

## Autumn Newsletter 2

Another wonderful couple of weeks in school, with lots of fantastic learning taking place in all year groups. Below gives a flavour of what has been going on.

Our brilliant new **Year 3** children are settling into their classrooms very quickly. We have written our own nonsense poems and more recently we have learnt a short story about a 'rambling island' called the Thurlstone. Perhaps your child will show you the actions? In maths we are using lots of base 10 equipment and counters to extend our understanding of place value and in the afternoons we are learning all about animals including humans. We've also learned the points of the compass and identified cities of the UK using an atlas. As you can tell, we are being very busy indeed!

A suitably busy start to the autumn in **Year 4**. Our River Deep, Mountain High topic is in full swing, aided by some fabulous homework over the summer. We are learning the key skills in Netball, whilst improving our jump, throw and moving ability in Indoor athletics. Science is States of Matter, with much discussion and practical work on solids, liquids and gases, whilst we have compared the different religions and how they celebrate key milestones on our 'Journey of Life'.

As you'd expect, **Year 5** have been loving their new environment. The weather hasn't been perfect, but we've made the most of the field and garden when possible. The amount of the curriculum we have already covered has been astonishing; they're devouring whatever we put in front of them. Victorian Day was a huge success and the children were particularly struck by the challenges faced by the poor. There has also been much hilarity in music as we sing sea shanties while also trying to make rhythms with cups. Especially challenging for the adults. When it was announced that one of their PE sessions would be Paceball, the children couldn't believe their luck. A brilliant start; long may it continue.

**Year 6** have been getting really stuck into their science work; learning all about how the heart works and doing physical demonstrations to help us remember the key knowledge. Following our first few weeks looking at the concept of 'conflict' and looking at current conflicts around the world, the children are now beginning to get stuck into our topic on WW2. They had a fantastic WW2 themed day which involved learning all about the role of the ARP warden, WW2 first aid and handling many artefacts. All the work has fed into some awesome writing about evacuation.

### Home/School Association

The HSA will be running an **after-school tuck shop on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Weather and volunteer permitting, this will take place on the main school playground and also at Cottages. Prices of items will be 50p and £1.

Following the success of last year's events, **Year 3 and 4 will have a PJ party on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. Tickets for this event will be available from today at 7pm from [https://linktr.ee/wbjs\\_hsa](https://linktr.ee/wbjs_hsa)

There will also be Year 5 and Year 6 socials (film, table tennis, tuck shop, games) later in the term.

We are still keen to find parents who would be willing to get involved with the HSA. Events like these are a really important part of our school and we want to ensure they keep happening. Please contact the school office if you are interested.



## Paired Classes

As we begin our journey of collaboration with WBIS, there are many ways we are aiming to work together more closely. One of these, is a plan to pair each of the infant classes with one of the classes from the juniors to allow them to come together on occasions for shared learning experiences. We know the children will really love getting together, whether online or in person, and will benefit from this valuable interaction.

The classes will be paired as follows:

**Infant Class 1** (Mrs Angus) and **Junior Class 7** (Miss Aleksic)

**Infant Class 2** (Mrs Pavier/Miss Pickering) and **Junior Class 8** (Mr Martin)

**Infant Class 3** (Mrs Nuñez) and **Junior Class 9** (Mrs Green/Mrs Lewis)

**Infant Class 4** (Mrs Chappell) and **Junior Class 2** (Mr Dudgeon)

**Infant Class 5** (Miss Saunders) and **Junior Class 1** (Mrs Cox)

**Infant Class 6** (Miss Williams/Mrs Kennerley) and **Junior Class 3** (Mrs Moss)

**Infant Class 7** (Mrs Penhale) and **Junior Class 4** (Mr Simmonds)

**Infant Class 8** (Mrs Dinsdale/Mrs Ward) and **Junior Class 5** (Mr Jinks)

**Infant Class 9** (Mr Heeley) and **Junior Class 6** (Mrs Wood)

Year 6 won't be paired with another class but there will be many opportunities for them to work with the younger children.

## Key dates for autumn term

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photographs
Week beg 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 PGL residential visit
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 3 Parents Evenings
Week beg 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 12 assembly
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Identity day and Anti-bullying week
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4, 5 and 6 Parents evenings
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in need
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PGL info evening for Year 5 parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Maths workshop
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Class 9 assembly
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 6 assembly
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 3 assembly
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Friends of WBJS concert
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y4/5 Christmas Production
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	STEM Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Community Sing
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Concert Y3 and 6
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Finish for Christmas
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	First day of Spring Term

