



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! We have had a brilliant first few days in school and the children seem to have settled in well and are enjoying their learning.

#### Curriculum Information on the website

If your children are anything like mine, when you ask them what they have been learning about at school, you often get little more than a grunt in reply! Please do take the time to look at the Curriculum tab on our school website (<https://www.wbjs.com/topic/curriculum>) which has lots of information about what each year group are learning. The long term plan will give you a brief overview in each subject for the whole year while the medium term plan will tell you in more detail what your children are learning each week. The knowledge organisers explain the key knowledge we want the children to know and remember in each foundation subject. If you have any questions about the curriculum or want to know more, please ask your child's class teacher in the first instance.

#### Staffing Update

Mr Martin has decided to step back from his role as SENCO. Mrs Myring is going to be taking on the role, starting immediately, and will work alongside our SEN Manager, Mrs Stephenson. Mr Martin will work closely with Mrs Myring for the remainder of this half term to ensure a smooth transition. As a result of this change, Mrs Lewis will now teach Class 8 every Friday. Mrs Lewis is very familiar to Class 8 and was already going to be covering their PPA this year.

#### Healthy Snacks and a Nut Free School!

Please could we remind you of school's recommendations regarding healthy snacks and lunchboxes. We feel a snack at morning break is essential for keeping up the younger children's energy levels and suggest options such as: fruit, vegetable sticks, breadsticks, cheese, rice cakes, plain popcorn, crackers, baked crisps (not fried crisps, but snacks such as Sunbites) or cheddar biscuits. Please do not send children with sweets, biscuits or chocolate bars please. Thank you for your support with this.

You will probably be aware that we have a number of children in school who have nut allergies. For these children, peanuts and ground nuts can cause a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction. Just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has eaten nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylaxis. To safeguard these children, we cannot have

nuts in school in any form. We ask, therefore, that you do not include any nuts or nut products in your children's lunch boxes, for their snack or as treats. We ask you please to be vigilant, checking ingredients on products if you are unsure. We appreciate your ongoing support with this - the welfare of all our children is our paramount concern.

### Uniform and PE Kit

At the start of the school year, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you about our school uniform and PE kit. We want the children to look smart, to feel part of the WBJs team and to come to school with a great attitude, ready to learn. We ask that children wear:

- Black school shoes or black trainers
- Black, grey or navy school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore (no joggers)
- A blue or green gingham dress
- A green polo shirt (either plain or with the school logo)
- A navy-blue sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan or fleece (either plain or with the school logo)

For health and safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school, with the following exceptions:

- Items worn for religious observance
- Children with pierced ears may wear plain studs to school, although these will need to be removed, by the children themselves, when taking part in PE
- A watch (not a smart watch)

Years 3, 4 and 5 should wear PE kit to school on the days they have PE. We ask that Year 6 children bring their kit with them and get changed for PE in school. This is partly for hygiene reasons but mostly to ensure children are prepared for the move to secondary school, where this will be an expectation for them.

The school PE kit consists of:

- Black or navy shorts or joggers
- A white t-shirt
- Trainers or plimsolls

### Parking around school

Please can we ask parents and carers to be mindful of local residents when parking around school and ensure you are not blocking people's drives. We ask that wherever possible you avoid driving down the end of Exchange Road outside school. We want to keep all of our families safe so ask that you drive slowly and carefully and avoid pulling up onto the pavement.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mr Willis

## Key Dates for Autumn Term

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Identity Day

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest assembly and food collection

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6pm – Dukes Barn meeting for Y4 parents

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 trip to Perlethorpe

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 residential to PGL

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 Parents' evenings

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – children return to school

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents' evenings

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisations

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 6pm – PGL Meeting

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – STEM Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Friends of WBSJ Concert

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 Production

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Community Sing

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – Carol Concert at St Giles

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – INSET Day