



FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school's Remembrance Service is always a very special event in which we remember with solemnity all those who have been affected by war: to the soldiers, their loved ones and civilians too. Some children in Year 6 read an excerpt from 'In Flanders Fields' as we discussed the symbol of the poppy. We even talked about the documented events on the Front on December 24th 1914 when the carol singing from each side could be heard and was applauded by the opposite army which culminated in the exchange of 'gifts' between these opposing sides. The children heard how one veteran had described it as one of the most special events of his whole life and it reminds us how even in the most hostile of situations acts of hopefulness, kindness and friendship can exist. The children have created some delightful poppy wreaths and artefacts which are on display in the school so do look out for them! **Sarah Joskey, Headteacher**

CLASS NEWS!

Reception This week we have been learning some songs for our Christmas performance. We have also been learning about the Poppy and have made a Poppy wreath.

Year 1 This week Year 1 have been learning about poppies. We have been writing questions and continuing to learn our addition stories as well as beginning to learn songs for our Christmas play.

Year 2- have been studying our remembrance text and imagining what it would have been like.

Year 3 Year three have had a fantastic visit from Egyptologist Professor Jones; lots of fun was had whilst they were learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. Professor Jones has been in touch since his visit...

I was very impressed by the children's knowledge of the topic and behaviour. One young lad, Ethan, could have done the session on his own!

Year 4 This week in Literacy we had a lively class debate about cycling to school. Miss Nash was the judge and she found both arguments very persuasive! Today we enjoyed making our poppy wreath to share in our remembrance service and we have also written some thoughtful remembrance poetry.

Year 5 Class 5 have been rehearsing our Christmas play, learning about short multiplication and the inverse of it whilst also preparing to write our ghost stories!

Year 6 children from Y6 enjoyed attending the maths day at Wells Cathedral yesterday.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN TERMS 1 & 2

November

- Friday 10th November – Individual & sibling photos – 8.30am
- Friday 10th November – PTA Film Night – sold out!
- Friday 17th November – Children in Need
- Monday 27th November – 2.30pm anti-bullying awareness meeting

December

- Tuesday 5th December – panto
- Wednesday 6th December – whole school Christmas lunch
- Fri 8th December - School Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 12th Dec – KS1 & KS2 performances
- Wed 13th Dec – KS1 & KS2 performances
- Monday 18th December – Candlelight Carol Service, All Saints' Church, 6pm
- Tuesday 19th December – Carols in the playground – 2.45pm

January

- Thursday 4th January – INSET DAY
- Friday 5th January – INSET DAY
- Monday 8th January – all children back to school

Chess Update – news of past pupils

Over half term Max won a strong U16 tournament in Bath and Iben was 5th in the U12 section. Max then went on to a strong adult tournament in Bristol on Saturday and came 2nd (ahead of me!!!). Iben played in the Girls county U18 Team and came 3rd behind an over-powering Oxford team.

Chris Strong, Chess club leader

Lunchtime Music Club – Cake Sale – Wednesday 15th November

The music club are holding a cake sale to raise money for some instruments for their club. We would appreciate donations of cakes (hopefully lots of cakes) from everyone! Cakes can be bought to the library on the morning of Wednesday 15th November and the cake sale will be at 3.20 in the school hall. We can't wait to see you all there! Cakes will be priced at 20p each so please bring your change.



CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Cloakroom Cup – Year 6

Year 4

Chess award - Ellie Read

25 reads - Zak Slater





Legg's Charity – November 2017

Legg's is a small local charity which provides grants to families who live in the Parish of Wrighton or whose children have attended Wrighton Primary School. Anyone wishing to make an application should send their request in writing with details of the purpose for which funding is requested to the Convenor: Gabrielle Wilson, 4 Old Station Close, Wrighton or email to gwaw@agwilson.plus.com or hand in an application to the school office. All correspondence relating to grants is totally confidential. Application forms are available from the school office reception area. The deadline for applications is FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER.

Reminder - School Photos

Tulip Photography will be with us again on **Friday 10th November (tomorrow)** for individual and sibling photos. If you have younger siblings who are not yet at school and would like a family photo taken the hall will be open from 8.30am until 9am for this. Please note that family photos will need to finish at 9am sharp to enable us to complete all school photos before lunchtime. If we have an "unhappy" youngster you may be asked to wait until the end of the session to ensure everyone gets a chance to have a photo taken, thank you for your understanding.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WEEK

Professor Jones visited Year 3





PTA News

Last week saw us busy with the annual PTA Fireworks night at the Rec.

It was a beautiful, clear night and lovely to see Wrighton families out, enjoying this 'spectacular in the sky' event.

Thank you to the Teachers who manned the gates and welcomed everyone in; and also to the Plough for prepping the food for us. These events are a combination of hard work and goodwill from all sorts of people in the village. Special thanks to the Riches family who lent (and trusted us with) their large BBQ - we only set fire to a few sausages...honest..

We are looking forward to hosting the Film Club on Friday and hope to make it a regular winter event; to those who may have missed out on a ticket.

The children have been busy this week, composing self-portraits to go on a Tea Towel and canvas bags ; which will be on for sale at the Christmas Fair. A great souvenir and pressies for all your family!

Our Christmas Fair is on the 8th December and we will be sending out more enticing info on this in the coming weeks.

Thanks for your continued support. PTA.

Clubs

Stop press... stop press... stop press

Orchestra will be on tomorrow – Friday 10th – 8.30am in the newly organised **music studio**. It will be a slightly shorter session than normal due to school photos taking place in the hall.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday 13th November

Odd socks day

Friday 17th November

Children in Need Day

Tuesday 5th December

Whole School Panto trip

Wednesday 6th December

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

ALERT!!!!

Next week we shall be taking part in Anti-bullying week. The focus for this week will be 'All Different. All Equal'. On **Monday 13th November**, for one day only, we would like the children to wear odd socks to school. This will be a wonderful way to start our week and to give the children the opportunity to celebrate their individuality.



ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance last week

99%

Well done for first place to:

Rec, Y3, Y5 & Y6 – 100%

LETTERS HOME

Scroogical Panto

Christmas Lunch

Music Tuition Letter

Christmas performances (KS1/KS2)

Families

every child

existing musicians

all children

Reminder - Children in Need

On **Friday 17th November** we will be supporting Children in Need by asking the children to wear something **spotty** in exchange for a £1 donation. We will also be raising funds by collecting old £1 coins, which are now out of circulation. So please have a good look in your money boxes or down the back of the sofa to see if you have any hiding!



School email address

With immediate effect our new school email address is

office@wrightoncofeprimary.org .

This email should be used for all communication with the school. The old email is being monitored but will cease to function on 1st January 2018. Please amend your records accordingly.



Uniform checks!

Ms Joskey will be making spot checks next week to see if the uniform rules are being followed.....of particular interest will be shoes....we seem to have a large number of footwear variations at the moment. Please remember that school shoes should be sensible, black and polishable!

A reminder of our school uniform – grey trousers/skirt, white/blue polo shirts, navy sweatshirt/cardigan, white/grey socks and smart school shoes.



School Library – open every Monday 3.15pm – 3.30pm – come along with your child.

Healthy Snacks at breaktime

Can we please remind everyone that snacks at breaktime should be “healthy” choices. We have noticed this week an increasing number of packets of crisps being eaten at break time together with chocolate bars and biscuits. Please remember that children should bring in a piece of fruit, cereal bars or dried fruit etc.



Governor elections - update

We had vacancies for two Parent Governors and I am delighted to confirm that we received two nominations therefore we will not need to continue with elections. Mrs. Charlotte Campbell and Mr. David Legge have been appointed as Parent Governors. Mr. Graeme Wilson has also been appointed as a Co-opted Governor. We are grateful to all the Governors for their important work in the success of the school. Ms Joskey

E-Safety Information Evening – Churchill Academy – coming soon!

Members of the Avon & Somerset Police will be holding an information evening at the Academy for parents, students, carers and anyone who wishes to find out more about e-safety.

The Police will be sharing invaluable information to ensure that we are up-to-date on keeping children safe on the internet, all social media sites and when using telephones.

They will provide practical tips on how to safeguard children and explain some of the ways that paedophile groups try to trick and groom children; parents and carers need to be mindful of this when looking at a child’s account on their various devices.

As soon as the date is published, we will let you know...

Cherish and Nurture, Flourish and Aspire