WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 7th September – Friday 11th September 2015

Important Dates:

- Monday 14th September 3:30pm Year 6 parent welcome meeting (in classroom 6VB)
- * Tuesday 15th September 2pm Food Tasting/Menu Launch
- * Wednesday 16th September Year 3 parent welcome meeting (after school)
- * Thursday 17th September Year 4 parent welcome meeting Year 5 parent welcome meeting (in classroom 5AP) after school
- * Monday 21st September assembly for Year 6 by Wexham Secondary School
- * Tuesday 22nd September Year 2 parent welcome meeting (after school)
- * Wednesday 23rd September <u>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY</u>
- * Thursday 24th September Year 1 parent welcome meeting (after school)

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to all our families, I hope that you have all had a lovely break and by the looks of it we may wrangle a few more sunny days. Our Nursery and Reception children had their transition week, which went really well. I suspect the pupils will be quite tired this



weekend, so an early night might be needed. Having been into both Nursery and Reception, I can see they are having a wonderful time. Thank you to parents for hanging around to help them settle. I look forward to meeting parents soon and getting

to know you a bit more.

Years 1 to 6 have settled back into school very quickly, they look smart and ready to learn. I think we might possibly have the smartest looking school in the country! The children have produced

some lovely work already and are trying really hard with their spellings and handwriting. It would be greatly appreciated if you would help your child at home with extra practise, in order to reinforce what they are learning in school. Pupils MUST bring home their reading book and signed record in each day. I have noticed that a few children are not taking their books home as they have no bag! Please make sure that you check your child/children have their reading book and insist they bring it home.

Over the summer break, the teachers were in setting up the classrooms ready for the year. They will be inviting you in this week in order to introduce themselves and in order to go through the class routines and curriculum. If you are unable to attend, please arrange another appointment. All of our classes in Years 1 to 6 have an assigned continent, with the class being named after a country within that continent. Over the year, it would be great if you could find out lots of interesting facts about their country/continent. Over the summer we set holiday homework about the world. The pupils who had completed it did some really fantastic work. There were a few children that had no homework; please ensure this is handed in by **Wednesday 16**th **September**.

Moving on to the year ahead, I am delighted to announce that Miss Gosling has decided to remain at Wexham for another year. She will be our Healthy Schools lead. Alongside Mr. Dhillon, they will both be encouraging pupils to become fitter and healthier. As a nation, our children could to be fitter, therefore we have arranged for more clubs

to take place, and hope to arrange some for parents too. Being healthy includes physical health, mental health and a healthy diet. Miss Gosling has spoken to the pupils about some ideas, such as getting to bed on time and relaxing the brain as well as making sure we give our body and brain a nutritional diet. We will be looking in more depth at the packed lunch policy and working with the children on packed lunch ideas.

In terms of lunches, the feedback from pupils is that they are enjoying the food. I have had a school lunch each day and it is much better and fits our school ethos of fresh food. The produce picked by our eco team has also been incorporated into the meals. A reminder that parents are invited in to sample the menu from 2pm - 3:30pm on Tuesday 15th September.

Over the next few weeks I will be collating a list of school trips and key calendar dates for parents. A reminder that the newsletters will arrive by email each Friday. The weekly newsletter will have pupil awards, achievements and key dates. I will send a more in depth newsletter each month which will also be available on the school website.

A few key dates: next week the pupils will be donating money for the Syria refugee crisis. The pupils will not have a non-uniform day but will donate money over the week. We hope this will help pupils to understand that at times we give because it is good to and we believe it is right to and not just because we get to dress up.

Over the next two weeks, teachers in Reception and Years 1-3 may be out for a day, this is to attend key Maths Mastery training. On 23rd September, the school will be closed for our school INSET day.

Year 6 Secondary School Reminders

A reminder to Year 6 parents that you should start looking around for open evenings at various secondary and grammar schools. A lot of these schools will be having open evenings this month and your applications for secondary school places must be received by Slough Borough Council by 31st October 2015. All Year 6 parents will be receiving a letter on Monday 14th September detailing your unique ID number; this will allow you to complete your applications online. Should you require any help, Mrs Thistle in the office is very kindly willing to help, so please see her to make an appointment. Please do not leave it to the last minute to apply!

Year 3 Parents and School Lunches

Please ensure that your child/children's sQuid account is topped up as they are charged for a lunch and any drinks (please note that milk and water are provided free of charge). Reception, Year 1 and 2 are provided with free school lunches. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are required to pay, unless eligible for Free school Meals. If you are unsure, please contact Mrs Thistle.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a Macmillian Coffee Morning on <u>Friday 25th September at 2pm</u>. Please come along, put your your feet up and buy a slice of cake. Miss Gosling will send a letter out soon.

Class Names for Years 1-6

1RV	Fiji	4KG	Tanzania
1MS	Australia	4AM	Morocco
1FL	Tonga	4MO	Mozambique
2MO	Canada	5AP	Italy
2CC	Mexico	5CK	France
2LK	Jamaica	5LH	Hungary
3TM	Peru	6VB	Thailand
3SF	Chile	6HM	China
3TG	Ecuador	6SB	Nepal

I wish you all a very pleasant year ahead and look forward to a productive year together

Miss N Mehat