

Wentworth Primary School
Newsletter No 2 - 8th October 2018

PTA AGM

Wednesday 3rd October saw the AGM of the Wentworth PTA. While it was great to see parents of the new Foundation stage children, there was a very poor attendance overall with only 20 people attending.

My sincere thanks to the past committee for all their hard work and commitment in ensuring last year's events went ahead, despite a desperate lack of support.

I'm also grateful to the parents who have taken up a committee role this year.

These are:

Chair - Emily Gaston

Vice Chair - Leigh Clayton

Treasurers - Gillian Oliver and Michelle Gaydon

Secretaries - Natalie McGuinness, Michelle Huseyin and Emma Smart

We have always been very fortunate in having a very pro-active and supportive PTA who organise a range of events that are enjoyed by all e.g. Christmas Fair, Summer Fair, Inflatables Day, Film Nights, Summer Discos etc. These events are community and social events that enhances the relationship between the parents, teachers, children and community. These events also raise money which is spent on projects to directly benefit the children e.g. book week events, play equipment, drama workshops, the re-development of reading areas and an increase in the number of iPads.

I would like to dispel some myths that seem to exist around the PTA:

The PTA is not a closed shop - all parents of the school are members of the PTA. You do not have to be a committee member to attend PTA meetings. We are really keen to encourage parents to be pro-actively involved in the PTA.

Being a member of the PTA does not give any special privileges.

The PTA is not a forum for parents to discuss the running of the school.

The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 17th October at 7pm in the school conference room. If you are unable to attend meetings but can offer support in setting up, running and/or clearing away events please make yourself known to the PTA committee members or the school office.

The PTA can be contacted at PTA@wentworth.kent.sch.uk Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Development Day

May I remind you that the school is closed to children on Friday 19th October.

Open Evenings

Open evenings are being held on Wednesday 14th November between 3.30 and 6pm and on Thursday 15th November between 5.00 and 7.30pm. Online booking information will come out nearer the time.

Sports Events

We have attended the Year 1 and 2 football tournament with our team winning 6 of their 7 matches. In addition our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls have both been involved in district tournaments with our girls reaching the finals day.

Extended Curriculum Opportunities

We currently have 29 clubs running to provide the children with a wealth of different experiences. May I remind you that once your son/daughter has joined a club they are expected to attend each week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan coffee morning which raised £199.96. Well done to our Foundation Stage staff for their organisation.

Harvest Festival

You will have received a separate letter informing you of our Harvest Festival on Thursday 18th October. We would welcome any donations of the requested products on Wednesday 17th October. Following the service the products will be delivered to the Dartford Foodbank.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 5 th -10 th Oct	Book Fair KS1 Hall 3.30-4.00pm
Tues 9 th Oct	Whole school individual and sibling photos
Fri 19 th Oct	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October - HALF TERM

Mon 29 th Oct	Start of Term 2
Mon 5 th Nov	Year 4 - The Romans - Living History Workshop
Fri 9 th Nov	Remembrance service in school
Wed 14 th Nov	9.15am new parent tour
Thurs 15 th Nov	9.15am new parent tour
Fri 16 th Nov	9.15am new parent tour
Thurs 22 nd Nov	1.30pm new parent tour
W/C 26 th Nov	last week of clubs
Wed 28 th Nov	Year 5 swimming ends
Fri 30 th Nov	PTA Christmas Fair
Wed 5 th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance PM
Thurs 6 th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance PM
Weds 12 th Dec	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance 10am
Thurs 13 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Carol service at Christchurch
Weds 19 th Dec	Last day of term