



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. On behalf of all the staff at Waddesdon Village Primary School, we would like to thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts that we received at the end of the summer term. Your kindness is much appreciated by us all.

A special welcome to new pupils, parents and carers to our school. Yesterday, it was wonderful to see the children happy to be back.

As shared in the July newsletter, rather than a face-to-face meeting, 'Meet the Teacher' information will be available to you via a PowerPoint that will be uploaded to the 'Class Pages' section of the school website on Monday. The aim of this is to give you further information regarding the school year for your child in their new class. Should you wish to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment.

### Tesco

We are delighted to inform you that we received £500 from the Tesco blue token scheme. This money went towards purchasing our new staging; a great addition to our school! Thank you for your support.

### Communication

Communication was identified as an area of strength in our most recent parent/carer survey and we wish to keep it this way. We believe that it is vital to continue our positive and constructive partnership between home and school. We pursue an 'Open Door' policy so that you, as parents and carers, feel you can informally approach the teaching and leadership staff with any questions, suggestions, issues or concerns, whether large or small. Experience has shown us that there is very little we cannot find a way through if the school community works together. However, *if we don't know about it*, we can't help, so please *always* come and talk, write a note, drop us an email ([office@waddesdonprimary.com](mailto:office@waddesdonprimary.com)) or pick up the phone (01296 651237).

***Please see the 'Who to Contact' flowchart below.***

### Nut Policy

Waddesdon Village Primary School is a nut-free school.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut products in your child's lunch box and that treats containing nuts do not come in to school.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it.

### Staff led clubs

Clubs, both academic and sporting, are a huge part of life and learning here at Waddesdon Village Primary School. In previous years, our staff have kindly offered their time to deliver clubs free of charge and support the pupils within our care.



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In line with other schools, from this academic year, we are adding a small charge (£1 per week) to staff led after-school clubs. This does not include home learning club, the school football team training sessions or lunch time clubs.

The £1 contribution will go towards staffing costs as well as resources required for the efficient running of the clubs. We ask that this payment is made in advance of your child's attendance at the club. Thank you.

**The Clubs Form is open on Parentmail and will close on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 9am.**

### Important information

A couple of notices and reminders for the beginning of the school year:

- **Autumn Term 1 dates:** these are attached to this letter.
- **Uniform:** The children have come back to school looking incredibly smart and in-line with the school's [uniform policy](#). Thank you for your support with this and with the revised PE uniform policy. We understand that from time to time, some parts of uniform may fall outside of the school policy as a one-off. However, if it is expected to be ongoing, please contact your child's the teacher. If support with meeting the uniform expectations is required, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. To support with art and design lessons, can we please ask that your child has an old, over-sized shirt or apron that can be kept in school and worn during lessons to protect their school uniform.
- **Mobile phones:** In order to restrict the number of issues and upsets caused by phone usage, often at the park, before and after school, we intend to only grant permission for mobiles to be present at school in exceptional circumstances. Walking home without an adult will not be considered as exceptional, so you may wish to bear this in mind when making arrangements. If you have a particular circumstance that means your child must have a mobile phone with them after school, please put this in writing 'FAO Miss Forchione'.
- **Playground toys for KS2:** As you will be aware, school's continue to experience budget constraints. As such, we are unable to continue replenishing our playground toys. Whilst we have a small selection of toys, tennis balls and skipping ropes, from home, can be bought in for children to play with during break and lunch times. These items need to be named and will remain the responsibility of your child.

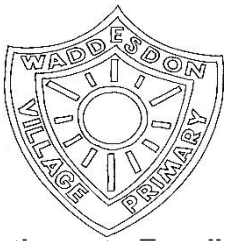
These are the main messages for you at the moment as we start back but please regularly check your child's bag, Tapestry, Parentmail and also the school website where any correspondence is published. You can also follow our school's X/Twitter account for latest news: @WaddPrim

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. I wish everyone a happy and successful new school year.

Kind regards,

Miss Laura Forchione  
Headteacher





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## Autumn Term 1 – dates

<b>03.09.24</b>	INSET day
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<b>05.09.24</b>	Children return to school
<b>09.09.24</b>	'Meet the Teacher' PowerPoint uploaded to 'Class Pages' on the school website
<b>10.09.24</b>	Year 6 Transfer Test – practice
<b>12.09.24</b>	Year 6 Transfer Test
<b>23.09.24</b>	Year 6 residential and SATs meeting – 5.30pm
<b>27.09.24</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning – 8.30am <i>all welcome</i> Mufti day Cake Sale – 3.20pm
<b>w/c 30.09.24</b>	Food collection for Aylesbury Vineyard
<b>07.10.24</b>	Year 4 residential meeting – 5pm
<b>08.10.24</b>	Flu immunisations for all classes
<b>11.10.24</b>	Year 6 Transfer Test Results Day
<b>18.10.24</b>	Individual and sibling photographs
<b>25.10.24</b>	Break up at 3.20pm
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>04.11.24</b>	Children return to school

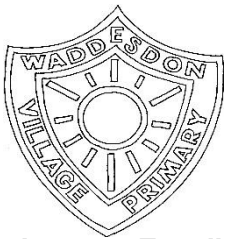
Important dates that you may like to add to your diary is our invitation for you to come in to school on the dates below. It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible.

These dates are as follows:

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Open afternoon for Year 3 and 6 – 2.30pm to 3.20pm
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Open afternoon for EYFS and KS1 – 2.30pm to 3.20pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Open afternoon for Year 4 and 5 – from 2.30pm to 3.20pm
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Parent/Carer evening – 3.30pm to 7.30pm
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Parent/Carer evening – 3.30pm to 5.30pm



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## Who to Contact

Reading books, learning, homework, behaviour, personal well-being, friendships or any worries at all



**Class Teacher** - via the School Office\*  
01296 651237  
[office@waddesdonprimary.com](mailto:office@waddesdonprimary.com)

Lunches, leave of absence, change of address or numbers, trips, tickets for school events, appointments with staff, clubs



**Mrs Nettleton - Administration Assistant**  
01296 651237  
[office@waddesdonprimary.com](mailto:office@waddesdonprimary.com)

Medical concerns, injuries, medicine, return to school after an illness



**Mrs Arnaud/Mrs Jones - First Aid**  
01296 651237  
[office@waddesdonprimary.com](mailto:office@waddesdonprimary.com)

Special education needs, ECHP, support for pupils



**Miss Cross - SEN Lead**  
01296 651237  
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If you have contacted the class teacher and still have concerns please contact a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team:

EYFS – please contact Miss King

KS1 classes - please contact Miss Cross

KS2 classes - please contact Mrs Swanson



Mrs Leslie, Deputy Headteacher



Miss Forchione, Headteacher



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