



Friday 20th October

Dear Parents / Carers,

A brief newsletter at the end of this first half term to thank you once again for all your support. I do hope you are able to have a restful half term and find a chance to spend some time with your family.

Year 6 Residential at PGL

I have just returned from a brilliant few days at PGL, where our year 6 children have been having a wonderful time. They have amazed me with their courage, commitment, determination and enthusiasm as well as really excellent attitude and behaviour. One experienced instructor commented on what an amazing group of children we had and how it was one of the best groups she had ever worked with! Well done Year 6! I also want to say a huge thank you to Mr Simmonds, Mr Watson, Miss Aleksic, Mr Martin, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Bancroft, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Creasey, Mrs Sellars and Mrs Cox, all of whom stayed at PGL for at least part of the week.

Class Assemblies

This year, we have decided to invite parents and carers in to watch an assembly put on by your child's class. Each class will have one assembly during this academic year and the teacher will inform you via Class Dojo when it is approaching. The class assemblies will focus on a topic that the children have been learning about that term and will showcase some of their work. They will take place on a Friday afternoon at main school. We really hope this will be a great opportunity for you to come into school and find out a bit more about what we have been doing. Class 12 will be kicking off this year's class assemblies on Friday 10th November at 2.30pm.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the Year 3 parents who met with their child's class teacher online this week. Do remember that you can pop into school after half term, on Thursday 9th November (3.15-4.15pm) to have a look at your children's work. Hopefully, parents of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have received a letter yesterday about booking a parents evening slot on Tuesday 7th or Wednesday 8th November.

Toasty Tuesdays

We know how much the children love Toasty Tuesday, but we are finding that the preparation is taking staff out of the classroom for a little too long. With this in mind, we wondered if there were any parents out there that would be interested in helping out? We would need volunteers

at both main school and at Cottages, from 9.45am for around an hour each Tuesday morning. If anyone is interested in helping out, please can you email Mrs Parnell on: cparnell@westbridgford-jun.notts.sch.uk

EasyFundraising

Just reminding you that West Bridgford Junior School HSA are now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our link below:

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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and have a great half term.

Best wishes,

Mr Willis

Key Dates for Autumn Term

Friday 20th October – Break up for half term

Monday 6th November – children return to school

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

Thursday 9th November – Flu Immunisations

Week beginning 13th November – Anti-bullying week

Monday 20th November 6pm – PGL Meeting

Tuesday 5th December – STEM Day

Thursday 7th December – Friends of WBJs Concert

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December – Year 4 and 5 Production

Friday 15th December – Community Sing

Tuesday 19th December 6pm – Carol Concert at St Giles for Year 3 and Year 6

Friday 22nd December – INSET Day

Spring Term

Thursday 4th January – Children return to school

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January – Whole school writing project

Friday 26th January – Careers Day

Monday 29th January at 6pm – SATs information meeting

Week beginning 5th February – Dukes Barn Residential for Year 4

Friday 8th February – Break up for half term

Monday 19th February – INSET Day

Tuesday 20th February – Children return to school

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Week beginning 18th March – Parents' Evenings

Week beginning 25th March – Art Week

Thursday 28th March – last day of term