



WICKFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 26

The Spring/Easter break starts next week. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 23rd April

Farewells

Mr Rhys-Morgan leaves the school today for his retirement. We had a presentation this morning in assembly and the children sang two of his favourite songs. We wish Tim well for the future.

Both Mrs Quinton and Mr Jones are leaving the school today from their midday posts. We wish them well for the future and would like to thank both for their service to the school.

Spring Festival

Judging from the feedback from parents the Spring Festival was enjoyed by everyone. My thanks to parents for their help with the spring bonnets and to our staff for putting the festival together and of course to the children who sounded great.

Year 4 Production

My thanks, too, to our year 4 team – teachers and LSAs - for their hard work in putting the year 4 production together. Thanks too, to Mr Rhys-Morgan for the music, to Mr Appleby for lighting, to all the staff who came along to help last night and to the children who did us all proud.

Easter Egg Donations

We were somewhat taken aback by the number of Easter Eggs that were sent in for the raffle competition. We will have over 200 for the food bank which we delivered this afternoon.

Our winners are: upper school **Harry Forster (3E)**, lower school **Pascal King (Ladybirds)** who both have received three eggs from the ones sent in.

Year 2 SATs

As you are probably aware, SATs are fast approaching! The children have now started their SATs prep and are trying hard with their revision in class. If you would like to support your child with their revision at home, here are some links to free websites that will enable you to download past SATs papers:

<https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks1-sats-papers/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-1-past-papers>

On Friday 26th April at 2pm, I will be running a SATs parent workshop, where we will be able to discuss any questions that you may have. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support with your child's learning and development. Miss Withers.

Girls Football Competition

Congratulations to the year 5/6 girl's football team: **Sofia Braham (6W)**, **Faith Burke (5F)**, **Ruby Cook (6E)**, **Lilly Crawford (5F)**, **Phoeby Elliott (6F)**, **Maisie Greaves (5F)**, **Evie Harris (5F)**, **Leni Maddin-Keeling (6E)**, **Samantha Wilkinson (6F)** and **Ali-Rose Garner (5W)** who came 4th in the Wickford competition last week. They played really well as a team and showed great sportsmanship.

New Summer Menu

This will be on the school website next week. It will be Week 1 when we return.



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Cashless - reminder

Our school will be cashless after the Easter break. We will no longer accept any cash payments. Please ensure you are set up on the *School Money* system to pay for dinners, trips, breakfast club, swimming, etc. Please contact either of the school offices if you require a password. This does not include after school clubs which are independent companies. Instructions are as follows: 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.' Please ensure Breakfast Club payments are paid in advance of your child attending the club. Many thanks.

Swimming

Swimming re-starts on Tuesday 23rd April for years 5 & 6. The following fees will be due when we return: year 5 £11.50 (5 sessions) and year 6 £9.20 (4 sessions – year 6 will not be swimming during SATS week).

Years 3 & 4 will be swimming from Tuesday 4th June. There are 6 sessions but due to swimming being cancelled this week parents are owed one week's credit, so fees will be £11.50.

Sports Kits

If you have any sports kits at home, please return them as soon as we return after the holidays. Thank you.

11+ Club

Reminder: The 11+ club will be running from Monday 29th April in 6F from 12.30 every week. Children who attend will get the opportunity to look at sample questions and practise key skills. This is an open invitation for children, but I must stress, it is for children who are seriously considering entering for the 11+ in September. Children who usually attend, are expected to reach greater depth in reading, writing and maths by the end of Year 5. *Mr Appleby*

Reading BINGO

All children have a bingo card at the back of their reading diaries. We are asking parents/guardians to sign each section as children *complete* a book related to that genre. Some children are misunderstanding this and only reading a few pages of each book.

Clubs

Clubs start back on Tuesday 23rd April. Dates and fees will be put on the website next week. Please make sure you pay when we return.

Street Dance for Lower School only – Starts again on Tuesday 23rd April for 5 weeks costing £20. Please email Ashley if you would like your child to attend this club. His email address is littledragonash1@hotmail.com.

Netball Club Y5/6 – This will be cancelled on Thursday 25th April due to a competition taking place.

Athletics Club & Choir

These will begin after the holidays. Choir will start on Thursday 2nd May – please complete a club application if your child would like to attend.

Trials will be held for athletics club after the holidays and letters sent to parents of successful pupils. This club will run on Tuesdays after school.

Letters/Events

4F Water Treatment Centre – Wednesday 24th April. We still need parent helpers for this visit. If you're able to help please contact the office.

Netball Festival - Thursday 25th April at Bromfords. Amended letters have been sent out.

Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop – Friday 26th April at 2pm in the Lower School Hall

Year 6 Residential – Next payment is due Friday 26th April (£65.00)

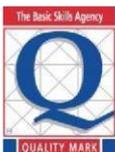
Year 4 visiting Bromfords – Friday 3rd May

Swimming Gala Finals – Thursday 9th May 3.30 – 5.00pm at William de Ferrers School. All children who swam in the Wickford round have qualified for the finals.

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'.

5E - Thursday 2nd May (Payments and orders to be in by Thursday 25th April)



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5F – Thursday 9th May (Payments and orders to be in by Thursday 25th April)

5W – Thursday 16th May (Parent Lunch letter to be sent out later)

Head Teacher's Award

This week's lower school Headteacher's Award went to **Zoe Biggs (Ladybirds)** for exceptional manners and our upper school winner was **Evie Wallis (3F)** for always 'having her arms open for new friends' and for her helpfulness. My apologies **Chloe Hassall (6E)** for not getting a mention last week. Chloe won a Headteacher's award for being an excellent play leader and role model for the younger children.

Achievements

Congratulations to the following children:

Ava Brassett (Dragonflies) achieved her Yellow Belt in Karate this weekend with Matt Fiddes Karate School.

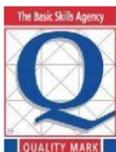
Ethan Bowers (3F) has achieved his brown and white belt in martial arts.

Ruby Maynard (6W) and **Jemma Hawkes (6W)**. Their Winterguard won the Junior National Championships in Worcester last weekend beating 10 other guards in their age group from all over the country.

Millie Fyfe (5W) and her puppy, Melton, have completed The Puppy Foundation Assessment this week, following a 4 week training course. Well done to both of them.

Have a great break.

Mr T. Flitman
Headteacher



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