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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Head teacher's Notes...

We've had a busy but rewarding two weeks in school since our last newsletter.

It was great to see so many parents supporting their children's achievements at our Parent Consultation meetings on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>: we were delighted that 92% of our children's parents attended!

Our children did us proud at our Remembrance Day service on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, after which they all made a poppy and reflected on the importance of Remembrance.



Our School Council were very pleased to hear that we managed to raise £224.42 for Children in Need on Friday and are busily planning activities for our Christmas Fair.

Our school choir have been hard at work preparing for a variety of Christmas performances – they will be performing at Wyevale Garden Centre at 9am and Wood Green on Sunday at 1pm if you would like to see them.

And at long last, our building work has started, with the site being fenced off and set up for ground work to begin this week!

### Congratulations to Mrs Barnes in Year 2

We are delighted for Mrs Barnes, who is expecting her first baby! She will be working up till March and is planning to return in December. In the meantime, she will continue as the Year 2 class teacher as usual and will be involved in selecting the right person to take on her maternity cover. As soon as we have chosen the right person to take this lovely class in her absence, we will hold a meeting with parents to introduce them.

### Parking outside the school

Now that work is finally beginning on our new school, we have been asked to request that parents and carers no longer park on the section of Cambridge Square nearest to the school during the school day, or at 'drop off' / 'pick up' times.

### Head lice

We still have a large number of parents who are concerned that their children are coming home with head lice. Unfortunately we are not able to recommend individual / branded products, but can say with confidence that if we all make sure that we tackle the problem, we will beat them! Please see the attached letter for advice on how you can help us all to be a 'head lice free zone'!

## Hand Sanitiser

Like many other schools, we are moving towards the use of a high quality, allergy-free hand sanitiser in the lunch hall to ensure that pupils' hands are clean enough for lunch. This is a much quicker and more effective method of sanitising hands than sending off groups to wash their hands in the toilet areas; a lunch time supervisor will simply administer a spot of hand sanitiser to children's hands as they line up for lunch. If you would prefer your child not to be included in this, please email the school office, with the subject line 'Hand Sanitiser opt out', including your child's name and year group, via [office@wyton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@wyton.cambs.sch.uk).

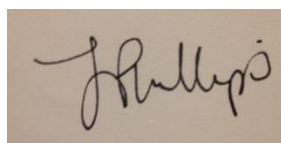
## Attendance

Congratulations again to all our classes: despite some nasty Autumn bugs, our attendance has remained high. Well done, in particular to **Seacole Class**, with the highest attendance of all so far this term!

Johnson Class (Reception)	96% attendance
Nightingale Class (Year 1)	96.9% attendance
Hillary Class (Year 2)	97.8% attendance
Keller Class (Year 3)	97% attendance
<b>Seacole Class (Year 4)</b>	<b>98.4% attendance</b>
Da Vinci Class (Year 5)	98.1% attendance
Luther King Class (Year 6)	97.5% attendance
Whole School	97.4% attendance

To help us achieve consistency of approach all cluster schools have agreed that their school policy will fully adhere to County Policy, which means that requests for leave of absence will only be approved in very exceptional circumstances. **All schools expect attendance to be 100%, unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons for absence, which would then be authorised.**

Yours sincerely,



Jo Phillips (Head teacher)

Wyton Primary Diary Dates: Autumn Term 2017			
Month	Week Beginning / date	Event	Timing
December 2017	Friday 1st	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	Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled
<b>Note change of date</b>	Monday 11 <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	See Class trip letter
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term Key Music concerts for all classes & non-uniform day	9.20am (singing & woodwind) 2.20pm Percussion

The Wyton on the Hill Community Group Events	
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (timings TBC)	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Christmas Fayre and Pamper Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 6pm	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Quiz Night with Fish and Chip Supper
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 6pm	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Easter Bingo
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June (timings TBC)	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Proms on the Playground