



Great Wilbraham CofE Primary School

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Families

November seems to have flown by and already we are in the preparations for Christmas. The Christmas service is being organised, the class hampers are starting to build up (please see your class teacher for information), the children are learning songs for the December production, cards have been made and delivered and the PTFA are working hard selling mince pies, calendars, Christmas cards and the Wilbraham Winter Wonder Walk sheets.

Wilbraham Winter Wonder Walk

This brilliant event is a treasure hunt around Great and Little Wilbraham. It is like an advent calendar, every day a window in a house/business/Church/school will be decorated with a letter displayed in it. There will be a prize draw and it only costs 50p to enter and be part of this fabulous community event.

External events

Since I last wrote to you Badger class had an immersive experience at Stibbington during their evacuee day. It is one of the highlights of year five or six and the children enjoyed themselves immensely and learnt a great deal. Badger class have also competed in the cross country race at Netherhall today and worked hard on a cold day! Squirrel and Hedgehog classes went to the cinema last week and year three and four had an interesting day at West Stow. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped on the trips, the children really appreciate it.

Opposite Advent

Next week we will again start our 'opposite advent'. Every day throughout December we will put out a box for donations to Jimmy's night shelter. Please donate whatever you can—it could be socks, hats, gloves, pasta, tins or toiletries – all donations will be warmly welcome. There will also be a box on the Wilbraham Winter Wonder Walk if you are unable to bring things into school.

Class assemblies

Hedgehog class did a brilliant class assembly last week, complete with a re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings. Well done to all the children and thanks to Miss Luddy and Mrs Raw for their efforts. Badger class assembly unfortunately had to be postponed but we will have a date for the new year.





There are just three weeks until the Christmas break and lots of events to come – please see the diary attached or check the calendar on the school website – we hope you are able to join us for some of them.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Richard Brown

Highest Year Group Attendance so far this year
Year 3 - 98.39%

Reminders and Notices

Attendance and the School Day

Please can you ensure that your child/ren arrive at school at the correct time in the morning and are collected promptly at the end of the school day (we understand that the weather/traffic occasionally influence things). School opens at 8.40am and registration is at 8.50am. If children arrive after 8.50am please bring them in the front door to sign in. If they get here after the register has been done then this counts as an unauthorised absence for attendance figures.

School finishes at 3.15pm for all children in Years R, 1 and 2 and at 3.20pm for those in Years 3 - 6. We know that sometimes there are exceptional circumstances which mean parents are occasionally late to collect their children but we do provide an after school club Mondays to Thursdays so if you are not going to be able to collect your child on time please book them into Discovery Club. If children are not collected on time and we have not received a message from parents to say they are arriving imminently then they will be asked to join Discovery Club whilst attempts are made to contact parents. A charge will be made for the time spent in Discovery Club.

Keeping Safe

We have noticed that some children (and adults) are still riding their bikes into school. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school premises; please dismount and mount bicycles outside the gate and wheel bikes when on the premises. Thank you.

We would also like to remind you that the school car park should not be used by parents dropping off or collecting their children. Please park safely and considerately using the memorial hall car park, the lay by opposite the school or the road towards Little Wilbraham (beyond the yellow lines).

Governors

The Governing Body plans to meet on Tuesday 14th January, Monday 16th March, Friday 1st May and Friday 17th July.



Dates 2019-2020

Monday 2nd December—Panto to Yrs R-6 2.00pm

Friday 6th December – Dress rehearsal - 9.30am

Monday 9th December – Performance – 2pm

Tuesday 10th December – Performance – 6pm – **full**

Friday 13th December – Christmas Lunch—**fully booked**

Friday 13th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper and bring £1 to support Save the Children (optional)

Monday 16th December—"Make Do and Mend" Day in Badgers—children to wear evacuee costume

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Service 2.30pm Great Wilbraham Church

Wednesday 18th December—Wilbraham Wonder Window Walk window at School

Thursday 19th December – school closes

Friday 20th December – Staff Training – school closed

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January – Staff Training – school closed

Tuesday 7th January – school re-opens

Monday 13th January to Monday 20th January—Science Week

Tuesday 14th January – Epiphany Service 2.30pm Great Wilbraham Church

Tuesday 14th January—FGB Meeting

Wednesday 15th January – National closing date for Primary places

Thursday 16th January – Census Day - all KS1 children will be offered lunch

Monday 20th January—Stargazing Evening

Friday 24th January—PTFA Children's Winter Disco

Friday 7th February – Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Monday 10th February – parent consultations 4.00 – 7.00pm

Tuesday 11th February – parent consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm

Friday 14th February – Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Friday 14th February—Yr 5/6 to Kwiksticks Hockey

Friday 14th February – school closes

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – half term

Monday 24th February – school re-opens

Wednesday 4th March—Reception & Yr6 height & weight checks

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March - Hedgehog Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Thursday 12th March - Badger Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Thursday 12th March—Yr 5/6 to Tag Rugby

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief

Monday 16th March – Class Group photos

Monday 16th March—FGB Meeting

Friday 20th March – Mothers Day lunch

Tuesday 31st March – Easter Service 2.30pm Little Wilbraham Church

Wednesday 1st April – Spring Concert 9.15am

Friday 3rd April – Easter lunch

Friday 3rd April – school closes

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April – school re-opens

Tuesday 28th April—Hedgehog Class to Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio

Friday 1st May - Squirrel Class Sharing assembly and Book Look

Friday 1st May—FBG Meeting

Thursday 7th May - Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Friday 8th May – May Day holiday

Monday 11th –Thursday 14th – KS2 SATS

Monday 18th – Thursday 21st May – Community Week

Monday 18th May – Sports Morning

Thursday 21st May – Open Morning & Picnic lunch

Thursday 21st May – school closes

Friday 22nd May – Staff Training – school closed

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – half term

Monday 1st June – school re-opens

Thursday 4th June—Yr 5/6 Quadkids

Friday 19th June – Fathers Day lunch

Monday 6th July – KS2 Play dress rehearsal 9.30am

Tuesday 7th July – KS2 performance 6pm

Wednesday 8th July – KS2 performance 6pm

Monday 20th July - Leavers Service 2.30pm Great Wilbraham Church

Tuesday 21st July – Leavers Assembly 9.15am

Tuesday 21st July—School closes