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For more detailed information / photos about school activities - including trips, sponsored events and children's work - please visit our school website <http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/> and our new Class Pages <http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/ClassPages.htm> . If you are unable to access the internet, but wish to look at the school website with your child, please let Mrs Watts or Mrs Treston know and we may be able to help!

Message from the Head: We have had a great start to the term, with pupils coping brilliantly with changes made by our catering company and working hard in all classes. Planning is beginning in earnest on our new building, with a variety of contractor and survey visits agreed for this half term, with as many as possible planned for hours outside of school time. School run after school activity clubs begin this week and all parents and carers should have received a letter last week via their children's bookbags, informing them of places allocated either on the club register itself or on the club's reserve list. We are fortunate this term to have a PE specialist from the Hunts Schools Sports Partnership with us to assist in the teaching of outdoor games, though we have not been so fortunate with the weather for these sessions, which is both cold and wet! I have therefore been asked to remind parents that children should bring a suitable outdoor PE kit with them, which will keep them both warm and dry, as we teach outdoor PE in all weathers.

Please Don't Forget...

- 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 all those parents and carers who supported our fundraising for charitable causes in 2016. In particular, we were delighted to hear that we managed to raise £526.86 for the Royal British Legion through our Poppy Appeal in November and our Whistles for the Somme event in June.
- Thank you also to the Parish Council, for donating £187 to school funds from their Christmas Fete in December.

Friends of Wyton

- Thanks to our Friends of Wyton, who have already met to plan events for this term. This term they will be running two events, one in school time and an evening event:
- Mother's Day Gift Shop:** in the week leading up to Mothering Sunday, the Friends of Wyton are organising a Mother's Day gift shop for classes, after lunch between 1.30 and 3pm on the following days:
 - Monday 20th March – Johnson Class (Reception)
 - Tuesday 21st March – Nightingale Class (Year 1) & Hillary Class (Year 2)
 - Wednesday 22nd March – Keller Class (Year 3) & Seacole Class (Year 4)
 - Thursday 23rd March – Da Vinci Class (Year 5) & Luther-King Class (Year 6)
- Pupils are invited to choose a Mother's Day Gift with the help of Friends of Wyton members. All gifts £2. Children wishing to take part should please bring £2 in named envelope, which they can hand in to their class teacher on their day.
- Chocolate Bingo:** Friday 24th March 6pm – 7.30pm (details to follow)

Coming Very Soon...!

- There is an opportunity for grandparents to come into school on Grandparents' Day, 28th February 2017 from 10am - 12.30pm. They will be able to see a preview of our World Book Day poetry recital, spend time in their grandchildren's classrooms and have a school lunch at 12pm before going home at 12.30pm. Please note that this event is for grandparents only. Parents will have an opportunity to watch the poetry recital later in the week.
- On Thursday 2nd March (World Book Day), there is an opportunity for parents and carers to come in to watch our celebration poetry recital assembly at 10.30am. Each class will be performing a poem.
- Our next **Parent Consultations** take place on **Wednesday & Thursday 1st & 2nd March (3.30 – 7pm and 3.30 – 5.30pm respectively)**. The purpose of Parent Consultations is to provide parents and carers with a formal opportunity to discuss children's progress with the class teachers. Meetings are held in the school hall, with books set out in children's classrooms for parents to look at with their children. From Years 2-6, we ask that children accompany their parents to their consultation, so that they can share their achievements and talk about their targets with their parents. Please note that members of our teaching staff are always happy to meet with you at any time of the year to talk about your child's progress, or if you have any queries or concerns. Appointments can be made via the School Office.

Let's Celebrate!

We have had some brilliant responses to our heritage holiday home learning project A Brief History of Me! Thank you to all those families who really went to town on this, working to share family stories and researching family trees with their children. Some families have asked for an extension to complete this work and staff have agreed to extend the deadline to Friday 20th January.

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

Attendance

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

	So far this term
Johnson (Reception)	95.7%
Nightingale (Year 1)	95.2%
Hillary (Year 2)	96.5%
Keller (Year 3)	98.1%
Seacole (Year 4)	96.6%
Da Vinci (Year 5)	97.5%
Luther- King (Year 6)	96.9%
Overall	96.6%

Diary Dates

Thur 5th Jan – Fri 10th Feb: 1st half of Spring Term; half term 13th to 17th Feb (return to school Mon 20th Feb)

Thursday 9th February 3.15 – 5pm, Book Look for parents and carers in classrooms; then at 6pm, Parents' Forum

Thursday 23rd February, Headteacher's Update Meeting: Rights Respecting Schools

Grandparents' Day, 28th February 2017 from 10am - 12.30pm

Thursday 2nd March (World Book Day), celebration poetry recital assembly at 10.30am. Parents and carers welcome. Entry through hall doors.

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Monday 20th March – Thursday 23rd March, Friends of Wyton Mother's Day Gift Shop (£2 per gift) (Gifts will be gift-wrapped to avoid spoiling the surprise!)

Friday 24th March, Wyton Marathon & Red Nose / Sport Relief Day (see separate letter near the time)

Friday 24th March, Friends of Wyton Chocolate Bingo 6 – 7.30pm in the School Hall. All welcome.

Thursday 30th March 3.15 – 5pm, Book Look for parents and carers in classrooms

Friday 31st March 9.20am and 2.20pm End of term music concerts, in which all classes perform a group piece

Next Full Governing Body Meeting: 1st February 6pm
We currently have vacancies for School Governors. Please contact our Chair of Governors, Carolyn Daines, via the School Office for details.

Invitations to join us for a school dinner for next term: Still to be confirmed by our catering company

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