

# Wainwright Primary Academy

## Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> January 2017



We have had a great start to the new term and a new year. It has been great to see the children back at school so keen and eager to learn!

### Questionnaires

Thank you to parents who have returned their questionnaires to school. Your views are important to us and we do take on board all feedback we get.



### Emergency Contact Telephone Numbers

When you have any changes to telephone numbers for your child's emergency contacts, it is extremely important that you let us know immediately, please.

### Secure Password – Collecting your child from School

We are setting up a password system across school to enable other people to collect your child from school with your permission. Please could you decide what you would like your password to be and complete the reply slip at the end of this letter. Once this system is up and running, the only way that someone can collect your child from school, other than a parent/carer, will be by using the password that you have provided and they will also have to be a minimum of 18 years of age. I'm sure that you will appreciate the importance of this and that we have your child's best interest and safety at heart.

### Mad Science

On January 23rd, Mad Science will be delivering a spectacular science-themed assembly designed to amaze and entertain our children.

After the assembly, your children will then be offered a place at the Mad Science after school club, next term, where they will learn more about science when they: create an indoor storm with thunder and lightning, bend light to see all rainbow colours, alter their voices and learn that sound travels in invisible waves, make magic mud, soda pop, and learn how matter can change physically and chemically and much more!

<http://www.madscience.org/after-school-programs.aspx>



### Razzamataz After School Club

Last term, our successful Razzamataz performing arts after school club was enjoyed by many of our pupils and they were wonderful in their performance at the DALP Creative Arts Festival. We have the opportunity to run the club this term at a reduced rate and are asking parents to pay £2 per session. We are offering 6 sessions in total. If you would your child to have a place in the club which will happen on a Wednesday night, all being well, please contact the school office for a letter.

### Rights Respecting Schools Unicef UK

We have had an exciting start to the year with the first week focused on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Children (UNCRC) and the Global Goals. We have started our journey towards becoming a Rights Respecting School. We will achieve this award through a commitment to embed children's rights in our school ethos and culture to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.



<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

## Achievements

We are so proud of the achievements of all pupils at Wainwright Primary. It is our aim to ensure every child achieves their very best. Simple ways in which you can support your child:



- **Ensure your children arrive at school on time.** Children who are regularly late are falling behind their classmates
- **Please offer your child breakfast each morning.** Children cannot learn if they are hungry
- **Send your child to bed early enough to ensure they get enough sleep.** Children who are tired cannot concentrate and fall behind in their learning

## Times of the School Day

School doors open at 8:50 a.m. School ends at 3:10pm

We have a high number of parents who are late collecting their child from school. Children who are not collected by 3:20 p.m. will be placed in after school club and parents will be expected to pay club fees which is £5.50 per child.



## Nursery – Dressing-up Costumes

During a resources scrutiny in our Nursery department, the children were asked what facilities/equipment they enjoyed using best, as well as what they would like more of, and the definitive answer, winning a marginal majority, was 'costumes'.

In the early years, children love immersing themselves in role-play and they often find they can express themselves better whilst dressed in character. Therefore, we would like to ask for parental support in acquiring more 'costumes' to be enjoyed in our nursery. Whether it is a donation of small accessories, or full costumes, all items would be gratefully received.



If you have any donations to make, please hand them to the nursery staff.

Please could you ensure all items are in a safe condition.

## **PE Kit**

We are finding that a number of children do not have their PE kit in school when they need it. It would be better for your child's PE kit to stay in school all week, but if not, please could you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on the days when they have their PE lesson:

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Day</b>
Miss Limb	Wednesday
Mr Blackwell	Wednesday
Mrs Platts	Friday
Miss Wright	Friday
Miss Haycock	Monday
Mrs Buckland/Mrs White	Monday
Miss Quinn	Thursday
Miss Deakin	Thursday
Miss Wardell	Tuesday
Miss Westmoreland	Wednesday
Mr Hynd	Wednesday
Mrs Travill	Thursday

## **Polite Notice**

We are aware that some parents speak inappropriately when on school premises. We expect everyone on school premises to use appropriate language; please can all adults support us with this and please refrain from swearing!!

### **Receiving your letters from school by email**

It may be that you would prefer to have your letters emailed to you:

- This would avoid letters going missing and would ensure that you receive any necessary information efficiently
- This would give parents the option to easily translate any letters that you may receive if your first language is not English
- This would save on printing costs, allowing the money to spent on other things

If this is an option that you may consider, please clearly write your email address on the reply slip at the end of this letter.

### **Diary Dates**

Spring Term		
January		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2	Young Voices Concert at the Motorpoint Arena, Sheffield
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	Healthy Eating Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	5/6	Inter School Sports Hall Athletics QE Academy, 12.45pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 2W	Class Assembly 9:10am. Parents Welcome
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Y5/6	Inter School Sports Hall Athletics QE Academy, 12.45pm



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Reply slip:

#### **Secure Password – Collecting your child from School**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please could you enter your chosen password: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS)



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Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive letters from school by email.

My email address is \_\_\_\_\_ (Please write clearly)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer)

Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS)