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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Head teacher's Notes...

A warm welcome back to everyone for this new term, especially to all those children and staff who have joined us for the first time. I hope that everyone was able to have a good summer break. The children certainly seemed refreshed as they have all come back eager to learn and looking very smart in their uniforms. Please help us by making sure that everything is named as we accumulated a lot of lost property last year which went unclaimed.

As you can see, we have made some changes to the format of our Newsletter, which will now be sent out every two weeks on a Monday. We have an exciting term to look forward to and there are some dates for your diary at the end of this letter which will also be available on the school website. Class Letters will also be sent home this week to let you know what your child is studying this term.

We are now very much in a transition stage as we wait for the outcome of our Planning Application for the new school building on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will share news with you via this Newsletter as soon as we can. In the meantime, we are aware that our grounds are looking a little 'tired' and our grounds maintenance person is working hard to keep on top of the extra greenery which has sprung up as a result of the long wet summer. As soon as we know what is happening with our building programme, we will be able to come up with a plan to rejuvenate our grounds while the building works are underway.

### Meet the Teacher and End of Half Term 'Book Look' (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October)

We are aware that many of our parents and carers took the opportunity to meet their child's new class teacher at the end of term, but just in case you haven't met them yet or are new to the school, we are inviting you to come in and meet them at the first of our half termly 'Book Looks' on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and have a look at the work they have been doing, as well as the chance to ask questions. 'Book Looks' are held between **3.30pm and 5pm in the children's classrooms** (with the exception of Year 5, whose 'Book Look' is held in the Learning Hub area outside the hall).

'Book Look' will be followed by another opportunity to see your child's work and to discuss their progress more formally at the first of our three 'Parent Consultations', which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November. We encourage parents to bring their children to 'Book Looks' and 'Parent Consultations', so that they can share their learning with you, though we would remind everyone that younger siblings are the responsibility of parents and should not be left unsupervised at these events.

Please remember that you do not need to wait until one of our 'Book Looks' or 'Parent Consultations' to speak with your child's class teacher. Our door is always open to you and if the class teacher is busy doing

his / her job and cannot speak with you immediately, our office staff will be happy to make an appointment for you to come in and share information, queries or concerns.

### **Clubs**

Letters offering school-based club membership for this term were sent out on Friday and all clubs will start this week. Over the last fortnight, all pupils in Years 1 to 6 were given the opportunity to sign up for the clubs of their choice by their class teachers. If your child feels that they signed up for a club but have not yet received their letter (or have lost it), please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Please note that we will not be offering clubs to our Reception class pupils until the summer term, in order to give them the chance to settle in first.

Our clubs are not intended to provide wrap-around child care; should you require child care in the mornings or evenings, we have our Breakfast Club and Afterschool Child Care club, for which details can be obtained via the School Office.

As well as our school-based clubs, we still have on offer four clubs run by external providers: Judo (run by Mr Paddy Swallow); Tag Rugby and Football (both run by Premier Sport) and Science (run by 'Mad Science'). Pupils may attend these clubs as well as their choice of up to two school-based clubs, but parents need to enrol pupils in them by contacting the club providers directly.

### **Let's Celebrate!**

Well done to our Reception children, who have settled into school so well already! For a full list of this and previous weeks' achievements, please visit our school website <http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/HeadteacherAwards.htm> .

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to all our classes – our attendance is looking great so far this year (percentages to follow).

### **Important Reminders for the Beginning of the Year**

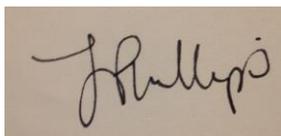
At the beginning of the school year, it is useful for us all to be sure that we are all following the same school procedures. Please see below for several important reminders.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Diary Dates**

Please see below for a list of diary dates for the Autumn term, which will also be available on the school website. Remember to keep an eye on the dates each fortnight in case of any changes.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Phillips  
Head teacher



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**Thank you for your co-operation.**

**School Uniform** At the start of the new school year we will once again be reinforcing our expectations regarding the wearing of school uniform, including appropriate shoes and PE kits. It is important that the children have PE kits in school.

The only jewellery to be worn is ear rings (studs) and watches and jewellery should not be worn at all for PE.

**The School Day** Registration is between 8.55am and 9am. Class doors are opened 8.50am and close at 9.00am. If a child arrives after this time they should come to the main office.

KS1 staff are always available at their class doors in the morning, but in KS2, any urgent messages should be passed on to the staff on duty in the playground (generally Mrs Phillips or Mrs Green) or to staff in the office rather than the KS2 teachers, who will be looking after their classes. A note or email can always be sent into school office if needed and class teachers will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Car Park** The car park is for members of staff and should not be used for dropping off or collecting children. Please do not walk through the car parks when dropping off/collecting children – use the walkways provided.

**Parking Outside School** Please park with consideration for the children, other road users and local residents. Parking is an issue, but we need everyone to be patient and to be prepared to walk a little further.

We encourage biking, scootering and walking to school.

However, bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the premises (even by toddlers).

**Dogs** Dogs must not be brought onto the premises.

**Avoiding Nuts** We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please could you avoid sending nuts or nut-related products into school as a snack or in their packed lunches.

**Contact Details** Please remember to let the school know of any changes in contact details as soon as possible. They are updated on our system as soon as we receive them and it is important in case we have to contact you in an emergency.

**Sickness/Diarrhoea** Children should be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

**Water Bottles** The children should bring a named water bottle to school each day, containing water and not juice please.

**Absence** Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 452032) or email (office@wyton.cambs.sch.uk) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence.

**Holidays in term time** 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>

**Toys from home, fidget spinners etc** Please remember that we ask all children to leave toys and other personal items at home. In a busy school, personal belongings, particularly those of value, can easily get lost, resulting in upset and disruption. Suitable toys, games and sports equipment are provided for the playground and indoor play. We are aware that some parents feel that their child would benefit from access to 'fidget spinners' or 'fiddle toys' in their classrooms. In our experience, these accessories rarely enhance pupils' learning, tending rather to cause a distraction, both to the pupil using the toy and to those around them. However, if you would like your child to have access to one of these accessories, we will comply with requests as long as they are made in writing by a GP or consultant paediatrician.

**School Lunches** Parents & carers are welcome to join us for a school lunch on any day they wish, provided that we receive your payment and notification by the Friday of the week before you wish to come (so that we can order in the right amount of food).

The menu for the Autumn Term is available on the school website. (Pupil school lunches = £2.30; An adult school lunch =£3.30)

Wyton Primary Diary Dates: Autumn Term 2017			
September 2017	Week Beginning Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	All school-based clubs begin	
		Class letters sent home	
		Reception pupils in full-time	
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & 6 Viking Day	
October 2017	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5 & 6 Viking Day 2	
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Individual + Sibling school photos	TBC
	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	'Book Look'	3.15-5pm
	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics meeting for Year 1 and Reception parents	9-9.30am
November 2017	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations	Weds: 3.30-7pm Thurs: 3.30-5pm
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day – activities to be decided by the School Council	
December 2017	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Christmas Fayre	3.15-4.30pm
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	'Book Look'	3.15-5pm
	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Christmas Fayre and Pamper Day	TBC
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Production dress rehearsal (younger siblings welcome)	9.40am
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Productions (no pre-school age siblings, please)	2pm & 5.30pm
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Lunch	
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum	TBC
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term Key Music concerts for all classes & non-uniform day	9.20am (singing & woodwind) 2.20pm Percussion