

Wildmoor Heath School Newsletter



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HAPPY EASTER from us all at Wildmoor Heath



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks have literally flown by quickly and it is hard to believe that the Easter holidays have arrived already. The return of all our learners has proceeded smoothly with the children showing great resilience and positive learning behaviours.

Unfortunately, we have experienced a lot of illness in school over the past few weeks, which has adversely affected our attendance figures. This has been non-CV-19 related illness, mainly colds and sore throats, but has kept many children off school. We have continued to ensure the children wash their hands throughout the day. Please could you ensure that your children remember to wash their hands frequently at home throughout the Easter holidays – we are keen to have everyone back in school for a full term of learning next term.

Whilst lockdown measures are slowly easing over time, at Wildmoor Heath we will continue to operate our system of drop-offs/pick-ups, using the same time schedule and gates that are currently in use. Staff will continue to wear masks when outside the school building and I would ask that all parents and carers continue to wear masks when circulating around the school premises.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Our first School Cloud Parent Teacher Meetings went really well, with only a few hiccups and we have met with most of our parents in the school. Thank you for your support with School Cloud and for your patience setting up the meetings. If, for any reason, you did not manage to connect to the class teacher, please write to the teacher using the class e-mail to set up a separate phone call.

New Football Holiday Club at Wildmoor Heath

We are delighted to announce the start of a new football based holiday club – Park to Pro, based at Wildmoor Heath School for the second week of the Easter holidays.

This exciting news as we all get back to normal and the Park to Pro team are enthusiastic about our wonderful grounds for the Easter club. It would be great to see lots of Wildmoor children taking part. If you

are interested in this new club, please see the link below for more information on how to book your child's place.

<https://www.parktopro.com/easter-football-course-announced/>

Year 6 Residential Trip to Rhos-Y-Gwaliau Sunday, 26 September – Saturday, 2 October 2021

Year 5 parents will have received the notification for next year's adventurous residential trip to Rhos Y Gwaliau in Snowdonia's National Park. We issued this, just as soon as we received confirmation that the centre will be re-opening for schools. In the letter, we have suggested a staggered payment schedule to help families pay for the trip. Mr Thomas will hold RYG presentations in the summer term, detailing the accommodation, activities and likely programme for this year's trip.

Shout Out for Two Sisters Café



On behalf of all our staff, I would like to thank Two Sisters Café in Crowthorne, run by one of our parents, Mrs Pierce and her sister. The team at Two Sisters Café sent in boxes of delicious savoury and sweet pastries this week for our staff to share. They were delicious – what a delightful surprise.

Thank you Two Sisters Café!!

Please Take One Minute to Complete Wildmoor Heath's ParentView

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have logged on to complete the ParentView survey!

The purpose of this Ofsted questionnaire is external – it allows prospective parents to view your opinions about our school, and Ofsted will consult it when they inspect the school. The high level of responses in recent years has certainly helped to boost the numbers of new pupils entering our school, which in turn helps us to receive more funding from the government.

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to do so, please log on and complete this short survey – this would be a great support to us. When logging on, both parents can register, under separate e-mail addresses, and answer the questions, so potentially two responses per family. You will also be able to look at last year's responses, which were very positive indeed. Therefore, could I ask you all to log onto ParentView again, even if you completed it last year, in order that we can obtain a healthy number of responses again this year.

SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

**MRS SEMPER, MR THOMAS, MRS JOHNSON,
MR PHELPS AND MRS THURGOOD**

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:

1. Protecting children from maltreatment;
2. Preventing the impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
3. Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and
4. Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

At Wildmoor Heath School, **all staff maintain a culture of vigilance** and put the health and safety, learning progress and pastoral needs of our learners first. We have robust safeguarding procedures in place, including annual formal training for all plus ongoing informal updates.

Wildmoor Heath has five trained DSLs who receive multi-agency training, attend ongoing formative sessions and represent the school at Child Protection meetings.

Mrs Semper is the Designated Safety Leader (DSL), supported by Mr Thomas, Mrs Johnson, Mr Phelps and Mrs Thurgood as the Deputy Designated Safety Leaders (DDSLs). Our Safeguarding Policy (date September 2020), together with a Covid-19 Addendum Policy, can be found on the school website and/or a copy can be requested from the school office.

If you have any concerns whatsoever about a child, or something that you have witnessed inside or outside of school, please ask to speak to Mrs Semper, Mr. Thomas, Mrs Johnson, Mr Phelps or Mrs Thurgood.

Thank you for your support of your child's education, our school and staff over the past year of turmoil. We are finally seeing a clear direction and way forward; having the primary school children back in school is an important part of restoring normality. As a team, we will continue to provide outstanding provision and support, founded on our wide curriculum, to all our learners.

Kind regards,



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