

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November – Parents Evening