

WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December 2015

Important Dates:

- ★ Thursday 10th December – Maths Parents Workshops for Reception parents – 9:30-10:30am in the large hall
- ★ Thursday 10th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance – 2-3pm
- ★ Friday 11th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance – 10-11am
- ★ Friday 11th December – Years 1-6 Carol Concert – parents to arrive by 2:20pm

Top Attendance

1st – France – 97.3%

2nd – Italy & Ecuador – 97.7%

3rd – China, Morocco & Australia – 97.3%

Mathletics:

1st – 5CK

2nd – 5AP

3rd – 3TM

4th – 6SB

5th – 4AM & 4MO

House Points

1st Place – Majestic Oak

2nd Place – Sycamore

3rd Place – Horse Chestnut

4th Place – Copper Beech

Stars of the Week

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

Aziz
Ekampreet K.
Aiesha H.
Huzaifa
Yahya
Skye
Laiba
Job
Nibaa
Zaima
Ibrahim

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

Anusha
Jayden
Nicole
Suha
Aurelsa
Sufyan
Niharika
Aaron
Aleisha
Jordan

Dear Parents/Carers

I am really pleased to be informed by a parent studying at East Berkshire College, that our school website has been recognised as a supportive site full of helpful documents. I have been updating many of the policies this term so please have a look. Policies and documents include anti-bullying policy, e-safety policy, unacceptable behaviour policy and curriculum plans etc...

In September, the school had an INSET day on 'Talk for Writing.' Wexham has been using Talk for Writing for many years but we wanted to refresh our approach so that we can be truly inspiring. In the New Year I would love the opportunity to share this with you, so that you too can see the three to four week approach we take for each topic. With this in mind I have arranged monthly 'Sneak a Peek,' sessions. These are designed to provide demonstrations on how we teach or approach key areas of the curriculum, as well as allow parents to have an experience of their child's learning journey. They will be practical and not us telling you what to do. Dates for Spring 1 are:

- Wednesday 27th January 1:30pm to 2:45pm – Model guided Reading session, followed by create a reading area.
- Wednesday 24th February 1:30pm to 2:45pm – Model Talk for writing session and create a story writing environment
- Wednesday 27th January 1:30pm to 2:45pm – Glorious Maths challenge and model lesson

In addition to this, I have arranged information sessions for the new assessment at Wexham. These will be the same as the session we ran in October but in different languages. The dates are as follows:

- Monday 11th January 4:00pm - Assessment at Wexham (in Urdu)
- Wednesday 13th January 4:00pm - Assessment at Wexham (in Punjabi)
- Thursday 14th January 4:00pm - Assessment at Wexham (in Polish)

A letter regarding these dates will go out in the New Year. We request you let us know if you are planning to attend any.

Your Help Please

I am looking for some parent volunteers to help create a healthy lunchbox display at school for us. You know what your children like to eat and so we would really appreciate your support. Please bring along recipe ideas and photographs to look at, or even some healthy snacks to try. Please let the office know if you are interested – I hope to get a few parents in on 6th January 2016.

Year 3 Trip to the Gurudwara



As part of their R.E topic on Sikhism, Year 3 went to the local Gurudwara on Wednesday. They had a brief talk given by Mr Singh who talked to them about the religion, who founded Sikhism and some of the traditions which are followed in the temple. After taking their shoes off and walking briefly into a fridge, the children were led upstairs to the prayer room where they heard the holy scripture (Guru Granth Sahib) being read. Finally the children were treated to chips and beans in Langar which they heartily enjoyed, however, I'm not sure their walk back to school quite worked off the food! Overall Year 3 had a very fun and informative trip!

[Bikeability](#)

Following last week's successful bikeability course here are some photographs of what I hope was a useful learning experience for all of those involved.



[Maths Parent Workshops](#)

On Thursday 10th December at 9am we will be holding a Maths Workshop for Reception. Mrs Johal and Mrs Aslam will be running this in the large hall; please let us know if you wish to attend by returning the slips at the bottom of your letter. Should you need spare copies of the letters please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to give you a copy.

[Nursery & Reception Nativity](#)

This year the Foundation Stage Team present a Christmas performance of 'Whoops a Daisy', performed by Reception and Nursery children. This is the first time that Nursery and Reception are performing together and are so excited to do so. Letters have already gone out to parents, so please ensure that you return your reply slip to indicate that you will be attending and whether or not you require one or two tickets. Unfortunately we are not able to offer more than 2 tickets for each child due to the limited amount of space that we have.

[Carol Concert – Years 1-3](#)



Just a reminder that our Christmas Carol Concert will be held on **Friday 11th December**. You are welcome to arrive by 2:20pm and proceed to the large hall in order to get some hot chocolate and mince pies. We will then direct you to the Upper Primary playground where the concert will start at 2:30pm.

Lower Primary will sing first, once finished, they will then be escorted to their classrooms where they will wait for their normal finishing time. You will then have the opportunity to hear Upper Primary sing.

Please ensure that your child/children have suitable hats, gloves and coats on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Thank You From Slough Food Bank](#)

Thank you once again for all your generosity in donating for the harvest festival. The donations were taken to Slough Food Bank and they have sent us a lovely thank you note. Your donations totalled **141.7 kgs** and are equivalent to about 161 individual meals or 40 family meals. Please see the letter attached from the Food Bank.

Our Summer Homework Stars Decorate the Christmas Tree

Congratulations to all our summer homework stars. As a treat for completing some really good homework over the summer holidays, the children below had the pleasure of decorating our School Christmas trees. I am sure you will agree that they have done a wonderful job at getting the Christmas spirit started.



Year 3 - Alina

Year 4 – Arjun B, Dhilan, Norris

Year 5 – Ysabella, Manav, Arjun

Year 6 – Matthew J, Aparna, Madeeha



School Photographs

The proofs for individual and sibling photographs are back and have gone out this week. Please ensure that your slips and money are returned in the envelope provided with your child's name and class details by **Thursday 10th December** at the latest. Any slips returned after this date cannot be processed by the school and you will need to contact Stanley Baker Photographers directly. Provided your slips are returned on time, we hope to have orders out to you before the end of term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Book Fair and Library Opening

Next week, we will be holding a book fair at Wexham Court. This will run from 3.20-3.45pm on 8th – 14th December in the Lower Primary Library. This is always a hugely popular event and, as always, there will be a wide range of quality books at reasonable prices. Payments can be made by cash or debit card. This week, the children have been set a special book fair themed homework, which is part of a school wide competition. There will be several prizes and the overall winner will receive a £25 voucher to spend at the book fair.

On Monday 14th December, the library will be open from 3.20–4.00pm for parents and children to come and choose a book together. This will be a weekly event to help you support your child's reading and enjoyment of books.

Applications for School

Just a reminder for all parents of Nursery children; you will need to submit your applications for a Reception school place by **15th January 2016**. If you do not ensure that your application is submitted in time, your child may not get a school place. Should you require any help with the applications please contact Mrs Thistle in the office to arrange a time for her to help you.

Breakfast Club

Please remember that places on breakfast club are limited. If you wish to bring your child/children for the day please ensure that you book a place in advance by either calling the school, or speaking to Mrs Thistle in the office. Please do not just turn up on the day as we may not be able to accommodate your child as all the places may already be taken for that day. We are looking to recruit another person to help in breakfast club and once we have done so, we will be able to offer more places.

School Christmas Lunch

A reminder that slips for your child's Christmas Lunch must be returned no later than the end of the day on Monday 7th December. Please ensure that they are completed with your child's **name** and **class** so that we can clearly identify them.

Kind Regards,

Miss Mehat

Assembly Theme for Week Beginning Monday 7th December:

Children Rights & Responsibilities/Human Rights Day

Collective Worship:

Bodhi Day (Buddhist)