



Newsletter 2 - October 2023

It has been a fantastic term so far, and I have been impressed with how children have settled into new classrooms and routines. It was a pleasure to see so many of you attend our meet the teacher events and we look forward to more happening in our community over the remainder of the term.

Foundation Stage

Our Foundation stage pupils have done remarkably well on settling into school life and have been full time in school for two weeks now! The children are learning how to use their new environment in the right way and it is truly a pleasure to see the children engaging in their learning so well.

European Day of Languages

On Tuesday 26th, children took part in our European day of languages celebration assemblies. We learned about the linguistic diversity in the world and also our school - with some help from some of our children who have additional languages at home.

Football tournaments

The annual Dartford football competitions took place over this week - with children from Year 5

and Year 6 representing the school. The girls won their group and qualified for the final (held on Friday). The boys finished second in their group and narrowly missed out on the final. We look forward to more sporting participation and success across the year.

House captains and school councillors

At the beginning of this term, house captains have been elected from our Year 6 cohort. Children made a speech in front of their peers to explain why they would make a good house captain and role model, and were elected by KS2 pupils. These children will now support with duties around school. School councillors have also been elected for each class and will meet throughout the year with Mr Pollock to find ways to improve our school.

Times Tables Rock Stars

The multiplication tables form an important part of children's maths learning, with the speed of recall in Key Stage Two becoming increasingly important. Children can improve their tables recall by playing the engaging TT rock stars app, which is accessible from home. Children will be aware of their logins - please speak to teachers if you require access.

PTA

A huge thank you to the PTA who were able to report a total of £12000 profit over the last academic year. This is a fantastic total and will support some of the projects that the school council suggests. Please look out for PTA newsletters with details of events.

Staffing

Class TA Mrs Kither is leaving the school at the end of next week after working at the school for 19 years. Her association with the school is in fact 25 years and we know that she is looking forward to her new found free time - we wish her all the best in her next steps.

Phonics Course Reception/Year 1 & 2 Parents & carers

Would you like to:

Support your child with phonics? Understand how your child is taught Monster Phonics and English at Wentworth? Make reading more fun? Build your confidence and learn new teaching methods? Help them get ahead. This free course is for you!

Venue: Wentworth Primary School 7, 14, 21 & 28 November 2023 9-11.15am - straight after drop off.

Please book using the below form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1o_dHt-h6VRfZGuHu6wT0m_3WRk4k5WtLFHRfBajjVLA/edit

Family Support

Pamela Hill is our Family Liaison Officer/support worker at Wentworth Primary School. In addition to your teachers she can support parents, carers and children with concerns or worries that may affect their daily life and could impact on your child's education and development. She is there to listen and offer support and advice, working in partnership with you. She has extensive experience and in addition can access a range of information and additional support. She can sign-post you to a variety of other services for additional help. She is the school bereavement contact and also a trained Phoenix Domestic Abuse facilitator. She can support you with all types of worries that may impact your daily life from debt, housing, domestic abuse, attendance and behaviour to name a few. She is in the school playground Monday, Tuesday or Thursday or you can reach her on 01322 225694 ext 214 or at pamela.hill@wentworthonline.co.uk

Mental Health and wellbeing

Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. The theme for this year is 'Mental Health is a universal human right'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive changes. It's a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it and share how important it is to get help if you are in need. To mark this day, we would like the children to come into school wearing something yellow - this can be a tshirt, jumper, socks, headband, or even a whole yellow outfit! During the afternoon of this day, children will take part in an activity with their class linked to mental health.

If you have a concern about your child's wellbeing, please come and talk to us. There are lots of people on hand to listen and help -

Mrs Hill - Family Liaison Officer

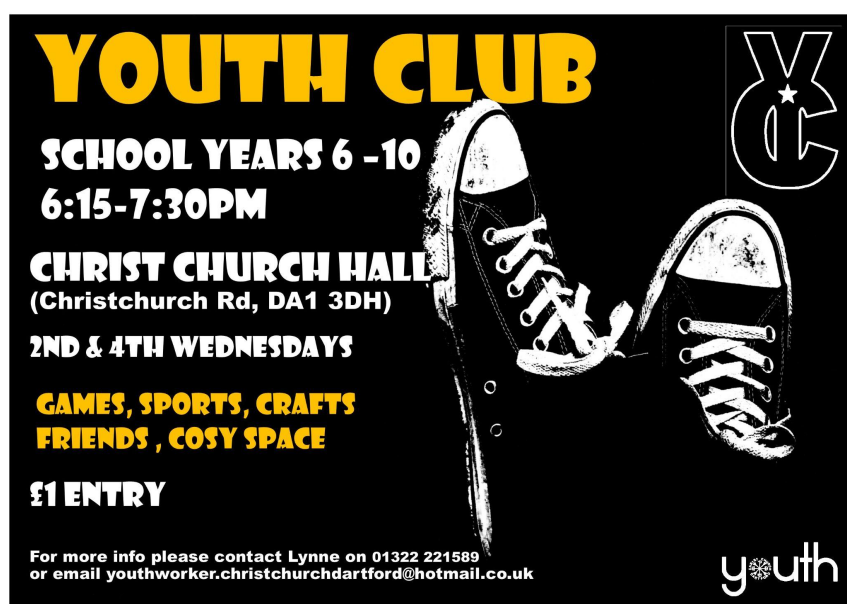
Mrs Baker - Nurture Schools lead

Mrs Simcock - SENCO

Miss Cooper - Deputy Headteacher

Please also look out for a letter detailing some more information on wellbeing and upcoming events in school.

And finally, please see below for some information on a local Youth club organised by our friends at Christchurch, Dartford as well as an opportunity for free tickets for Wentworth families for a local football club.



YOUTH CLUB

SCHOOL YEARS 6 -10
6:15-7:30PM

CHRIST CHURCH HALL
(Christchurch Rd, DA1 3DH)

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS

GAMES, SPORTS, CRAFTS
FRIENDS , COSY SPACE

£1 ENTRY

For more info please contact Lynne on 01322 221589
or email youthworker.christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk

YOUTH



FOUNDED 1922

SATURDAY 30TH , 3PM KICK-OFF
Acclaim Handling Community, DA16 1SY

NEXT UP

Up The Deres

ADMIT ONE
FREE FAMILY
TICKET
MAX 6 PEOPLE




VENUE
Erith & Belvedere Football Club
Park View Road, Welling DA16 1SY

Important Dates

- 3rd October - Individual & sibling photos
- 6th October - Macmillan Coffee morning
- 10th October - Hello Yellow (Mental health awareness) - children wear yellow
- 16th October – Harvest donations to school
- 20th October – End of Term 1
- 30th October – Start of Term 2
- 17th November – Children in Need (non-uniform)
- 20th November – Staff INSET – School closed to children
- 22nd November – Open afternoon (3:30 - 6pm)
- 23rd November – Open evening (5:00 - 7:30pm)
- W/C 27th November – Last week of clubs
- 5th December – Year 1 and 2 nativity performance (1:30pm)
- 6th December - Y3/4 Carol concert at Christ church (1:30pm)
- 7th December – Year 1 and 2 nativity performance (10:30am)
- 8th December – PTA Christmas fair (3:30pm)
- 12th December – EYFS nativity performance (10am)
- 15th December – Last day of Term 2
- 3rd January – First day of Term 3