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## Newsletter 1 - September 2023

Welcome back to the new academic year! It has been a pleasure to see children back at school and I have been so pleased with how they have settled back into the new term. In particular we welcome our new Reception children and their families. Please see below for some key messages as well as some important dates for the diary.

### School Values

We have been developing our key school values we would like all pupils to show during their time at Wentworth. Our values are:



COURAGE



CURIOSITY



PRIDE



RESILIENCE



EMPATHY



RESPECT

Each term, we will focus on a particular value and develop children's understanding of how they can display this trait. This term, we will be teaching children about taking pride in all that they do. Please reinforce these key values with your child to support them in becoming more familiar with each one. More information can be found on the [school website](#).

### Meet the teacher events

Teachers will be hosting these events on 20<sup>th</sup> September. This is a chance to meet your child's new teacher, and hear about the programme of study. There will also be the chance to ask any

questions about the year that have not been answered in the first weeks of term. The organisation is as follows:

Year 1 - KS1 hall 3:30pm - 3:55pm

Year 2 - Canteen area 3:30pm - 3:55pm

Year 3 - KS1 hall 4:00pm - 4:25pm

Year 4 - Canteen area 4:00pm - 4:25pm

Year 5 - KS1 hall 4:30 - 4:55pm

Year 6 - Canteen area 4:30 - 4:55pm

### Attendance

At the beginning of the year, it is important to stress the importance of children attending school. We will be celebrating children's attendance in our Friday assemblies and will keep you informed of our current school levels of attendance. As a reminder, children should arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am so that registers can be taken at 9:00am. If your child is absent, please inform the office before this time to ensure that we are able to keep registers accurate. The NHS guidance on "[Is my child too ill for school](#)" will offer some reassurance and guidance for some parents.

### Science of learning week

Children took part in a science of learning week for the first days of the new term. During the week, children learnt about different parts of the brain and what they do. Children have looked at how memory works and what strategies they can use to help them to recall their learning.

### Who to speak to?

School office: Day to day messages over absence / collection from school / general queries

Class teacher: Any academic or pastoral questions or information about your child's progress.

Assistant headteachers: Further support, for academic or pastoral questions about your child. Assistant headteachers are as follows:

EYFS / Year 1: Miss Skipp

Year 2 / 3: Mr Harrington

Year 4 / 5 / 6: Mrs Davies

Mrs Simcock (SEND): If you would like to discuss any additional needs your child may have, please raise them firstly with your child's class teacher who may suggest making contact with Mrs Simcock.

Miss Cooper (Deputy Headteacher): If you have any other concerns or queries.

### Nurture Award

This year, we are working towards achieving the National Nurturing Schools Award. This involves creating a whole school nurturing culture to support the Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) needs of our pupils. To support this, we have introduced the Boxall Profile assessment tool, to identify, address and monitor SEMH needs. This ensures that every child gets the support they need to engage fully with their education and to support positive development. **Please look out for further information about Nurture at Wentworth.**

### Reading

Children are given dedicated time each day in school to read. It is essential that this is also the case at home. Please encourage your child to read at home for at least 15 minutes per day. This may include reading to your child, your child reading to you or another family member, practising phonics, reading a school book or simply enjoying another book you have. Where possible, please record this in your child's reading record.

### New staff

We would like to welcome our new staff to the school:

EYFS TA - Miss Nye

Year 1 Teacher - Miss Dyett

Year 1 TA - Mrs Brazil

Year 5 TA - Miss Chapman

Year 5 TA - Mrs Plunkett

### Dementia awareness

Many people are affected by this cruel disease and to help raise awareness and support impacted families Key Stage Two children are having an Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness assembly on 28th September. The assembly is hosted by ADDS (Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Services). On the same day we are pleased to offer parents and carers the opportunity to attend an awareness session in school at 2.15pm. If you would like to register your interest please complete [this form](#).

## Important Dates

W/C 18<sup>th</sup> September – Clubs start

20<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the teacher events

27<sup>th</sup> September – PTA Coffee Morning (9am)

16<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest donations to school

20<sup>th</sup> October – End of Term 1

30<sup>th</sup> October – Start of Term 2

17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need (non-uniform)

20<sup>th</sup> November – Staff INSET – School closed to children

22<sup>nd</sup> November – Open afternoon (3:30 - 6pm)

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Open evening (5:30 - 8pm)

W/C 27<sup>th</sup> November – Last week of clubs

5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 nativity performance (1:30pm)

6<sup>th</sup> December - Y3/4 Carol concert at Christ church (1:30pm)

7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 nativity performance (10:30am)

8<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas fair (3:30pm)

12<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS nativity performance (10am)

15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term 2

3<sup>rd</sup> January – First day of Term 3