



# WICKFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year 2 Parent Tours

I understand that some parents of our year 2 pupils have never been over to upper school, so after half term we will be organising parent tours. These will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and last approximately 20 minutes. If you would like a tour, please sign up for a time at lower school reception. There will obviously be plenty of opportunities for your children to become familiar with upper school during the summer term, in preparation for their transition into year 3.

## Internet Safety Meeting for Parents/Guardians

We have arranged for the internet safety meeting for parents to be repeated on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.15 – 10.45 in the upper school hall. We will send out letters with more information after half term but I cannot stress enough how important these sessions are. We are dealing with an increasing number of problems caused by children getting into difficulties online and in the vast majority of cases it transpires that parents were unaware of their child's online activity.

## World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

To celebrate World Book Day this year, we are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We are planning a day of fun activities to promote a love of reading. Thank you for your support.

## Late Collection

Of course we understand that from time to time parents may be late in collecting their children. Please note that where parents are late children are told to come to the office until you arrive. The office staff have been told not to let children leave until parents come to reception to collect them so that we can ensure they are safe. Thank you.

## Car Park

The school spent over £10,000 to ensure the lower school car park is safe as parents were using it to drop off at breakfast club. Unfortunately, one or two parents are still using it. The car park is for staff only. The cost for me to put in automatic gates would be another £10,000 upwards which would come directly from our budget which is already stretched and would mean a direct impact on pupil learning. Please respect our request not to use the car park. It did not help that today one parent was rude to my office staff when asked not to use it. Thank you.

## Parent Forum – Lower school

The parent forum session for lower school will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 p.m. At the forum meetings we invite parents to come in to discuss any issues that they would like to raise with me. We do not speak about individual pupils or staff members but cover any subject from attendance, curriculum clubs etc. The meeting will be in the lower school meeting room.

## Cashless

As you know we are going cashless after the Easter break.

If you are not already using *School Money* please send a note in on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, or send an email to [admin@wickford-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@wickford-pri.essex.sch.uk) and a password will be sent to you. On the home page of School Money, please go to the 'Sign in' box in the top right hand corner, then select 'School Money Parent Log in'. The system will then ask for 'Mobile', 'Email', 'Password' and 'Childs first name'.



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## **Breakfast Club**

Please remember to pay in advance or on the morning your child attends Breakfast Club. You can pay by using schoolmoney <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney> and the password provided. Should you have any problems, please contact the lower school office.

## **Year 6 CLC Visit on Wednesday 6th March**

Year 6 will be visiting the CLC, all morning, on Wednesday 6th March. They will be taking part in PSHE sessions. We will need volunteers to walk the children to and from the CLC, and stay with us to support the children. Please contact the office if you are available to help, thank you.

## **Year 6 (current Year 5) Residential Trip West Runton**

Deposits were due in today. If you have not paid and you would like your child to go please bring in your deposit, or pay online as soon as possible. If a payment is not made your child may lose their place.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

On our school website, there is information on how your shoe boxes have impacted on the lives of the children who received them over Christmas. Thank you

## **Clubs**

**Gymnastics (Lower School only)** – Unfortunately this club will not re-start until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March due to parents evening taking place in the school hall.

**Gymnastics (Upper School only)** – Unfortunately this will not be re-starting due to low numbers. Fees sent in to the upper school office will be returned.

**Art Club (Upper School only)** – Unfortunately this club will not re-start until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**Gardening Club** – This will re-start Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February for existing members.

## **Letters/Events**

**Forest Schools (3F)** – Group 2 starts Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Please remember to provide a change of clothes.

**Year 4 CLC Visit** - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Parents Evening:** Lower school - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**Year 5/6 Netball Competition** - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Bromfords (Selected pupils)

**Year 4 Water Treatment Works** - **4W** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and **4E** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. **4F** tbc

**Netball Festival** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at Bromfords (Selected pupils)

**Year 3** visit to Barleylands – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please return your permission slip by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. School fleeces/tops should be worn but the children should wear tracksuit bottoms/leggings. Please provide a spare pair of suitable footwear i.e. wellies/old trainers.

## **Assemblies**

Assemblies start at 9.00am and you are welcome to stay afterwards for a tea and coffee.

**4F** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**3E** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

## **Parent Lunches**

Please arrive by 12.10pm for upper school and 11.50am for lower school. **Children as well as parents must order a school dinner.** We cannot accept any late orders as the parent lunches have to be ordered in advance. Please note that you can pay for your parent meal via the ‘Schoolmoney’ website, and purchased as a ‘shop item’.

**3E** – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February (We cannot take any more orders)

**3F** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (We cannot take any more orders)

**3W** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March (Payments and orders to be in by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February)

**4E** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March (Payments and orders to be in by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March)



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## Achievements

*Congratulations to the following children:*

**Lillie-Mae Crump (Ladybirds)** performed in ‘Camp Rock the Musical at the Towngate Theatre last night and will be performing again tonight.

**Sophie Randall (Ladybirds)** was awarded her 5m badge and has completed Stage 2 in swimming.

**Thomas O’Connell (5F)** was awarded Man of the Match last Sunday for Wickford Town Football Club.

**Gabriella Schito (5W)** was awarded her 200m certificate and completed Stage 7 in swimming.

**Holly Bond (4W)** gained her Bronze Award (Level 1) in gymnastics on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Charlie Hicks (5W)** was awarded Student of the Week in Kung Fu.

Have a great fun-filled half term! Children return Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

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