

# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018



## Key Dates coming up for Parents & Carers

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Alice in Wonderland performance
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September – World Carnival – the gates will be opened at 2:45pm
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 Hearing and Vision Checks
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Introductory Parent Meeting for residential trip
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term holidays

## Awards & Honours – Week Ending 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018



HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK					Total Year - 18/19	
House Name (Alphabetical)	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place		
Copper Beech			3 <sup>rd</sup>		51	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Horse Chestnut	1 <sup>st</sup>				63	1 <sup>st</sup>
Majestic Oak		2 <sup>nd</sup>			60	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sycamore				4 <sup>th</sup>	49	4 <sup>th</sup>

<p>Attendance Awards Our weekly attendance winners</p>	ATTENDANCE		
	Year Group	Name	%
	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Tanzania & Italy	100%
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Jamaica, Canada & Peru	98.9%
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Australia	97.8%
Let's improve!	Chile	88.5%	

<p>Star of the week Rewarding the exceptional work</p>	STARS OF THE WEEK			
	Year Group	Name		
	Reception	England	Scotland	Wales
	Year 1	Tonga	Australia	Fiji
	Year 2	Mexico	Jamaica	Canada
	Year 3	Chile	Peru	Ecuador
	Year 4	Sufyan Mozambique	Thrisha Tanzania	Shahaan Morocco
	Year 5	Bennazir Hungary	Sienna France	Gursharan Italy
Year 6	Ahyaan Thailand	Khizr China	Kamran Nepal	

Dear Parents and Carers,

The pupils and staff had a good first week back and judging by the quick exits, so did our parents. I wanted to welcome our new parents in Reception and Nursery. The Reception pupils started last week and they were great, they were chatty, confident and ready to start. Nursery will start this week and I am certain that they too will have a lovely start.

For the benefit of new parents, this newsletter comes out once a week on Monday afternoon via email. Please ensure that the office have a correct email address for you. All dates and events will be in these newsletters alongside weekly awards and celebrations. A text message will also be sent to alert you to it.

We have a lot of very exciting curriculum learning planned for the coming year, starting with a production of 'Alice in Wonderland'. Pupils will spend two weeks on this enabling teachers and pupils to become more familiar with each other and ensure the units of work are pitched at the right levels and take in to account all needs. This Tuesday, pupils can dress up as a character or object from 'Alice in Wonderland' to help get into the spirit.

In addition to this, they have been continuing their summer homework projects about their countries in class. This work will be showcased at our World Carnival on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September, for the pupils during the day and for parents at 2.45pm. All gates will open early.

As you will notice, your teachers will be out of class for a full day once during this week to plan their enquiry unit. We have had a lot of success with this curriculum due to our collaborative planning process. During the day teacher's work with each other and members of our senior leadership team (SLT) to ensure the curriculum they produce is fit for purpose. Year 2 has planned a very exciting unit on the evolution of houses, which is quite a challenge. It will incorporate the building work around Slough, the secondary schools and lots of role-play.

Teachers Enquiry planning days this week:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 teachers                      Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 teachers

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 teachers                      Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 teachers

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 teachers

Teacher also have standard weekly planning sessions:

Nursery – Wednesday PM                      Year 3 – Thursday AM

Reception - Monday PM                      Years 4 and 5 – Friday AM

Years 1 and 2 - Thursday PM                      Years 6 – Friday PM

Some teachers may have additional time for leadership roles etc.

Our whole curriculum has a heavy focus on oracy, questioning and critical thinking. We hope to encourage pupils to find solutions to their problems and develop their views and thoughts, which lead them into debate and discussion. As children do this they will naturally be more curious and with your support, motivated to do their own research and projects and learn much more. In order to fully achieve their potential, they need to be able to accurately explain themselves, ask accurate questions and find the right words to expertly portray what they are trying to say, therefore the expansion of vocabulary will also be a big focus this year. For example this week Mrs Harris (formally Mrs Mowat) has challenged teachers with a maths word of the week. Her chosen word was "Intersection of sets". Explanation - this is a phrase children should know from Reception upwards, where the two subsets overlap in a Venn diagram. Objects or values which belong to both subsets are placed here e.g. the number 4 belongs in the intersection because it is even and less than 5.

This week parent welcome sessions will take place in our teacher's classroom. It will be a brief introduction, if you have a longer or private issue to discuss, please make an appointment at this meeting. A newsletter will follow with full curriculum details on. Meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Years 1 and 2

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Years 3 and 4

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Years 5 and 6

Weekly staff meetings take place on Tuesdays and Wednesday from 3:30pm onwards. Please be aware that teachers need to shoot off on these days.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September Year 1 will be having hearing and vision test. Please ensure the pupils are in as this can often flag up any issues.

The pupils will have key responsibilities in their classes too. Monitors help to create a strong sense of community within a class and to help develop independence. This year they will be asked to make positive choices for themselves and others but also for their school environment. They already ensure they do not litter, but they will also have to tidy up and clean up after themselves in class, during break and in the lunch hall. Please help them to achieve this by allowing them at home to dispose of leftover food and putting away dishes, then wiping the table. Please also help them by supporting them in using a knife and fork, as this would also help.

Parents please remember that the school regularly tweets any events that have taken place. Our Twitter handle is @wexhamps. Your class also has a Twitter handle so please speak to your teacher. We also upload the weekly newsletters, policies, curriculum plans and much more on our website [www.wexhamprimary.com](http://www.wexhamprimary.com).

May I take this opportunity to wish our Jewish community a Happy Rosh Hashana.

I look forward to working together over the coming year and strengthening the school so that the pupils continue to receive the best possible care and education.

Kind Regards,

Miss N. Mehat

### **Beluga Whale Sanctuary**

Last year's Year 1 children (who are now in Year 2), produced a lot of work at the end of the summer term around pollution. They collected plastic waste and used this to raise £37.50. This was donated on their behalf by Mrs Langedoc-Butt to a Beluga Whale sanctuary to combat the effects of pollution on sea life.