

Waddesdon Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks back at school and the children have settled back into routines and the whole remit of school life that we can offer.

This term, there are some events happening at school - many of which you will have been informed of; however, I felt this letter could be a helpful reminder. There is also some additional information that I would like to share with you.

Macmillan Cancer Support

On Friday 24th September, we will be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes on this day. Their £1 donation can be passed to their class teacher.

The good news is that the weather forecast looks fine for Friday so we can go ahead with our outdoor coffee morning. The coffee morning will run from 8.30am to 9.30am on the KS2 playground. You can access the playground by walking up the side path, following the path round the carpark, up the steps and on to the playground.

Cake donations, for the cake sale and after school bake sale, will be gratefully received - they can be bought with you to the coffee morning or if you are unable to attend, donations can be bought in to school with your child.

The staff team look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Parent and Carer Volunteers

Next week, your child will bring home a 'Parent/Carer Volunteer Form'. If you are interested in offering your support in school with reading, attending class trips, becoming a member of PAWS or any other way you feel you can help, please complete the form and send back in to school with your child. A copy of the form is also attached to this email. We are looking forward to having parents and carers back in school.

COVID-19

Following the latest advice from Public Health England, we will be emailing parents a 'warn and inform' letter if there is a confirmed case of COVID within a class setting. We are also working closely with Buckinghamshire Council regarding Covid-19 in the local community. For any visitors to our school, we have a QR NHS Test and Trace code poster which can be scanned on entry to the school ensuring that any contacts can be traced by the relevant authorities.

Harvest

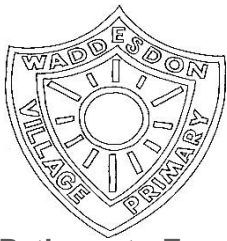
You may have seen Mrs Ellis' email regarding our harvest celebration this year. The school will celebrate harvest in classes, including via a virtual assembly with Reverend Wainman.

In addition to this, we will be supporting the local foodbank and ask for your support with donations. We would welcome any contributions of tinned, packets, jars, bottles and boxed foods you are able to donate from Monday 27th September until 9am on Friday 1st October. All contributions can either be brought in to school by your child or placed in the boxes on the playground at the end of the school day. Thank you.

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Open afternoon

As a reminder, we are holding open afternoons in November. This will be a great opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and for your child to share their learning with you.

The dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday 9th November – Years 4 and 5 2.30pm-3.20pm
- Wednesday 10th November – Years R, 1 and 2 2.30pm-3.20pm
- Thursday 11th November – Years 3 and 6 2.30pm

Parents' Evening

At Waddesdon, the school holds two parents' evenings throughout the year: one in the autumn term (November) and one in the spring term (March).

During the pandemic, parents' evening operated virtually, via Teams. We want to consult with you regarding how we operate future parents' evenings. Shortly, you will receive a form that we ask you to complete with your preference. Options are as follows:

- Both face-to-face
- Both virtual
- One virtual and one face-to-face

The form will close on 22nd October 2021 – Senior Leaders will then look at the data and make a decision based on the majority. We will then communicate this outcome with you.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above or anything related to school, please do not hesitate to speak to a staff member on the playground at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can telephone or email the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Laura Forchione
Headteacher



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