



Wivelsfield Primary School and Nursery

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Newsletter

Term 4 Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been a short one but, as always, it has been packed with learning and fun for all the children.

Staff News

This term we have been lucky enough to have two trainee teachers in our classes. Both teachers have been a huge asset to their classes and have now completed their time with us. We wish Miss Patel (Rabbits) and Miss Norman (Badgers) every success with their careers.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Thornton and Miss Guy as they go on maternity leave soon after we return from the Easter break. We all send lots of love and good wishes to them for their new arrivals in a few weeks' time.

Meanwhile, we welcome back Miss Glassock from maternity leave. In terms 5 and 6 she will have teaching responsibilities 3 days each week and one leadership and management day. In September, Miss Glassock will assume the substantive role of Deputy Head of School, but will still have some teaching responsibilities.

I am delighted that we will also be welcoming our new Forest School Leader, Kate Swordy. We hope Forest School sessions can start in the first couple of weeks of Term 5.

Attendance

Attendance remains a key priority for this school, as well as for East Sussex and the DfE.

Our whole school attendance since the start of the school year was 95.2% at the end of last week,

which was a slight improvement on last term's figure. Thank you to all parents and carers who ensure your children attend school as often as they can. Below you can see attendance figures for the different classes:

Robins: 96%
Hedgehogs: 96%
Rabbits: 94.3%
Foxes: 94.7%
Otters: 94.3%
Badgers: 94.9%
Owls 96.2%

Well done to Owls and Robins classes who are meeting or even exceeding our whole school target.

New Playtime and PE Equipment

There have been lots of highlights this term, but the arrival and construction of our impressive new piece of playground equipment probably ranks highest for lots of the children. It is in constant use each break and the children have learnt to use it safely and respectfully. A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA for all their hard work in raising enough money to fund this for us.



On 17th March the sun shone for the fun run organised by Active Education to raise money for much needed play and PE equipment. Thank you to Active Education for organising this and to all of you for helping to find sponsors for your children. So far, we have raised over £650 which will be used for new mats for gymnastics and some equipment for play times. If you haven't contributed yet, there is still time!



Sporting Success

Our young sports people have been enjoying taking part in some sporting tournaments with the added bonus of some good results!

Well done to our KS2 Cross country team who came third over all at St Phillips School in Uckfield, with some of our runners achieving individual 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



Congratulations also to our Year 5/6 netball team who came first in a tournament of local schools at Chailey Secondary.

Some of our Key Stage 2 students have been showing off their gymnastic skills in a tournament at Hailsham Academy. This is the first time our school has entered a gymnastics competition and we were delighted to be placed fourth overall, with several students gaining individual first places.

World Book Day

The sun shone and we had a wonderful, fun-filled book day, full of lots of activities celebrating books and reading. These included dance workshops, book swaps, different ages reading together and of course we all dressed up! Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped their children look so brilliant as different book characters; the parade was fantastic this year!



Thank you to Miss Kelly for all her work in arranging all the activities for the school.

All things Scientific

Miss Henley organised some very engaging activities for science week.

One that the children particularly enjoyed was investigating how to make a bubble last the longest by changing the amount of liquid, amount of sugar and amount of water. Children across the whole school took part in this fascinating investigation.



During science week, we also had a break out morning where each class took part in a different activity, which, amongst other activities, included: designing a moon buggy and making paper aeroplanes.



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Foxes Class scientists have also enjoyed a visit to Herstmonceux Observatory and Science Centre where the science curriculum was brought to life with lots of hands on activities.



In Term 5, Miss Henley plans to start a STEM club at lunchtime for some of our Key Stage 2 students. Details will follow after the break.

Pond Area

You may have noticed how much tidier and cared for our pond area is looking, with the added bonus of some new borders, complete with flowers. A huge thank you to Miss Peters, one of our wonderful SEN assistants, and her father Mr Peters, Chair of the Finance Committee. They spent many hours in the February half term sorting out this overgrown area and making it safe for the children to explore the pond habitat and its surrounding environment in the coming months! I know several children have already enjoyed tending to the plants there.

Wrens Nursery

Our lovely Wrens Nursery has some spaces that we would love to fill. We take children from two years of age and are open in term time from 8.30am - 3.30pm. We are considering extending our opening hours so please bear this in mind if you are looking for a place or know someone who might be. There is a flyer attached with this letter - please share it if you are able to. Thank you!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 13th April.**

I wish you all a wonderful spring break filled with lots of chocolate and sunshine.

With every good wish

Helen Smith
Headteacher