

# Wildmoor Heath Newsletter

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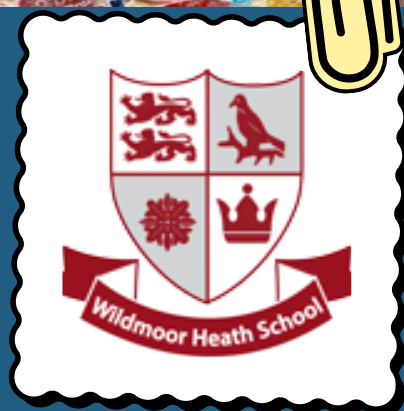
## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to our existing families - I hope you've had a restful summer. Welcome also to our new parents and families who are joining Wildmoor Heath; a superb school set in glorious grounds with dedicated staff and well-behaved children.

If we haven't met already, let me introduce myself. My name is Mrs Clare Vincent and I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher, following Mrs Semper's retirement last term. I have over seventeen years teaching experience, with thirteen years as a Senior Leader and over four years as a Deputy Headteacher (three in a previous school). I joined Wildmoor Heath in January 2020, initially as a Senior Leader and teacher in Years 5 and 6, followed by becoming the Deputy Headteacher last April.

As part of the Senior Leadership Team at Wildmoor Heath, I have a solid understanding of the strengths of the school and what needs to be done on our journey towards excellence. I am so privileged to be working with such a supportive community, superb staff and amazing children. I am looking forward to working with you all!

Mrs Vincent



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# Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!

On Thursday 20th July 2023, the Year 6 children celebrated their time at Wildmoor Heath in a Leavers' Assembly with Year 6 parents and the rest of the school. It was a very emotional assembly, with the children singing their favourite songs and looking at photos of all their wonderful experiences, from their first days at school to the end of Year 6. We wish them all well and hope they can 'Reach for the Stars' in their new schools. We will miss you all!



## Thank you and Good Luck Mrs Semper!



On the last day of term, we said goodbye to Mrs Semper, who has been our Headteacher for the last five years. The children sang her favourite assembly song and we celebrated all of her achievements by showing the different experiences that she has helped to organise for the children over the last few years.

Our Chair of Governors, Karen Roche, made a beautiful cake and the staff shared their last lunch with Leslie. We all wish her the very best for her 'retirement'.

## Key Dates

SEPTEMBER 2023

**Friday 1st September:**

INSET Day  
(school closed to pupils)

**Monday 4th September:**

First Day of the Autumn Term  
(doors open at 8.40am)

**Thursday 7th &**

**Friday 8th September:**

New Reception children start  
(mornings only)

**Tuesday 12th September**

**at 3.30pm:**

Meet the Teacher presentation  
in classrooms

(Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 only)

**Thursday 14th September**

**at 3.30pm:**

Meet the Teacher presentation  
in classrooms

(Year 3, Year 4, Year 6 only)

**Thursday 14th &**

**Friday 15th September:**

Year 2 Outdoor Learning starts

**Sunday 24th to**

**Saturday 30th September:**

Year 6 Residential to  
Rhos-y-Gwaliau, Wales





# School News

## Children's Leadership Roles & Responsibilities

Well done to the following children who will be taking on these important roles this year.



### School Council

**Year 1:** Lila & Joni  
**Year 2:** Oscar & Katty  
**Year 3:** Jesse & Olive  
**Year 4:** Mae & Charlie  
**Year 5:** Alfie & Rebecca  
**Year 6:** Alyssa & Dylan

### House Captains

**Wellington:** Sonny  
**Sandhurst:** Jessica  
**South Hill:** Aaron  
**Easthampstead:** Olivia

### Head Boy/Girl

**Head Boy:** Michael  
**Head Girl:** Morven  
**Deputy Head Boy:** Francis  
**Deputy Head Girl:** Jessica

### Ambassadors

Mia, Megan, Olivia, Jack, Ben,  
William, Thomas, Aaron,  
Harvey, Dexter, Emily, Lorenzo

### Librarians

Ellie, Megan, Olivia, Emily,  
Morven, Aaron, Jessica, Mia,  
Lois, Michael

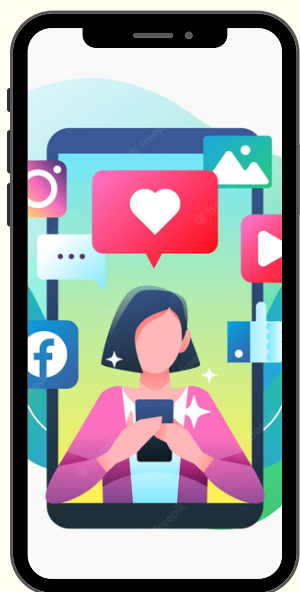


## School News

### Wildmoor Heath Social Media

We have updated our social media accounts and have even set up an Instagram account! Please be aware that there may be other Wildmoor Heath Facebook pages, but this is the official school page to use.

Click on the links below to follow us!



### Parent Focus Group

Wildmoor Heath is a special place and a unique school. The staff team are united in wanting the best for all our children. There are many constraints, such as school funding and an old building, however we are determined to do all we can to provide an excellent, fully rounded education for all.

In order to achieve that goal, we would like to set up a small focus group of parents who would be willing to meet with staff to give constructive advice or suggestions on what we can improve. The first task would be to comment on the new school vision statement below. Please contact the school office ([reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk](mailto:reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk)) if you would be interested.

#### School Vision:

To work in collaboration with all stakeholders, including the local community, as the school of choice in the local area, to provide a fully inclusive, world-class education: giving all learners a strong foundation of knowledge and skills; allowing them to feel valued and supported; inspiring them to achieve their full potential to become successful learners, responsible citizens and confident individuals.





## School News

### Clubs - Autumn 1st Half Term

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of clubs this half term. Staff-run clubs will run for a block of 5 sessions and will start from the week beginning **Monday 18th September**.

There will be a charge for each session to cover the costs of staff time and resources.

**Look out for the clubs letter next week.**

### Meet the Teacher Presentations

**Next week**, you will get a chance to meet with your child's class teacher and find out what they will be learning this year, as well as timetables and routines. We have split the sessions, as you may need to come to more than one. Please check the date carefully.

Don't worry if you can't make it, the presentations will be uploaded to the Class Pages on the school website.

### RAAC

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC.

We are pleased to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as **we do not have RAAC** in our building and therefore they will continue to function as normal.



## Meet the Team!

Each month, we are going to share a little more about our wonderful staff team at Wildmoor Heath. This month, find out more about our excellent **Senior Leadership Team!**



### **Mrs MacManus** **Acting Deputy Headteacher** **and SENDCo**

My name is Mrs MacManus and I have been the SENDCo at Wildmoor Heath since October 2019. I am delighted to now be taking on the role of Acting Deputy Head to support Mrs Vincent and the entire Wildmoor community.

I qualified as a teacher in 2004, predominantly teaching in Key Stage 2. Very early on in my career, I realised that Inclusion/ SEND was my passion. I have spent the last 19 years working with children with complex needs - identifying the best way to ensure full access to the curriculum and ensuring they receive the highest quality provision.

I am also Mum to two lovely daughters, who are 9 and 13 years old. Wildmoor Heath has provided my own children with an excellent balance of high academic expectations, outdoor opportunities with the Heath and the Haven but most importantly consistent nurture.

I am extremely proud to work at Wildmoor Heath with such a dedicated team, wonderful children and supportive parents/carers. I feel privileged to support children to excel and achieve!





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### **Mrs Joseph Early Years Leader and Senior Teacher**

Hello! My name is Mrs Joseph and I am the reception class teacher and early years lead. I have worked at Wildmoor Heath for a very long time! In 2008 I completed my teacher training year at Wildmoor and instantly fell in love with the school. Once qualified I went on to work in a larger school within Bracknell forest but when given the opportunity to come back, I jumped at the chance! And I've been here ever since!

Early years education is my passion and teaching in reception is such a privilege. I love getting to know the children and settling them into school. Reception age children make each day so different and completely magical!

As well as early years, I have lead many subjects at Wildmoor Heath and this year, will be leading maths. I enjoy this role, particularly as it gives me the opportunity to work with all year groups. I love seeing the progress the children make as move through the school.

I live locally and have two daughters; my eldest is at Edgbarrow and the other is in year 4 at Wildmoor. I also have two pet tortoises!

I love working at Wildmoor Heath with such lovely children, supportive families and amazing staff.

Wildmoor Heath really is such a special place.



# Safeguarding and Child Protection

**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;
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 four trained DSLs who receive multi-agency training, attend ongoing formative sessions and represent the school at Child Protection meetings.

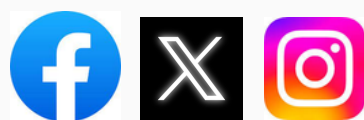
**Mrs Vincent** is the Designated Safety Leader (DSL), supported by **Mrs MacManus, Mrs Joseph and Mrs Thurgood** as our Deputy Designated Safety Leaders (DDSLs).

Our Safeguarding Policy (latest September 2023) can be found on the school website ([here](#)) 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 either inside or outside of school, please ask to speak one of our safeguarding team.

## Contact Us:

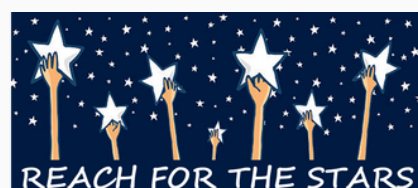
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# PTA News



The PTA are busy planning an exciting year of events to provide much needed resources and fun for our children.

We would love you to join our PTA! We are a warm and welcoming team, who meet monthly. The more our team grows, the more we can achieve for the Wildmoor Heath community.

Please find us on Facebook (Wildmoor Heath PTA) or contact us on [ptawildmoorheath@gmail.com](mailto:ptawildmoorheath@gmail.com).

## Autumn Term Events 2023

### September

**Wednesday 13th September** - *Wonka Chocolate bars on sale for Roald Dahl Day. Will you find one of three golden tickets to win a sweet hamper?*

### October

**Saturday 7th October** - *Volunteer Day to help weed and make our outdoor space lovely for the children*

**Friday 20th October** - *Non uniform day*

### November

**Date TBC** - *'No Bang' Firework display.*

At Wildmoor, we understand that loud fireworks are not for everybody, so the PTA is working to organise an inclusive community event using a range of silent, low noise and quiet fireworks to ensure that everyone can enjoy this fun evening! Not only will this be kinder to our ears but it is also much better for all our lovely animals. They will still provide spectacular colours and sparkles, with some fun music to make it really special!

### December

**Friday 8th December** - *Christmas Magic Show!*

The PTA are gifting a magic show to the children, as a wonderful end of term treat.



All set for the start of term?

**Don't forget to book The Beehive Club!**

With term-time breakfast and after- school sessions available Monday- Friday, your child can start the day well and end it well in the familiar, safe, environment of their school and with their friends!

We offer a variety of fun activities throughout the week and a healthy breakfast or snack is always included. For more details, to register and book, please visit:

**<https://beehiveclub.co.uk/>**





We aim to continue education through play for all pupils, while creating a safe, supportive, fun and happy environment. Our term-time clubs are set in the familiar surroundings of your child's school and playground which are invaluable settings for their continued personal development.

Our clubs are delivered based on the playwork principles which recognise that play is a biological need and is essential for healthy development and as playworkers we get to know your children and support them in creating a space where they can play well. We try to anticipate their needs and provide the opportunities for them to extend their play, perhaps in ways they would not be able to do elsewhere.

### **What We Offer at The Beehive Clubs**

As playworkers we regard play as something which is freely chosen, accepting that children are the experts on play and as much as possible we allow them to follow their own instincts and develop their ideas in their own way and for their own reasons. We offer a broad range of indoor & outdoor activities, ensuring that the children are stimulated at all times. Fun is always on the timetable!

In our term-time and holiday clubs we always have pre-prepared activities including: Arts & crafts, Baking/cooking, Group & individual sports, both inside and outside. The children also have free access to a wide range of traditional toys and games as well as supervised tech time!

**[beehive.club.co.uk](http://beehive.club.co.uk)**