



Wickford Infants' Weekly

A place to learn, have fun and make friends.

Spring Term
26th January 2018

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Dear Parents

We are looking forward to seeing all your photographs of your child reading in an unusual place - remember to send them into school by Friday 2nd February.

We have lots of fantastic activities planned for next week including 'Hunt the Character', reading in different areas of the school and everyone reading in class (ERIC) which will happen every day straight after lunch time.

Make sure that your child is reading at home as much as possible and working towards our Reading Challenge - don't forget to number their reads in their reading diary.

We are also looking forward to Explorers Day on Tuesday 6th February when the children can come to school dressed as an explorer or as someone from another country. The day will have a geography focus with each year group focusing on a particular country.

Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline Francis and the team at The Wickford Infant School

Well done to those children who received Head Teacher awards last week. They all received their awards today due to our closure last Friday.

Harry for a fantastic attitude towards his learning

Aiden for being an inspiration with his enthusiasm and hard working attitude

Rebecca for super phonics work

Ollie for an excellent piece of writing

Beatrice for trying very hard with her high frequency words

Ava for trying hard with her cursive handwriting

Our whole school attendance last week was 95.5%.

Individual classes were as follows:

Ladybirds 94.8%

Butterflies 95.7%

Caterpillars 97.9%

Dragonflies 99.1%

Grasshoppers 95%

Bumblebees 97.1%

Attendance will not be affected by our closure last Friday as it was our decision to close the school.

Please can we politely remind parents that Facebook and other social media websites should be used for positive comments and not negative ones based on assumptions. Some comments were made regarding our closure last week that were put on without people knowing the true facts. We would like to assure parents and carers that everything was done according to our school emergency plan. Please remember that if your child gets the sickness bug they need to be off school for at least 48 hours from the last time they were sick - thank you.

We have been informed by the school crossing patrol service that the crossing patrol on London Road will be unmanned from Monday 19th February due to the current crossing patrol, Mrs Aarons, given notice of her resignation from the role. They do not have any alternative cover so the crossing will be unmanned from that date until further notice. Please ensure that you take extra care and attention when crossing the road using all safe routes where possible.

A replacement is being sought and they will be advertising the vacancy via the website www.workingforessex.co.uk

Please come along to our Friends of Wickford Infant School meeting on Monday 29th January at 2pm in the meeting room at school. We hope to see you there to share some fund raising ideas.

Forthcoming dates:

Week 2 of our school dinner menu

Monday 29th January	Reading Week
Tuesday 30th January	Signing Workshop - The Three Little Pigs; Pancake Day Lunch
Monday 5th February	E safety parents meeting at Wickford Junior School
Tuesday 6th February	Explorers Day - come to school dressed as an explorer or from another country (please note change of date); Valentines Day Lunch
Wednesday 7th February	Year 2 to Wickford Junior School - <i>to be confirmed</i>
Thursday 8th February	Magical Maths morning
Friday 9th February	Break up for half term

Monday 19th February	Children return to school; French lunch menu
Wednesday 21st February	PSHE Day - Healthy Living
Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February	Reception health checks
Monday 26th February	Parents Evening - Letters to follow
Tuesday 27th February	Year 1 assembly at 9.15am
Wednesday 28th February	Parents Evening - Letters to follow
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day - come to school dressed as an animal! Dragonflies Parent Lunch at 11.45- Letters to follow
Tuesday 6th March	Year 1 phonics screening meeting for parents
Wednesday 14th March	Read with Me at 2.15pm - Easter/Spring books
Tuesday 20th March	Year 2 skipping festival
Thursday 29th March	Spring Festival at 9.15am and 2.00pm Break up for Easter holiday
Tuesday 17th April	Children return to school