



Parent Newsletter Friday 16th October 2020



Principal's Update

We continue to operate with all year groups present and no staff isolating. There are growing school closures in Stafford. Should we have a case reported in school I am required to let authorities know and then take advice from them.

It is likely that we would only have to close the year group in question. Although we are on a scenario where bubbles comprise two year groups, there is no overlap between year groups currently and they continue to operate as a year group bubble.

The only exception to this is Year 6 and Reception who do have contact at lunchtimes.

Thank you for everything you do to stay within the rules and keep everyone safe.

I am keen to increase how John Wheeldon engages with the local community. If you have a connection with a local community group, business or something similar, who would like to link with the school in some way, please message to let me know.

Parent Governor

The deadline for parent governor applications is Monday 19th November at 5pm. Please let Mr Sutton know if this is of interest and you would like further details.

Personal Belongings

Could we please ask all parents to check their children have everything they need for the day before they enter the school yard.

The school office should not be taking any items from parents to give to children during the day.

Flu Immunisation

The school immunisation team have put together some information regarding the flu vaccination about protecting your child against flu.

All the information can be found on the health and wellbeing section on the website [here](#).

Dance Class

Dance classes will continue on Tuesdays for Year 1 & 2 next term and will be available for Year 5 & 6 on Fridays.

Please remember spaces are limited and must be booked through Parent Pay at a cost of £14 per child in total.

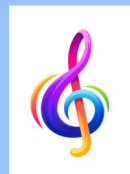
Children will wear their uniform and a pair of trainers.

Inset Day

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 2nd November for inset day.

Children will return on Tuesday 3rd November.

Music Tuition



We have music tutors who visit the school weekly to teach the children to play the Violin, Chello, Flute and Clarinet.

If your child would like to learn how to play these or any other instruments please contact Mrs Keeling on 01785 594444.

Hello Yellow Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in #helloyellow for World Mental Health Day, it was fantastic to see everyone wearing something yellow and it really did brighten up the school.

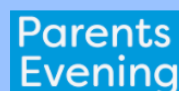
We raised a total of £164.00. For further information about Young Minds and the support they offer please click [here](#).



Parents Evening

We will not be running a face to face parents evening this year.

Instead between 4.00pm and 6.00pm on Wednesday 21st October 2020 we will have open message system where teachers are on standby to answer any questions parents may have by class dojo.





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Year 5 WOW Day

Year 5 had a fantastic WOW day on Monday as they transformed into 'Wheeldon's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry'.

This supported our current topic - *Alchemy Island*, as well as our English lessons, in which we are studying Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

Our pupils came to school dressed as wizards and witches and took part in a variety of activities including Potions Class and Wand-Making class. They all graduated with flying colours!

Many thanks to our parents for supporting us with this.



Secondary School Applications

A quick reminder that the closing date for secondary school applications is October 31st 2020.

Applications can be completed online [here](#).



Attendance Winners

KS1 - 1JC
Lower KS2 - 3JW
Upper KS2 - 5KS



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STAFFORD/STONE FREE ONLINE BEHAVIOUR & WELLBEING WORKSHOPS/PROGRAMMES

Programmes for Parents

4- week Understanding and Children and Young People Pro-



Managing Challenging Behaviour in programme

Topics include: Anger, Defiance, Anxiety, Low Self Esteem

Start Date: Wednesday 11th November: 9.30-10.30am

Parent Wellbeing workshop

Friday 20th November: 9.30-10.30am

Workshops for Parents and Children to do together

Helping Children to understand and manage Challenging Behaviours

Topics include: Impulse Behaviour and Inflexible Thinking

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2020: 6-7pm

Helping Children to Understand and Manage Anger and Difficult Feelings

Saturday 14th November: 10-11am

To book your place please email your name, date of programme and phone number to raminderdhalwal.fss@sctsp.org.uk or text/phone with your name, date of programme and email address to 07741645691

Once you have booked onto you will be sent instructions on how to access the Workshop/Programme.



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Dates to Remember

Summer Holidays	Monday 20th July 2020 to Monday 31st August 2020
Inset Days	Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 (children are not in school)
Autumn Term starts	Thursday 3rd September (Year groups 1 to 6) Monday 7th September (Early Years transition begins)
Half Term	Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020
Inset Day	Monday 2nd November 2020
Pupils Return	Tuesday 3rd November 2020
Term ends	Friday 18th December 2020
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021
Inset Day	Monday 4th January 2021
Spring term starts	Tuesday 5th January 2021
Half term	Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021
Term ends	Thursday 1st April 2021
Easter Holiday	Friday 2nd April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021
Easter Sunday	Sunday 4th April 2021
Inset Day	Friday 2nd July 2021
Half Term	Friday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
Summer Holidays	Monday 19th July 2021