

Number: Autumn 2

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## Message from the Head:

Many thanks to all those parents and carers who have supported us in our learning and in our new ventures this half term. We have very much valued the support of our Year 3 and 5 parents in making our swimming programme of study possible. We are already meeting to discuss swimming provision for Years 4 and 6 in 2017. We have also really enjoyed seeing so many parents and carers joining us for our school lunches on Thursdays and are delighted that so many parents and carers are choosing to support our revised Home Learning Policy. Other new ventures this term include our Song for Your School Project in partnership with Cambridgeshire Music Hub, in which our Year 6 pupils are busy writing a melody and lyrics to go with a theme and backing track voted for by the pupils themselves in our whole school weekly singing assembly. We look forward to seeing how well we do in the Song for Your School Charts, when our song is released in November. Details of how you can listen to the song and vote for us will follow once we have been issued with them.

## Please Don't Forget...

- Please ensure that ALL items of clothing, lunch boxes and bags are clearly labelled with children's names. We have a growing mountain of lost property, which we have nowhere to keep! Please note that we clear all our lost property at the end of each month and send it to the Thrift Shop for recycling to avoid unnecessary waste.
- We ask that parents send their children to school in footwear which is safe to run in – as they will not only run about at play and lunchtimes, but during the Daily Mile as well.
- We also ask that children bring a bottle of water into school each day as well as being dressed suitably for the colder weather.
- As we have pupils with a severe nut allergy, we again ask that parents are diligent in ensuring that their children's lunches are nut free. Parents will recall that we sent a letter home earlier this half term explaining that this could save a child's life.
- Please remember to avoid holidays in school term times. See the letters and forms section of our school website for more information on this topic:  
<http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/Newsletters.htm>

## A Huge Thank You!

- ...To our Friends of Wyton, who are already meeting to plan a series of activities for this year. If you are interested in joining our Friends of Wyton Team, please contact the School Office.

## Coming Very Soon...!

- As you should be aware from previous correspondence, there is an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school to see their children's work and to chat with class teachers informally next Thursday afternoon between 3.15 and 5pm at our half termly 'Book Look'. No appointments are necessary, just come in via the main school entrance.
- There will be a more formal opportunity for parents to discuss children's achievements, progress and targets at our Autumn Term Parent Consultations on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November (3.30 – 7pm and 3.30 – 5.30pm respectively). Many thanks to those parents who have already made appointments - if you haven't already, please make an appointment via the School Office.
- Our next Head teacher's Update Meeting takes place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, at 6pm.** The purpose of the Head teacher's update meetings for parents is to provide them with current information and consultation on educational and school issues. The focus of November's meeting will be: **clarification for parents on the Government's expectations for pupils at the end of Key Stages One and Two.** This meeting will be of interest to any parents who wish to know more about the standards of work expected of children in Key Stages One and Two.

## Let's Celebrate!

We are very much looking forward to our first inter-school Sainsbury's School Games competition next Tuesday. We wish our Tag Rugby Team the best of luck!

Our focus for Class of the Week this year is on the class with the tidiest classroom and cloakroom. This is part of our drive to foster an attitude of responsibility towards our belongings and our school environment, which we hope will be a useful life-long attribute. So far, Years 2 and 6 have achieved the Class of the Week award.

For a full list of this and previous weeks' achievements, please visit our school website <http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/HeadteacherAwards.htm>

## Attendance

Congratulations to **da Vinci Class** for having the best attendance so far this term. You are really helping us towards our annual target of 96.4%.

	Last two weeks	Since 5th September
Johnson (Reception)	97.7%	97.2%
Nightingale (Year 1)	97.4%	96.9%
Hillary (Year 2)	93.1%	96.4%
Keller (Year 3)	99.8%	99.1%
Seacole (Year 4)	93.4%	96.7%
Da Vinci (Year 5)	99.1%	99.4%
Luther- King (Year 6)	96.6%	97.5%
Overall	96.8%	97.6%

## Diary Dates

- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.15 – 5pm** – 'Book Look' for parents and carers in classrooms
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 6pm in the hall:** Head teacher's Update Meeting: **clarification for parents on the Government's expectations for pupils at the end of Key Stages One and Two**
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November (3.30 – 7pm and 3.30 – 5.30pm respectively)** - our next formal Parent Consultations. Appointments can be made via the School Office. Please remember that staff are always happy to meet with parents to discuss concerns or queries – please contact the School Office for an appointment.
- **Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-bullying week and Children in Need Day

### Invitations to join us for a school dinner for this term:

Year 4 – Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Year 5 – Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Year 6 – Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Reception – Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>  
*If you are having lunch with your child, please arrive at the school office at 11.55am (KS1) and 12.40pm (KS2)*

### **Next Full Governing Body Meeting:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm
- We currently have vacancies for School Governors. Please contact Miss McFarlane in the School Office for details.

Just a reminder that the Mobile Library Service stops outside the playpark every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3.15pm. If we don't make use of this valuable service, we could lose it altogether!