



Wickham Common

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week to start this half term with our children all working towards a shared display for Remembrance Sunday, which we will come together on Monday 11th November to mark as a whole school community. The children have had the opportunity to learn about various elements of why we hold Remembrance Day annually and, our lovely Year 6 children have ensured that every child has been able to purchase a poppy should they wish to. The pictures of these displays will be shared with you once complete.

Our lovely Acorns and Conkers classes started to join in full Whole School Assemblies this week and I must commend them on how beautifully they came into the hall and sat with all of the children. What a superb start!

Mr Slack led two very informative and insightful workshops on Monday 4th November on how best you can support your child with reading and the process of reading. This was following on from feedback from the parental community where over 50 requests were made for this particular workshop. It was therefore disappointing to see so few attendees, despite reminders being sent out. Please do look to support the upcoming workshops bookable on Arbor/clubs that have been requested as my staff work incredibly hard in their own time to collate helpful resources and ideas as to how you can best support your children with home learning.

Yesterday our PTA ran another hugely successful Disco event for the children. It was a joy to see so many of the children having such fun and a good boogie with their friends whilst dressed in their best outfits for the event! This event could not have gone ahead without the support and dedication of the whole PTA team and the discos committee who worked so hard to ensure it ran smoothly for the children.

I feel it is only right at this point to also raise that, at this current time, we have so few volunteers and helpers offering their time for the Christmas Fair, that it is beginning to look as though some of the stalls may well have to be left out and, put simply, may well result in having to cancel altogether. This would be a crying shame as the children and your good selves love to attend this superb event and I would hate to see it cancelled due to lack of



support from yourselves. I understand that everyone is incredibly busy but, we are asking for an hour of your time on Saturday 7th December to help on a stall or anytime you are able to give on the day to help set up and pack away – anything you are able to give will be so valuable. Please reach out to your class representatives if you are able to help as we rely on the funds raised from this event hugely to enhance the curriculum provision for all of the children in our school. If you are unsure as to what this entails, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat with me or any member of the PTA and we will be only too happy to discuss this further.

I am looking forward to holding our Autumn Parents Forum on Monday 11th November at 19.00. This is an opportunity for you all to give your class representatives feedback that you would like me to hear about what we are doing well as a school and what we can be improving on. I embrace this space to be able to hold discussions about how we can continue to improve provision together, so please ensure you give valuable feedback.

Our values children this week are as follows:-

Acorns	Just visiting this week	
Conkers	Just visiting this week	
1 Ash	Penelope	Kindness
1 Maple	Amber	Kindness
2 Elm	Luca G	Effort
2 Holly	Eloisa	Kindness
3 Cherry	Deren	Integrity
3 Horse Chestnut	Joseph Dulcie	Respect Creativity
4 Hazel	Rugby training this week	
4 Poplar	Rugby training this week	
5 Beech	Alice	Creativity
5 Willow	Bella	Effort
6 Lime	Emily	Integrity
6 Oak	Hallie-Rose	Effort

As I have bene on my learning walks this week and have had the pleasure of teaching a couple of the sessions, I thought it would be timely to let you know that from January 2025, when the children return after the Christmas Break, there will be some changes to items that some of the children have been using and bringing into school:-

- Smart watches are not allowed in school for any child at anytime.
- Stanley Cups will not be permitted as drinking vessels
- For children from Years 1- 5, Pencil cases are to be of a sensible size and only one zip through, single compartment

These items have become very disruptive and simply take up far too much space on desks and are causing many unnecessary conflicts between the children. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



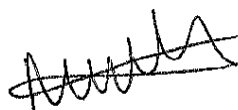
From the 11th to the 15th November is National School Meal Week. Harrisons have added some additional items to the usual lunch menu, please see the attached flyer.

I have included the following dates again for your diaries to ensure we are keeping you abreast of all the key upcoming dates.

19 th Nov	Maths Strategies- Parental workshops – 14.30-15.15 and 15.30.16.15
5 th Dec	PTA Night Market
7 th Dec	PTA Christmas Fair
9 th Dec	Nativity Dress Rehearsal 14.00 – 15.00
10 th Dec	Nativity to parents and carers of Acorns and Year 1 13.45-15.00
11 th Dec	Nativity to parents and carers of Conkers and Year 2 13.45-15.00
11 th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm – St Francis of Assisi Church- West Wickham
20 th Dec	Last day of Autumn 2 Half Term – Close at normal time
	Christmas Holiday – 23 rd December – 3 rd January

Date	2025
6 th Jan	INSET Day – All staff to attend
7 th Jan	First day of term for children
13 th Jan	Supporting writing at home- Parental workshops – 14.30-15.15 and 15.30.16.15
4 th Feb	Online Safety - Parental workshops – 14.30-15.15 and 15.30.16.15
11 th Feb	Parents Evening 16.00 – 19.00
13 th Feb	Parents Evening 16.00 – 19.00
16 th March	Personal Development and EDI - Parental workshops – 14.30-15.15 and 15.30.16.15
31 st March	RSE - Parental workshops – 14.30-15.15 and 15.30.16.15
24 th Apr	Phonics Screening Workshop Year 1 Parents 14.30-15.00
W/B 12 th May	Year 6 SATS
2 nd June	INSET Day
5 th June	Secondary Transition- Parental workshops – 14.30-15.15 and 15.30.16.15
W/B 9 th Jun	UKSA residential
27 th Jun	Sports Day
3 rd July	Summer Musical Soiree
5 th July	Provisional Date for PTA Summer Fair
11 th July	Back up Sports Day
24 th July	INSET Day

Yours sincerely,



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