

# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018



## Key Dates coming up for Parents & Carers

- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – deadline for secondary school applications
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 3 Roman Workshop
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 parent sessions on Healthy Body, Healthy Mind (9am – The Barn)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Poetry Workshops
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Lorry Awareness Workshop
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Trip to watch Cyber Crime Prevention Production
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Diwali Celebrations at The Curve
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Trip to St Marys' Church (1-3pm)
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Admissions meetings for Nursery parents about Reception admissions (11am & 1pm)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everybody, despite the chilly start this morning, it has been a great start to the term. I did a learning walk through the school this morning and was delighted to see how actively involved the pupils were in their learning. Their responses in reading really impressed me as did their engagement. I noticed that a few children had not done much reading over the break, please could you make sure they read for at least 20 minutes every day. Some pupils had finished their book and then did not read, if need be please request two books for holiday periods or perhaps visit the library.

BBC TV – Wexham Court Primary on the BBC!!! A few weeks ago the BBC came into interview the school for BBC Berkshire radio. Following the success of that, they specifically asked for Wexham Court to be filmed for the Sunday Politics Show. It was all very last minute but we managed to



rope Mrs Hassell in and her daughter Maggie to be on the show and they were great! I was so impressed by Maggie's confidence and ability to speak so well in front of the camera crew. Please take a look at our TV debut – you can find it on iPlayer for the next 14 days or on our @wexhamPS twitter feed / or [here](#), it is Sunday Politics South on 21<sup>st</sup> October. They were looking into what schools are doing to support healthy life styles. A big thank you to the kitchen team, who managed to put on a good spread, despite a number of things going wrong that day. I am really pleased that we were selected, which is a result of all the things we have been doing to promote healthy bodies and minds.

**Admissions Meetings** – meetings for Nursery parents about admission to Reception will be taking place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11am and again at 1pm. These meetings will be all about applying for places to Reception and are open to parents whose children are not already at the school.

**Reception Open Day** – please see attached a flyer regarding the event on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10am & 1:30pm.

**Diwali Celebrations at The Curve** – Diwali: marking the '*spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.*' The celebration is coming up fast, and is a special day for many of us at this school. Wexham will be celebrating Diwali at the Curve with many other schools from Slough - showcasing our school's quality work, and coming together with our local community to celebrate this day of light, colour and spirituality. The event is on **8<sup>th</sup> November**. We will be taking 12 children (2 children from year groups 1-4; 4 children from Year 5) to present items, stories and art from the two religions that celebrate Diwali. The event is open to parents to attend and starts at 1pm at The Curve.

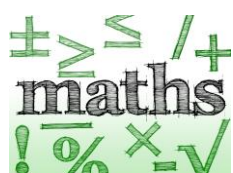
**Exciting news Christmas Fair** – we are excited to announce that we are holding a Christmas Fair on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the school hall. Children will finish school at 2pm and can enter the fair with their adult. Adults can enter for £1 each and children for free. There will be lots of stalls including a raffle, a tombola, lucky dip prizes, ice your own biscuit, hot chocolate, mince pies, mulled wine, face painting and lots more! If you are interested in volunteering or would like to run your own stall, please see Mrs Chahal. Over the next few weeks, we will be kindly requesting donations, so if you are having a clear out, or would like to donate anything to the fair, then please see Mrs Chahal.

Best wishes, Miss N Mehat

## Curriculum

**Mathletics Competition** – The results of the Mathletics competition are now in... thank you so much and well done to all who participated. I have seen such an improvement in the Mathletics scores across the school. Many children have come up to me, excited to know where their class was in the standings or when they could next come to Mathletics club, which was fantastic to see! A special well done must be given to Fiji class for their incredible score of 110,000!! As the youngest children in the school, I think this is a phenomenal effort. From Upper Primary, China were 3rd in the UK and 21st in the world for their score this week, Thailand were 7th place in the UK, and Hungary 13th place. Prizes will be given out shortly for the winning and runner-up classes in Upper and Lower Primary as well as for those children with the highest scores in their age groups. The scores for the week are below. I am already looking forward to the next competition week! Miss Thistle

<u>Lower</u>		<u>Upper</u>	
Fiji	110,000	China	195,000
Peru	69,000	Thailand	157,000
Ecuador	51,000	Hungary	116,000
Canada	46,000	Nepal	96,000
Australia	36,000	Italy	88,000
Jamaica	34,000	France	57,000
Chile	32,000	Tanzania	41,000
Tonga	19,000	Morocco	40,000
Mexico	14,000	Mozambique	20,000



**Maths Word of the Week** - this week's word of the week is **'Fewer'**. This means a smaller quantity or amount. So for example: "I have fewer buttons on my coat than you".

**English Word of the Week** – this week's word of the weeks is **'Gorged'** - "the trick or treater gorged himself on all the Halloween sweets".




### Award & Honours – Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

ATTENDANCE								
School Target: 96% So Far we have reached: 96.4% Well done!								
Early Years								
Nursery AM – 88.1%					Nursery PM – 86.7%			
England – 93.9%			Scotland – 90.0%			Wales – 98.5%		
Lower Primary								
Year 1			Year 2			Year 3		
Fiji	Australia	Tonga	Jamaica	Canada	Mexico	Ecuador	Peru	Chile
96.3%	95.7%	95.7%	90.3%	92.3%	94.0%	97.0%	95.7%	94.7%
Upper Primary								
Year 4			Year 5			Year 6		
Mozambique	Morocco	Tanzania	France	Italy	Hungary	Thailand	China	Nepal
96.7%	100%	99.7%	96.1%	97.0%	94.5%	95.0%	90.3%	96.0%

Come on China class – please get to school much quicker.

LATE CHILDREN								
Early Years								
Nursery AM – 1				Nursery PM - 0				
England – 4			Scotland – 5		Wales – 2			
Lower Primary								
Year 1			Year 2			Year 3		
Fiji	Australia	Tonga	Jamaica	Canada	Mexico	Ecuador	Peru	Chile
4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
Upper Primary								
Year 4			Year 5			Year 6		
Mozambique	Morocco	Tanzania	France	Italy	Hungary	Thailand	China	Nepal
2	0	2	2	3	5	6	10	0

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>	772	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Horse Chestnut			4 <sup>th</sup>			696	4 <sup>th</sup>
Majestic Oak		2 <sup>nd</sup>				890	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Sycamore	1 <sup>st</sup>					966	1 <sup>st</sup>

	STARS OF THE WEEK			
	Year Group	Name		
	Reception	Faidra – England	Karanbir – Wales	Elizah – Scotland
	Year 1	Ayah –Australia	Aysha - Tonga	Gurjaap – Fiji
	Year 2	Navjot - Canada	Lahna – Jamaica	– Mexico
	Year 3	Ruby – Ecuador	Haris – Peru	Hibbah – Chile
	Year 4	Farzaan– Mozambique	Henry – Tanzania	Ranbirpreet– Morocco
	Year 5	Eliza – Hungary	Lareb – France	Hussain – Italy
	Year 6	Jessica – Thailand	Fahad – China	Huma – Nepal

Mathletics	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	China
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Thailand
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Hungary
Let's Improve	Mexico

Well done to China yet again – that's the 3<sup>rd</sup> week running!!

## Pupil Sporting Achievements and Trips/Events



**Charlotte's Web** – We had such an enjoyable performance of Charlotte's Web – the sound levels in the hall as the children laughed and interacted with the performers were amazing. The performance linked into the work the children had been doing in preparation around the story, particularly in literacy.

**Year 5 Trip to the British Museum** - on Thursday 18th October, Year 5 visited the British Museum as part of their Enquiry topic on the Shang Dynasty with a focus on power. The children looked at ancient artefacts from the Shang Dynasty and compared them with those from the Bronze Age in Europe.



**Healthy Body, Healthy Mind** – we are incredibly lucky to provide an amazing opportunity for our Year 3 children for a second year. Conrad Rowland, a sports coach based at Thames Valley Athletics Centre will be coming in to coach our Year 3 children as part of their PE lesson. These sessions will take place every Tuesday for 6 weeks and will focus on what makes for a healthy lifestyle. As you may be aware, childhood obesity is an issue affecting children across the country and these sessions will educate and enable our children to make good choices for themselves. To find out more about healthy living and what we can do to further support our children, come along to **a parent's sessions on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the Barn**. All parents are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Twitter



Do not forget to follow us on Twitter for daily updates, news and photos. We are keen to share our Twitter page with everyone, so please tell people about it. We do monitor it daily and if anything

inappropriate appears, we will remove it.

**@wexhamPS**

### Trending last week:

- BBC Berkshire Sunday Politics Show
- Formative Assessment for learners
- Sentence Expansion
- Wexham Primary Reception Open Day