

# WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

## Important Dates:

- ★ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Synagogue Trip
- ★ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the teacher day for Year 4 and one class in Year 1
- ★ Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – INSET days
- ★ Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Ukele/Choir Concert (11-12pm)
- ★ Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the Teacher day
- ★ Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition Day
- ★ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performances (1:30pm & 5:30pm)
- ★ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performances (1:30pm & 5:30pm)
- ★ Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 trip to Chessington
- ★ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Assembly for Year 6 (9:30am)
- ★ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers disco and BBQ (5-6:30pm)
- ★ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term for Pupils (finish 12:00pm)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had a lovely viola concert performed by Year 4; they had an opportunity to showcase their talents to parents. They worked very hard learning new songs and different beats on their violas. The viola is a very difficult instrument to learn, requiring very good motor coordination, while reading music and performing. They have worked really hard since September, which was evident in the music they performed. I was so pleased to see every single child engaged in the activity. Music is a very important skill, it requires concentration, self-discipline and perseverance.

These are all key skills in learning. I would urge parents to support the continuation of music lessons at school. Further information is available on the letter sent home with the Year 4 pupils. Year 3 will start viola in September. I am sure the parents were thoroughly entertained. Well done Year 4!



On Tuesday, children in Years 1 and 2 came dressed brightly in their house colours ready to participate in their Sports Day. In the morning, the children took part in a heptathlon, supported by Year 6 children. They had to complete seven sporting activities of their choice. Luckily, the sun carried on shining for us, as parents joined to watch a variety of races from the 100m sprint to the sack race! Parents



and children alike, cheered loudly with encouragement for all of the races, which created a great atmosphere and buzz. Children particularly enjoyed the parent and teacher races! My favourite was the toddler race, highlighting that children will always exceed our expectations. It was a great day so thank you for coming along

On Wednesday, Nursery finally had their Sports Day after all the rain and they all did fantastically well. They had all been practising really hard as it was their first



time taking part in sports day. Clearly we have some very talented runners in our school, both pupils and parents.



Reception and Upper Primary also braved today's cold, windy and sometimes wet weather to have their sports days as well. Reception's sports day took place on the school field and our younger pupils did really well and all had so much fun taking part and giving it their all. As with our nursery children, for some of our Reception children it was their first sports day and they were amazing!



Years 3-6 had their sports day at Wexham Secondary School and despite a full schedule of races, managed to get through the sports day without a downpour! The children once again took part in a true spirit of sportsmanship and had a great time. We have some promising sports men and sports women.



On Tuesday, Reception took their very first field trip to Odds Farm! At the farm, they saw different types of animals including rabbits, goats, sheep and cows! All of the animals were quite friendly, and all of the children had the opportunity to stroke the animals. Our favourite activity was the sheep race; sheep number four was the winner! After having a delicious lunch, all children had a blast playing on the brand new outdoor play area, as well as indoors for soft play. Reception children were all incredibly well behaved at the farm, well done to everybody for such a great day!



We still have lots of events coming up in July:

- There will be a choir and concert and performance on 8<sup>th</sup> July between 11:00 – 12pm. Letters to follow
- The Year 6 performance and leaver dates, have been changed due to Eid and various transition days, new dates are:
  - Year 6 performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' will be on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016. On both days there will be a performance at 1:30pm and 5:30pm. On 13<sup>th</sup> July it will be 6VB and half of 6SB, and on 14<sup>th</sup> July it will be 6HM and the other half of 6SB. Parents are welcome to attend either performance. Please let the class teacher know which performance you would like to attend. It will be two tickets per family for after school performances.
  - Year 6 leavers assembly will be on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am. Please come along and listen to the memories your children have of their time at Wexham Court and their ambitions for secondary school. It is very important to the pupils that you attend as you did years ago when they arrived.

- Year 6 disco will be on 19<sup>th</sup> July from 5:00-6:30pm with a disco and BBQ. A very exciting day which is great fun for us all.

### INSET Days

Please note that the school will be closed on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July for INSET days. These will coincide with Eid and with some essential works that need to be completed at the school.

### Strike day

You may have heard that there is a planned strike day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. At present it looks as though the school will remain open. Teachers do have the right to change their minds so I will send a text message out on Monday confirming the arrangements. If the school is open (highly likely) then pupils must be in school. Please do not keep children off for the week. We have a summer break coming up and there is an awful lot to fit in before then. We have assessments etc. that must be completed. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Teachers are striking against the growing number of changes made to education by government prior to and following the announcement of the White paper. These changes are to the school establishments, the future curriculums and pay and conditions. There is currently a growing number of teachers and heads leaving the profession and a decline in those entering it. The excessive demands on teachers have led to a national teacher shortage, which cannot be ignored. We have been very lucky to have had a teacher in every class, as some schools have not been able to do this. It is becoming more and more difficult as the teachers are simply not around. I have over the last two years been working with a group of local primary and secondary heads, to implement a recruitment strategy for Slough. We have done a lot of work on this and things are beginning to improve. However rising prices and lack of housing make settling in Slough less appealing. I will continue to develop this recruitment drive.

I have to say that any teacher that does come to interview is always blown away by the school and accept the job without hesitation. Often this is because of the behaviour and the atmosphere in the school. Great to hear!

### Library Opening Times

The Library is open on Friday afternoons from 3.15 -3.45pm for families to come and choose books for the weekend together.



<b><i>Next Week's Assembly Theme:</i></b>	<b><i>Keeping safe in the sun</i></b>
<b><i>Collective Worship:</i></b>	<b><i>Eid-UI-Fitr (Islam)</i></b>
<b><i>British Value Focus:</i></b>	<b><i>Democracy</i></b>

Kind Regards,  
Miss Mehat and the team

Wexham's Amazing Awards and Achievements Wall of Fame!



**STARS OF THE WEEK**



Hedgehog RSB  
Badger RVS  
Squirrels RKW  
Fiji 1RV  
Tonga 1FLB  
Australia 1MS  
Mexico 2CC  
Jamaica 2LK  
Canada 2MO  
Chile 3SF  
Peru 3MT

Shrey  
Kerolos  
Sakina  
Lewis  
Fathima  
Eesa  
Zayed  
Adam  
Iqra  
Aleena S.  
Marleen

Ecuador 3TG  
Morocco 4AM  
Tanzania 4KG  
Mozambique 4MO  
Italy 5BC  
France 5CK  
Hungary 5LH  
Nepal 6SB  
Thailand 6VB  
China 6HM

Aisha  
Sofia  
Maks  
Rayhaan  
Zinedine  
Abdul  
Tobi  
Krish  
Siraj  
Hannah D.

**100%**

**TOP ATTENDANCE**

1<sup>st</sup> – Mozambique – 100%  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Morocco – 99.3%  
3<sup>rd</sup> – China – 98.7%

**100%**

**HOUSEPOINTS**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Horse Chestnut  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Majestic Oak  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Copper Beech  
4<sup>th</sup> Place – Sycamore



Running Total:  
MO: 15,377 / CB: 14,374  
HC: 14,815 / SYC: 14,922

**MATHLETICS**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 4MO & 2LK  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 6VB & 2CC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 6HM & 2MO



**SPELLODROME**

Year 6 – Khuzaam  
Year 5- Inayah, Ysabella, Mia  
Year 4 – Shamila, Malaika, Norris  
Year 3 – Zahlay, Igor, Noor  
Year 2 – Laiba, Muhammad S., Sienna

