



**WEXHAM COURT**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Parent/Carer Newsletter



## Key Dates for Parents/Carers

**Monday 19th July** - EYFS & Year 1 Sports day & end of term (*Nursery AM & Year 1 finish school at 11.30am, Nursery PM finish at normal time 3.15pm*)

**Tuesday 20th July** - Year 2, 3 & 4 end of term (*finish school at 11.30am*)

**Wednesday 21st July** - Year 5 & 6 Sports day & end of term (*finish school at 11.30am*)

**Thursday 2nd September** - Children return to School

## Important Information

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to you today to thank you for the support and patience you have afforded us this year and last. It has been a turbulent year for us all, with many ups and downs. However, I am reminded daily at just how strong and resilient people can be as I see your children smiling, learning and being the most fabulous people to be around. I am not exaggerating when I say that even during the most difficult moments over the past two years, talking to and spending time with your children always lifts our spirits and reminds us that this blip in time is something that will pass, and we will be simply fine.

I am delighted with what we have been able to achieve this year. Despite the restrictions, every single year group has learnt a musical instrument. All year groups have had PE twice a week, including swimming for year 6, and dedicated computing lessons, which have moved on their IT skills. Reception, Nursery and Year 6 managed to carry out their performances and did choir.

As we move into the new year, I wanted to share some things that we will be doing. Firstly, we have reflected upon our values and changed them to better reflect our vision and ethos. Our school visions remain:

*Preparing every child to become a successful individual in an ever-evolving world*

Our values will now become the following principles:

***Strive for excellence***

***Do the right thing***

***Build belonging***

We have introduced a new behaviour strategy which hinges on the three following rules. That all children, parents and teachers must be:

***Ready***

***Respectful***

***Safe***

The behaviour policy is attached to the newsletter.



We have also been working on a new Healthy Eating Policy which will come into action next year. I have attached this to the newsletter. The main key changes are:

### **Drinks**

Water only. The children all drink water throughout the day and this is clean, healthy and helps them to focus, think and get better.

### **Packed lunch**

Children will eat in classrooms, making it easier to monitor. The packed lunch needs foods with low sugar, low salt and low fat. They do not need to have crisps, chocolate and sweets in school, they will manage fine for the day. You are the parent, if you put it in they will eat it, if you don't they won't. We will be taking a much stronger approach to this than before. We are doing this to keep children healthy and not to be difficult so please make this easier for us and support us with this.

Having spoken to local dentists, they say that Slough children have the worst dental records, many have fully eroded teeth and have damaged their tooth sockets. Therefore, alongside the above, we will introduce dry toothbrushing to teach pupils how to brush their teeth.

### **COVID restrictions**

Restrictions have been lifted today, while this is a step in the right direction, I wanted to remind parents to remain cautious. This pandemic is not over and we still need to control the spread.

Next year the 'bubbles' will no longer be in place. Pupils will be able to mix with their peers in class, playground and lunchtime restrictions removed. This means that if a child tests positive for COVID-19, only they will be off school, the rest of the pupils will remain in school unless you are contacted by track and trace. To reassure parents, we will keep our higher level of cleaning throughout the school and pupils will still be asked to wash their hands before school and after lunch and toileting as these are positive habits to have. We already have pupil litter pickers, but will increase this level of responsibility and discipline by teaching children how to look after their classrooms and outside areas. Please support us by putting your litter in the bins or in your hands until you get home.

In road closure will remain in place and be maintained by school staff. The drop off procedures will remain the same. We found pupils really enjoy running to class first thing in the morning. The pick-up will remain the same but there will no longer be a requirement to queue. Parents will have 20 minutes so please take your time.

### **Communication with Teachers**

Teachers have found it easier and safer to dismiss pupils without parents talking to them. If you have a quick message then do so but if you require a chat, please call the teacher on TEAMS after school pick-up has finished. They will be available most days on TEAMS for 45 mins after school.



### **PE Days**

Pupils will continue to wear PE kits on PE days. Because of this, we have redesigned our PE kits. They will be navy blue tops and shorts. The navy-blue top will have their house colour on it. As we are making this change, we will provide all pupils with a free kit next year. It will be the top and shorts, if you wish to buy a jumper or jog suite bottoms, please ensure they are navy blue and plain. Any future kits, you will need to purchase from School Days where our school uniform is purchased. Alongside the kit, each child will be issued with a skipping rope. The company are still making the kit and therefore it will be available after the summer.

Please join us in saying good bye to a truly remarkable Year 6. They have been great in every way and we wish them all the best of luck and years of happiness as they embark on the next part of their journey. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the dedication and hard work. I know about the provision other schools have offered across the country and our provision was quickly organised and more rigorous than others. An example of this is Reception Scotland class doing sports day at home and sharing it with us...what a lovely idea. The teachers went above and beyond to teach and support the pupils and I am truly grateful to them. They have left your children with some summer homework, about their new class country, they will work on this the week they return.

Next year we will also be changing the name of our Breakfast club to 'Rise and Shine Club' and I am delighted to say that our Sports4Kids will run our first summer camp this year.

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely summer break, hopefully the weather will remain warm and conversations can move on from COVID. The staff and I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 2nd September.

***Miss Mehat***



Awards & Honours



# STARS OF THE YEAR

Nursery	ANAS KAHKA	Year 3 Ecuador	HAILEY TODD
Reception Wales	SHEENA CHATERJEE	Year 4 Tanzania	EISA AHSAN
Year 1 Tonga	ZULQURNAIN RAZA	Year 5 Hungary	SAIM KHAN
Year 2 Mexico	TEJINDER DEGAN	Year 6 China	JOE TANSLEY

## MATHLETICS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Canada	Mozambique	Fiji
Lets Improve	China, Ecuador, Italy & Jamaica	
Top Scorer	Sagan - Canada	







## HOUSE POINTS

House Name	Points	Ranking
Copper Beech	17,178	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Horse Chestnut	16,734	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Majestic Oak	17,244	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sycamore	16,458	4 <sup>th</sup>



## HOUSE POINTS WINNER...



**MAJESTIC OAK**



## Key Messages & Reminders

### **Attachments for you to read**

Alongside the newsletter we have attached the following documents, which we kindly ask that you read:

- **Behaviour Policy**
- **Healthy Eating Policy**
- **Letter from Public Health**

The Behaviour Policy and Healthy Eating Policy can also be found on our website.

*Miss Mehat*

### **Water Bottles**

Next year, water bottles must go home each day to be cleaned.

*Miss Mehat*

### **Healthy Screen-Time Habits**

As we are aware, children and young people being glued to the screen is not a new issue for parents, but the culture of entertainment and social interactions has changed so much over the last year that it is certainly a much bigger challenge. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, children's lives have adapted to include much more screen time as a necessity for meeting their educational, social and entertainment needs.

To promote a better relationship with our screens and devices, the Safeguarding Hub has released a Family Activity pack. This is based on the very latest research and is full of fun and exciting ways to promote healthy screen time habits – for the whole family!

It encourages and develops healthy habits is key to gaining the most from our screens while maintaining a healthy lifestyle in the offline/real world.

The resources pack can be downloaded here: [The-Family-Screen-Time-Pack-2021.pdf \(ineqe.com\)](https://ineqe.com/The-Family-Screen-Time-Pack-2021.pdf)

*The Slough Hub*

### **Health & Safety Audit - School Kitchen/Canteen**

Ms Purvis, our Head Chef; had a Health & Safety and Food Hygiene Audit last week and the results were AMAZING! Ms Purvis was awarded a **double gold**, which is rare and extremely hard to get! A massive well done to Miss Purvis and the Kitchen Team.

*Miss Mehat*



## Certificate of Achievement

### Health & Safety

Gold Award

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has achieved this award on

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### **Be on CITV**

Mini Movies is a brand new CITV show and they are looking for movie loving kids (aged 12 & under) to take part. Have a read of the below poster for more information on how you can join in on this great opportunity!

A vibrant poster for the CITV 'BE ON TV!' competition. The background is a bright blue with white light rays emanating from the center. At the top, the CITV logo is in a large, red, bubbly font. Below it, the words 'BE ON TV!' are written in a large, red, 3D block font. The text is surrounded by various movie-related illustrations: a fighter jet, a dragon, a dinosaur, a camera on a tripod, a wizard, and a bat. Below the main title, the text 'HEY KIDS, DO YOU LOVE MOVIES? IF SO WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Further down, several lines of text in a black, sans-serif font provide details about the competition. At the bottom, the email address 'casting@thechancercollective.com' is listed in a black, sans-serif font.

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FROM YOU!**

**Mini Movies is a brand new CITV show and we need  
movie-loving kids (aged 12 & under) to take part.**

**Your videos could get the Hollywood treatment with  
incredible visual effects added to them!**

**You can show off your skills at putting together a  
costume worthy of a blockbuster movie!**

**Get the chance to pitch your own movie idea!**

**Your animations could be shown on TV!**

**If you'd like the chance to star in the show, then get  
your parent or guardian to email us today at...**

**casting@thechancercollective.com**





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From all the staff here at Wexham Court Primary School, we wish you a great SUMMER HOLIDAY!

