

Wildmoor Heath Newsletter

ISSUE 6 – FEBRUARY 2024

Spring Term News

I love getting to the end of January; it is such a long, cold and dark month, but by the end, each day feels longer with more daylight and the weather is starting to feel less cold. Another positive is that the traffic lights outside the school have finally moved!

Yesterday, we interviewed for two new Learning Support Assistants to boost our team. On Monday, we are interviewing for a permanent Deputy Headteacher. The applications have been strong and we will announce the outcomes later next week. There has been a pause with the work on our Outdoor Learning Space (the Haven) which will continue to be developed over the next few weeks. We aim to re-open it after the Easter holidays, with Mrs Guy becoming our Environment and Forest School Leader.

We pride ourselves on being an open and welcoming school and encourage a strong family partnership in order for the children to thrive. Teachers are available in the mornings, but will be busy preparing for the day ahead. If you need to have a longer conversation, it would be best to speak to the teachers at the end of the day.

Opening Times and Punctuality

This is a polite request to ask for your assistance in getting the children into school on time. The gates and doors are **open from 8.35am**. Teachers will start taking the **registers and lunch orders at 8.45am** and the gates and doors will be **closed at 8.50am**. If you arrive after this time, you will need to ask the office to let you in, which can be unsettling for the children having to walk into the classroom late.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Vincent



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Spring Term Clubs



Next week, we will be sending out the clubs brochure for the 2nd Spring Half Term.

The school office will send out letters soon after to confirm your child's place.

Please can we also remind parents to **settle any outstanding club payments for last half term** on MCAS as we will be unable to offer a place in future clubs unless the balance is cleared.

If you are having any problems making the payment on MCAS, cash can be accepted by the school office.

PTA News Non-uniform Day



For a £1 donation, children can wear non-uniform on Friday 9th February 2024. This is to continue to raise funds for the PTA, to improve the Haven and the courtyard.



Music Clubs & Tuition



If you would like more information on music and vocal tuition offered by Mr MacManus in school on Mondays, please click on this link:

[The MacManus Music Project](#)

Key Dates



FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024

Friday 2nd February

Number Day

Tuesday 6th February 9am

SEND Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th,

Thursday 8th February

Parent Teacher Meetings -
more details to follow

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

HALF TERM

Monday 19th February

INSET Day - school closed

Tuesday 20th February 8.40am

School open for children

Thursday 22nd February

Year 6 Mosque Visit

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th March

Roots to Food Workshops

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day - more details to follow

Monday 11th March

Year 5 Gurdwara Visit

Tuesday 19th March

Year 3 Parent Open Assembly

Friday 22nd March

Year 3 Sleepover

Thursday 28th March

Last Day of Spring Term



Goodbye and Good Luck

GOODBYE

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to two of our most experienced Learning Support Assistants this month: **Mrs Thurgood and Ms Clements**.



GOOD LUCK!

Mrs Thurgood has been at Wildmoor for over 11 years, starting as a volunteer in Y1 and then working in every year group within the school. She has been instrumental in gaining funding for the school: developing both the Sensory Garden and the Haven. As a Forest School Leader, she has led our Forest School provision for the last few years; organised RSPB School Bird Watch projects and been involved in planting over 60 trees for the Queen's Green Canopy. She has attended the family camps on the field, helped with Y3 sleepovers in the hall, and been on both Y4 and Y6 residentials.

Mrs Thurgood leaves us at half term, to semi-retire, but will continue to work with children by managing Before and After School Clubs in a local school. We wish her well!



Ms Clements has been at Wildmoor for over 10 years, starting as a Lunchtime Supervisor before moving into the classroom. She started in the nursery and then worked mainly as 1:1 support for a child with special needs, following him from Year 1 all the way up to Year 6. More recently, she has worked in Year 4 and Year 5. Ms Clements has brought fun and energy to our school, particularly by encouraging children to dance at lunchtimes. We will miss her!

Ms Clements leaves us at the end of February and will be moving onto another educational setting, working with children who have additional needs. We wish her all the best!

Wildmoor Heath SEND Coffee Mornings



We would like to invite parents/carers to our **Spring term** SEND
(Special Educational Needs/Disabilities) coffee morning on:

Tuesday 6th February 2024 from 9 – 10am

This event is open to all families who have a child with SEND or to those who have concerns. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis or be on the pathway to getting one. This is an opportunity to meet other families within our school community who may share similar experiences to you and to have an informal chat with Mrs. MacManus.

If you would like to attend, please let the school office know on
01344 772034 or email reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk
by Monday 5th February 2023.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.



Reminder: SEND Coffee mornings run termly from 9 – 10am.
The Summer term one will be on Tuesday 21st May 2024.



Meet the Team!

This month, find out more about **the team in Year 2!**

Year 2



Mrs Jennings

Mrs Dalton

Hi, I'm Mrs Jennings. I moved to Crowthorne with my family in 2018, when my husband took a teaching role locally. We have two children, who are 14 and 9. We also have a lovely Cockapoo called Zelda, who I enjoy taking for very long walks. I have been a learning support assistant for the past five years, working with a range of different ages from reception right up to year 11. I have a particular passion for supporting children with special educational needs, helping to create an inclusive environment for children to meet their true potential. I am also trained as an ELSA which has given me the privilege of working with many children to help support them in their emotional literacy and regulation. I have been at Wildmoor for one year and have truly loved every minute. I felt the school had such a special feel that I brought my son with me, who is currently in year 5. I was lucky enough to move up with Mrs Dalton and the current year two children. I hope to continue to help bring a nurturing and inclusive environment to the classroom. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch the children grow in so many ways and celebrate with them in all their amazing achievements so far.

Hi! I'm Mrs Dalton. I studied Primary Education at Winchester University and graduated in 2005. I have taught mainly Reception and Key stage 1 across several schools. I joined Wildmoor Heath in 2016 and I have been here ever since! I love teaching and seeing children inspire to reach their full potential.

I am currently teaching Year 2 and along with Mrs Jennings I am very lucky to be teaching the same class for two consecutive years. I live locally and I am a proud parent of two sons, aged 14 and 12 who attend Edgbarrow school. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and baking. I am also an avid Disney fan and I love watching musicals! I am so fortunate to be part of the Wildmoor Heath team and feel very proud to work with such delightful children and supportive parents.



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 staff.

Wildmoor Heath have three 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 and Mrs Joseph 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 inside or outside of school, please speak one of our safeguarding team.

Contact Us:

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Wildmoor Heath February Wellbeing Challenge



Emotional health and wellbeing is about how you're feeling and how well you are able to deal with day-to-day challenges. There are some simple steps that you can take in order to improve how you feel each day. They don't take up much time and they don't have to cost anything either.

They're known as the **Five Ways to Wellbeing** and they are:

Take Notice, Connect, Keep Learning, Give to Others and Be Active.

Give to Others – Research suggests that acts of giving and kindness can help improve your mental wellbeing by creating positive feelings and a sense of reward, giving you a feeling of purpose and helping you connect with other people. It could be small acts of kindness towards other people, or larger ones like volunteering in your local community.

As we enter Children's Mental Health Week (**5 – 11th February**), we would love the children (and families too!) to **'Give to Others'**.

Here are a few quick and easy ideas to help you **give to others**:

- saying thank you to someone for something they have done for you
- asking friends, family or peers how they are and really listening to their answer
- spending time with friends or relatives who need support or company
- offering to help someone you know with a job or activity at home or school
- volunteering in your community or at school (with adult permission).

If you would like more information about Children's Mental Health Week, **[please follow this link.](#)**

For tips and conversation starters, **[click here.](#)**