

Wentworth Primary School
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Parents Evenings

It was great to see so many of you at our recent Open Evenings. There were many positive comments in relation to our approach to teaching foundation subjects. Please remember to contact your child's class teacher if you wish to discuss your child's progress at any other time.

Reading Presentations

My thanks to Mrs Turner and the Year 1 teachers who gave very informative presentations on the teaching of phonics and the development of children's reading. It was a shame that these talks were poorly attended.

Remembrance Service

A huge thank you to Mr Ketley, one of our trustees for his monumental efforts in constructing the side aspect of a WW1 tank. This acted as the focus of our remembrance service during this centenary year commemorating the end of the 1st World War.

Every class visited the tank on Friday 9th November to lay poppies or wreaths. This was followed at 10.45am with a service conducted by Year 6 children reading poems and accounts they had written. This culminated in a two minute silence at 11am.

Please take the opportunity to visit the tank. Every child and member of staff's initials are recorded on the plastic bottle tops that represent the rivets. It really is a magnificent feat.

GDPR - Parent Courses

Pamela Hill does a magnificent job in organising a range of courses for the benefit of our parents. In 2017-18 47 parents gained NVQ Level 2 qualifications as a result of these courses.

Unfortunately, due to GDPR regulations, we are no longer able to email parents with the details of these courses. To overcome this, you can opt in to receiving notifications by emailing Pamela at pamela.hill@wentworth.kent.sch.uk or alternatively you can follow the signposts on our website.

Race for Life

We welcomed Lynette Farley, the senior local fundraising manager from Cancer Research UK, along with Brian and Friedl Porter from the Dartford Local Committee of Cancer Research UK to Wentworth on Monday 19th November. Lynette explained the work of CRUK and thanked the whole Wentworth family for their support in raising so much money. She said; 'On behalf of everyone at Cancer Research UK, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made Race for Life at Wentworth Primary School happen this summer. We are overwhelmed by the incredible support from the pupils, parents and staff. £13,611 is a truly amazing amount and really will impact our life-saving work'. Thank you for all your support.

Film Night

My thanks to the members of the PTA who supported film night on 2nd November where over £700 was raised.

PTA Christmas Fair

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Friday 30th November. The PTA Committee has worked very hard to ensure we will enjoy another fun packed event. Further details will be forwarded by the PTA. Please remember Friday 30th November is a non-school uniform day in support of the fair.

Forthcoming Christmas Event

We have a number of traditional Christmas events in the next few weeks.

The KS1 production of 'The Little Fir Tree' is at 2pm on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December in the KS1 hall. As previously advised, this is a ticket only event with a maximum of 2 tickets per family. Unfortunately we have to limit the number of tickets to comply with the capacity requirements of our fire regulations.

The Foundation Stage production of 'A Wriggly Nativity' is at 2pm on Wednesday 12th December in the KS1 hall. Apologies for the change in time from that originally published, unfortunately a clash with other school events has necessitated the change. Once again, this will be a ticket only event with a maximum of 2 tickets per family.

Monday 10th December sees our second ever musical event. Timings and details will be forwarded shortly.

The arrangements for our KS2 church service at Christchurch have changed slightly this year. On Wednesday 12th December classes 3FB, 3BD, 3/4CF and 4ST, who are performing the service, will walk to the church in the morning for a dress rehearsal. In the afternoon they will be joined by the remainder of KS2 for a school only service. On the afternoon of Thursday 13th December they will perform the service to parents and friends of the school. By organising the service in this way, we can hopefully provide seating for the majority of parents on the Thursday afternoon. Full details will be sent out shortly.

I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Admissions for Reception children starting September 2019

If you have a child who was born between 1.9.2014 and 31.8.2015 it is now time to start looking for Primary School places for starting school in September 2019. Please ensure that you make your application online via your home authority (who do you pay your Council Tax to – Bexley or Dartford?). Kent Admissions site goes live from Monday 5th November 2018. If you will have a younger sibling starting school, would you please let the office know so we can keep a count of our sibling numbers. Applications close on Tuesday 15th January 2019. If you wish, please contact the school office to book onto one of our tour dates in November.