



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I have spent time in the past two weeks in each classroom and have observed how hardworking and conscientious our children at Wymeswold are. I have stamped a lot of children's work for their presentation skills and handwriting (this is always at the child's own individual level, we know that some children find this more challenging than others).

Last week I started a program of pupil interviews; finding out what children are enjoying about our curriculum. I have discussed the work they have done so far, what they have enjoyed and remembered about last year and wider issues, such as how children behave in lessons, playtimes and lunchtimes and what school trips they have found enjoyable and educational. The children I have spoken to so far are enjoying the work that they are doing, they particularly like the topics they are learning about. This work will feed into our wider school work on developing our curriculum.

So far we have had whole staff training this year about Autism. We have also had training about developing a whole school approach to mental health and how the adolescent brain develops. Mrs Wagg has attended Safeguarding training.

Mrs J Scallon

Wymeswold School Parent Teacher Association AGM

Wednesday 25th September, 8pm at The Windmill (upstairs garden room)

Please come along and support the future of the PTA

Tuesday 24th Sept	EYFS	Class 1 Open afternoon 2–3pm
Wed 25th Sept	Year 1	Class 1 Open afternoon 2–3pm
Wed 25th Sept	Parents	PTA AGM Windmill at 8pm
Thursday 3rd October	All Classes	11:15am Harvest
Monday 7th October	Year 6	Parents' Evening Y6 only
Tuesday 8th Oct	Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 9th Oct	All Classes	Parents' Evening
Friday 11th Oct	Whole School	Training Day -School closed for children
Mon 14th Oct–Fri 18th Oct	Whole School	Half Term
Monday 21st Oct 8:50am	Whole School	School opens
Friday 1st Nov	Whole School	Seasonal Flu Vaccinations
Wed 13th November	Whole School	Open Morning 9:30–10:30am
Monday 9th Dec	EYFS	Nativity 2pm
Wed 11th Dec	Year 1 and 2	Nativity 2pm
Thursday 19th Dec	Whole School	Carol Service 9:30am
Fri 20th Dec 3:15 pm	Whole School	School closes for Christmas
Monday 6th Jan	Whole School	Training Day -School closed for children
Tuesday 7th Jan 8:50am	Whole School	School opens

Parent Helpers

If you feel you have some time available and would like to get more involved with school life, maybe to hear readers or help with theme days, please collect a form from the school office.

Any time that you can offer is valued. You will need a DBS certificate for us to comply with safeguarding regulations. Once we know you are interested we can arrange for a DBS check to be carried out.

School Office

A reminder that you can drop off items for the office in named envelopes in the school post box, situated by the front door. If your envelope holds cash then please pass it to Mrs Whatton in the office

Website

A reminder that the website holds lots of information about the school and individual classes. We endeavour to keep the calendar up to date for your use with school events, such as trips and shows. We know some of the pages are in the wrong place at the minute and we are working to fix this as soon as possible,

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a 'nut-free' school. We do have a child within school who has a severe nut allergy. We would like to ask you to check labels of snack items and lunchboxes to make sure you are not adding items which have nuts in them, for example Nutella or peanut butter in sandwiches. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Open Morning

We would like to invite you to our Open Morning on Wednesday 13th November 9:30—10:30am. We hope you can join us.

Free School Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for your child's primary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. (even if your child already receives a free meal in EYFS or KS1).

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above

For more information please look at:

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals
