

# WANSDYKE SCHOOL



WORKING TOGETHER, PLAYING TOGETHER, LEARNING TO BE THE BEST WE CAN

Wansdyke School Newsletter

October 2019

## Dates for the diary...

**Mental Health Day Thursday 10th October (wear yellow)**

**Glow Disco Thursday 17th October**

**Parents Evening Monday 21st October and Tuesday 22nd October.**

**'Bad Hair day' (clothing donations for FOWS) Tuesday 22nd October**

**Teacher training day Wednesday 23rd October**

**Half term Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**

**Teacher training day Monday 4th November**

**Term 2 starts Tuesday 5th November**

## Breakfast and After-school Club:

Please make sure bookings for Breakfast Club and After-school are made promptly as we are nearing our capacity in some sessions.

## Headteacher's Message

It has been wonderful to be back at Wansdyke and meet the new EYFS children and new pupils in other year groups. A heartfelt thanks to Mr. Heard and the senior Leadership team for ensuring Wansdyke continued to run smoothly.

It has been great to see the improvements made to the school. The new LED lightbulbs make the classrooms much brighter and the reduction in the energy usage is a great way for us to do our bit for the environment.

The children are really settled in their new classes and undertaking some impressive learning. The school is calm and purposeful.

We welcomed lots of Grandparents and special visitors into the school on 1st October. The teachers were delighted to have their help with lots of art and creative activities!

We are holding our first parent's evenings of the academic year on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd. It is crucial that you make an appointment to discuss how your child has settled and hear what is going well and what needs more attention!

Charlotte Robinson

## Poetry (using sweets!) in Year 2



## European Day of Languages

As part of the "European Day of Languages" the whole school looked at the culture of five different countries. Early Years concentrated on our local area as part of England and practised phonics whilst the rest of the school "visited" Spain, Germany, Greece and Italy. We looked at the basic language used in each country and learned about their geography, artists and traditions.



## Harvest

Thank you for all of the donations we received. The donations were gratefully received by Devizes Food bank.

Today was a rather wet Nature Space but the children didn't seem at all worried and were very happy getting wet and muddy (sorry parents!)

Year 5 enjoyed building bug hotels, playing in the mud kitchen, conker hunting and conker games and making up obstacle courses with the resources we have.

Year 6 had the same fun but also helped clear a space for the shelter we are hopefully getting on Monday and clearing and edging the pond.

We managed to see our resident frog and after Jennie and Penny spotting a possible newt! Amazing that the pond is already so full of life!

Both years also designed some pictures to possibly go around the Nature Space sign that is kindly be made for us.

We did unfortunately have to take the poly tunnel down as it did not stand up to this week's weather. We are planning to invest in a new one with the money from FOWs.

Again the children from both years had an amazing time and were all so well behaved and polite.

Thank you for letting us continue with our Friday mornings and thank you to all the teachers for getting on board and also fully embracing the wet and muddy weather! We hope everyone is enjoying it as much as we are!



## Good learning book

Congratulations to all of the children entering the Good Learning Book:

James Baker, Darcey Adams, Charley Stalham, Harry Carr, Emily Sharples, Helena Anslow, Kitty Black, Chloe Bedford, Martha Williams, Danny Elkins, Macie Witts, Tilly Murray, Nell Daltrey-Hurt, Harry Oram

## School attendance matters!

We are delighted that most parents and carers ensure that their children get the most out of their education by attending every day and arriving on time!

As Headteacher it is my duty to monitor attendance .

When a school is inspected, OFSTED analyse pupil attendance and consider good attendance as 96% or higher. Therefore, the school track pupils whose attendance falls below 95%.

Why is it important? Time missed in the classroom means learning is lost.

### **Attendance Facts;**

- Attendance of **95%** for the year equals **10** days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of **90%** for the year equals **19** days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of **85%** for the year equals **29** days that your child has been absent per, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of **80%** for the year equals **38** days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

Please aim for your children to have attendance of 96% or higher!

More information about our school can be found on our website.

[www.wansdyke.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.wansdyke.wilts.sch.uk)

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