

# Waldringfield Primary School

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## AUTUMN TERM: NEWSLETTER 1

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

A huge welcome to our new families who have joined us this week in Hedgehogs and throughout the school. I hope you have already been made to feel welcome and your children have had a positive first week at Waldringfield.

As you will have seen, work has been continuing in the early years outside learning area and this should be ready for the children to use on Monday along with the new accessible monkey bars that the children have been enjoying this week. The accessible tunnel was purchased by the funds raised through the WSA and we have been able to use some PE Premium to ensure that the early years children have an exciting new learning area outside.

From Monday, Hedgehogs parents can drop off and collect at the rear of the school.

Owls have had an exciting two weeks being taught by Mrs O'Brien, she has settled very well into our school team and is getting to know our children. If you haven't already, please say hello to her on the playground.

As you can appreciate it has been a busy start to the academic year and I apologise that parents were not informed about the school photographs on Wednesday. There may be an opportunity later in the year for pre-schoolers to be invited in for a family photo, we will keep you informed.

### UNIFORM

Thank you to all of you for adhering to the uniform policy and equipping your children with appropriate uniform and footwear over the Summer Holidays.

In the school uniform policy reference is made to hairstyles, asking that long hair is tied back. Hair that touches the child's shoulders should be tied back away from their face with a simple hairband. As stated in the uniform policy: *Children with long hair should wear simple headbands, bobbles and hairclips only and should avoid wearing anything too decorative or flamboyant, this includes any other additions to their*

*hair either temporary or permanent. Bobbles and hair accessories should be red, white, black or brown.*

### VILLAGE HALL

At the end of last year, Adam Riches, a parent governor, wrote to you all about parking. With new parents it is worth reminding you all that the users who hire the village hall have priority over the parking spaces and all parents must park sensibly and respectfully, this includes parking on the road. If parents abuse this privilege of being allowed to park in the village hall, I am concerned that the village hall will stop us from using it.

### WALKING BUS

We shall be starting a regular walking bus every Thursday from next week, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Parents who usually drive to collect their children will have the option to park in the Baptist Church car park near the crossroads at Waldringfield Heath and school staff will walk the children along the track towards them for a 3.20pm collection. Children who live in the village or are attending WOOSH will stay behind as usual. Please complete the form on ParentMail to give permission for your child to use the walking bus. If for any reason you want to change collection arrangements from the above, please speak to the office.

### GRANDPARENTS LUNCHESES

We shall be holding two grandparents' lunches on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The menu for both days will be roast chicken or vegetarian roast with vanilla sponge. Places are strictly limited to two grandparents **per family** and we shall be dividing the two dates into house teams (updated list attached). Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> will be open to grandparents of children in Yellowhammers and Robins, whilst 10<sup>th</sup> will be for Jays and Green Woodpeckers.

Please complete the form on ParentMail and pay for any adult meals required via the ParentMail shop by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October**.

*(Note that the menu on the Thursdays of these weeks will change to be sausage roll or pizza.)*

## WOOSH

Please note that the finish time of WOOSH is now 17:30 rather than 18:00. This is every day. If you are going to be late, or have any other reason to call the WOOSH staff, please ring the school pressing 2 to go through to the kitchen.

## DATA COLLECTION

A Data Collection sheet for each child will be coming home today. Please check the information we hold for you and your child is correct, making any amendments, then sign and return the sheet asap. It is very important that we hold up-to-date information so please let us know of any changes throughout the year.

## HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

A Home-School Agreement for each child will also be coming home today. Please share the contents with your child then sign and return as soon as possible.

## SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Please read the attached policy and sign and return the agreement coming home today.

## WALDRINGFIELD PARENT HUB

Please see the attached flyer advertising a session sharing information about support for parents on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## WSA CORNER

### Join the WSA!

New members are needed to join the Waldringfield School Association committee to enable our programme of events and fundraising to continue.

We currently have just six members and most will be stepping down after Easter, having served for five or more years. Therefore we would like to welcome new volunteers this term and offer support in a transition period. General committee members are required and the roles of chair, treasurer and secretary will need to be filled in the Summer term. We are also looking for someone to oversee second hand uniform sales from now onwards.

Could this be you? Please get in touch with Katherine Murphy (chair; [ksamurphy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ksamurphy@yahoo.co.uk)) or Lauren Garfield (treasurer; [lauren.garfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lauren.garfield@hotmail.co.uk)) to find out more.

## Bag2School Collection: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

If you have any items of clothing or other textiles which you no longer need, please donate them to fundraise for school. Tied plastic bags of items can be brought in on the morning of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and left by the wooden shed in the staff car park.

Bag2School accept the following 'good quality' items donated for re-use:

Men's, ladies' and children's clothing; paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around); handbags; hats; bags; scarves and ties; underwear; socks; belts; household linen; household curtains; household towels; household bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers).

See [bag2school.com](http://bag2school.com) for more details.

## HOLIDAY CLUBS

Please see the attached flyers advertising various holiday clubs.

## STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

**Hedgehogs:** Aiyla Welham for starting her first week really well even though she didn't attend any induction sessions before September. She has fitted so well to her new class.

Luna Marston for being a super friend this week during lunch and playtimes

**Squirrels:** Flora Dishington for being enthusiastic about maths. Flora has been creating and answering addition sums independently.

**Badgers:** Thomas Love for an enthusiastic start to the year and contributions in lessons.

Issy Stock for demonstrating a wonderful attitude to learning and setting a great example to her peers

**Owls:** Florence Pethybridge for super contributions in class this week – particularly in reading.

Noah Peasey for fantastic effort across all subjects. You are working so hard, well done.

## GOLDEN LEAVES

Alba Goody & Ted Mace for being so kind to other children. Solly Cooney for helping a Hedgehog child find their way to the toilet, Torryn Theophani for offering to help & play with a child at playtime. Alice Schaefer for noticing a child had hidden & informed member of staff. Joel Cornwell & Luna Marston for being kind & playing nicely.

## MIDDAY SUPERVISOR AWARDS

Luna Marston for always having super manners.



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## OUTSIDE WALDRINGFIELD ACHIEVEMENTS

Millie Miles achieved Stage 5 of the Learn to Swim awards and passed Water Safety.

Betty Leeder completed Stage 1 of the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme.

Evie Marston received medals from the Cotton Harvest festivals last year and this year for getting the most points.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Wood  
Headteacher

## MRS WOOD DATES AT WALDRINGFIELD

I intend to be at Waldringfield on Tuesdays, Fridays and alternating Wednesdays. As always, please email me or call either school, on any day to speak to me. Hollesley's number is 01394 411616.

## DIARY DATES

Fri 15 Sep. 23 Squirrels Trip to Framlingham Castle  
Mon 18 Sep 6pm Phonics Evening for KS1 Parents  
Tue 19 Sep WSA doing Christmas cards  
Mon 25 Sep EYFS Parents Evenings this week  
Tue 26 Sep First Grandparents Lunch  
Mon 2 Oct Bag2School Collection  
Tue 3 Oct Y6 to BT Adastral Park – Intro to Physical Computing  
Fri 6 Oct 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents  
Tue 10 Oct Second Grandparents Lunch  
Mon 16 Oct 9.00am Harvest Festival in Village Hall  
Tue 17 Oct KS1 Trip to Ipswich Gymnastics  
Y6 to Crucial Crew  
Thu 19 Oct WSA Fancy Dress Disco  
Fri 20 Oct am Whole School Flu Vaccinations  
**Mon 23-Fri 27 Oct HALF TERM**  
**Mon 30 Oct PD DAY**  
Tue 31 Oct KS2 Trip to Ipswich Gymnastics  
Fri 3 Nov Book Fair Arriving  
Bonfire Themed Lunch  
Tue 7 Nov 1.30pm Open Afternoon for prospective parents  
3.30-6pm Parents' Evening  
Thu 9 Nov 6-8pm Parents' Evening  
Fri 17 Nov Children in Need Themed Lunch  
Fri 1 Dec Christmas Fair  
Wed 13 Dec 9.30am Open Morning and 2pm Open Afternoon for prospective parents  
Whole School Christmas lunch  
Tue 19 Dec Whole School Trip to Pantomime  
Wed 20 Dec Last day of term



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