



Wickham Common

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Dear children, parents and carers,

It's somewhat of an understatement to say that the final half term has started with somewhat of a bang! We've been thrilled to welcome the **NSPCC** and Olympic swimmer **Michael Gunning** to Wickham Common for the launch of their **Childhood Day Mile** fundraising event. The event provided genuine enjoyment for children throughout the school and raised some money for a very important cause at the same time – all whilst dodging the rain! I'm sure that your children will share the excitement of the day with you. If you haven't already done so and are able to support the NSPCC, you can donate [here](#).

This week, we've opened **our new Instagram account** in an effort to communicate life at Wickham Common in as many, accessible ways as possible. We'll still be using SeeSaw to share your children's work with you (and will be looking at ways to improve our use of this platform in the next academic year) but will use Instagram to share information on more of a whole school level. If you wish to follow us, our handle is @wickhamcommonps.

Whilst social media can be a positive, engaging platform, there are obvious pitfalls that our children need support in navigating. I have been saddened to here that there has been some **concerning behaviour in WhatsApp groups** made up of Wickham Common children. Whilst these groups are beyond our immediate control, reports of inappropriate behaviour and cyberbullying do reach us and will be investigated in line with our internet safety policies. I would urge you, then, to make sure that you're well informed of both the nature of your child's internet usage as well as the dangers they face there too. Look out for our half termly Online Safety newsletters which do a really good job of providing up to date information.

Another quick note about safety: Some members of our school community have experienced uncomfortable experiences with a member of our local community when at the shops near Wickes. Whilst it's essential that our Year 6 children develop their sense of independence before they move on to secondary school, maximising their safety whilst out



on the streets surrounding the school remains a priority. Small steps, such as making sure they are in small groups whenever possible rather than walking alone, can make such experiences less likely. If anyone would like to speak to me directly about this issue, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

On **Thursday 19th June**, our school governors will be joining us for the day in an effort to find out what an average day looks like at Wickham Common. They'll be working alongside your children and our staff to develop their own understanding about how we operate here. As part of the day, they would also like to **invite you to attend a drop in from 2.30** on Thursday 19th June so that you can share your views or find out more about their role within the school structure. If you can attend or, in fact, just have a query for them, please complete the form [here](#).

End of year reports will be emailed to the *primary email address that we have registered on Friday 4th July*. I'll write to you about this in more detail closer to the time, but please ensure that we have up to date contact information for you as soon as possible. We'll also be providing you with information about next year's teaching structure in the near future as well as advising you about when children will get a chance to meet their new teacher.

Next week looks likely to be a busy one. Good luck and bon voyage to our Year 6 pupils who will be visiting **the Isle of Wight** on their residential trip. It will undoubtedly be a memorable experience that we will look for to hearing about upon their safe return.

Have an enjoyable weekend,



Mr Slack
Assistant Headteacher

