



Great Wilbraham CE (VC) Primary School

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Great Wilbraham C of E Primary School, Church Street, Great Wilbraham, Cambridge, CB21 5JQ, 01223 880408

Dear Families,

Thank you for all the supportive messages I have received congratulating my family on the birth of my daughter Dorothea last week. I have come in today to see everyone on the last day of half term but will continue my paternity leave later on after half term.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place using Teams and your child's account will receive an invitation to a Teams meeting from their teacher. This is a direct communication with you and we would ask to keep to the time limit as much as possible please. Teachers will have to go from one Teams meeting to another and your support in this would be much appreciated.

November changes

Two weeks ago, I informed you of some changes to the timings of the day starting after half term – a summary is below:

From 3rd November timings for the day will be as follows

Y1 – Y6 children drop off between 8.40am and 8.50am and pick up between 3.10pm and 3.20pm

YR children drop off between 8.50 and 9.00am and pick up at 3.10pm

We would urge parents to ensure their children arrive during the drop off windows as late arrivals are very disruptive both for the child and the rest of the class as well as taking up staff time.

We are also having refurbishment of the boys' toilets in Key Stage 2 over half term. Urinals are being replaced by cubicles so that if we needed to be more stringent in our measures and segregate the two classes further we will be able to. Currently PHE state that we can continue as we are but we are future proofing the school as part of necessary refurbishment.

School meals

Hot lunches have been a great success and Squirrel class have also been in the hall so we are really progressing well. The limited menu trial will now be rolled out further into next half term when we can offer something every day. Thank to all the catering staff for their efforts; we are really pleased to be offering hot meals again.

Letter from the Service Director – Education

Please find a letter attached from Jonathan Lewis, Service Director – Education on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council.

Lastly

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing everyone again after half term – remember that the children start back on 3rd November (Tuesday) NOT the Monday as staff have a professional development day.

Thanks again to all the children, families and staff who have been very supportive this last week and have a great week next week,

Thank you!

Richard Brown

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Reminders and Notices for Families

Lunches

Please look at the menu with your child – when they are asked at registration they have the choice of, for example, chicken wrap and jacket potato – the system doesn't give a full description so please ensure your child knows what the jacket potato filling is on that day if they are likely to choose it.

After School Sports Clubs

Tuesday – Badgers – 3.20 – 4.20 – 2 weeks initially

Wednesday – Squirrels – 3.20 – 4.20 – 6 week block

Thursday – Hedgehogs – 3.20 – 4.20 - 2 weeks initially

Please sign up for clubs through SIMS-Pay. Payment guarantees your child's place.

PE days after half term

Squirrels – **Wednesday** & Friday

Hedgehogs – Thursday & Friday

Badgers – Tuesday & Thursday

Please can we also remind you that on the days when the children are asked to come to school in PE kit, they wear jogging bottoms over their shorts to help keep them warm during outdoor playtime, lunchtime and PE lessons.

Home learning

In the event of a child self-isolating and the children being well enough to access it, we continue to provide home learning activities through the children's Teams accounts. There will be a weekly timetable of activities and associated worksheets, presentations etc stored in your child's relevant folder. Please contact the school office admin@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk for further information.

Flu Vaccine

All children in Reception through to Year 6 will be offered a nasal spray flu vaccine in school on Tuesday 8th December.

Please ensure that you complete the online form to state whether or not you would like your child to have the vaccine.

Photos

Individual photos will be taken on the morning of Friday 6th November. These will be taken under strict COVID protocols and order forms will be sent home a few days later. Parents will need to place orders online.

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Coats, bags and water bottles

Please ensure that all children bring a coat, their Reading Journal and a water bottle to school every day. Apart from these items (and a packed lunch if they bring one) children should not need to bring anything into school.

Term Dates for the rest of the School Year:

Friday 18th December – school closes

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January – INSET

Tuesday 5th January – school re-opens

Friday 15th January – National closing date for Primary places

Thursday 14th January – Census Day - all KS1 children to have lunch

Friday 12th February – school closes

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February – half term

Monday 22nd February – school re-opens

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day

Friday 26th March – school closes

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12th April – school re-opens

Monday 3rd May – May Day holiday

Thursday 13th May – Census Day

Thursday 27th May – school closes

Friday 28th May - INSET

Monday 1st – Friday 4th June – half term

Monday 7th – school re-opens

Thursday 22nd —School closes

Website and School Protocol

Please use the school website as your first point of call when you have a query as it is constantly updated with information, photos, policies, dates etc for you. This is a working document for parents and you will find most of your questions answered here. We also have a Twitter feed which appears on the school website and we post information on our feed regularly

<http://www.greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk/website>

Finally, we thought it would be a good time to send out another copy of our School Protocol to all parents; please see attached.

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