

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019



Mid Year Parents/Carers

Again thank you so much to all of the parents/carers who came along to discuss your child's mid-year progress.(100% attendance)
Thank you to all the parents/carers who wrote such positive comments on the feedback from the meetings.

INSET DAYS FOR 2019

Friday 21st June 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019

ParentPay

Thank you so much for supporting the introduction of Parent Pay. 100% sign up. We now have a cashless office.

Just a polite reminder lunches must be paid for in advance as per the Schools Dinner Money Policy that can be found on the school website. A summary was sent out recently to all parents/carers.

School Dress Code

As summer approaches may I remind all parents/carers the Dress Code for the school

- Plain Navy blue, black or grey for skirts, pinafores and trousers.(leggings **are not** school trousers)
- **Only** Plain Navy blue sweatshirts or cardigans (with or without school logo).
- **Only** White blouses/ polo shirts.
- Blue Gingham dresses (cool alternative in summer).
- Navy blue, black or grey tailored shorts in summer. (**not** cycling or sports shorts)
- Navy blue or black shoes/trainers (cannot be used for PE).
- Navy blue or black sandals (school does not advise this due to safety issues as toes are vulnerable even through socks).

We do not allow piercing of any kind, except one small plain stud in each ear, which must be removed or taped up for P.E. If you wish your child to wear something due to religious reasons, this must be put in writing for approval by the school's governing body. Extremes of fashion such as dying hair, tram lines in hair, Mohican and shaved haircuts are not permitted. Long hair and fringes must be tied back or held away from the face so that it does not interfere with the children's learning. We encourage long hair to be tied back at all times as this restricts the spread of head lice. No nail polish is allowed.

We discourage the wearing of sunglasses in the playground during playtimes (for health and safety reasons).

For Reception class parents: we buy each pupil a sun hat that will last them through school and which is kept in school.

Start of the School Day

Children should not arrive at school before 8.40am, as there is no official supervision before this time. Senior leaders will be on duty from 8.40am in both playgrounds (KS1 and KS2). A bell will ring at 8.50am and the children will join class circles. Teachers will then escort the children to their classrooms (in single file, without chatting). Junior children need to make their way to their own playground if they come into school from the KS1 gate as supervision by parents is not required.

At Waingroves, we develop the skill of independence and leaving a parent to go to the appropriate playground 5/10 minutes before the bell goes is all part of becoming independent. If you feel your child cannot leave you then we need to put strategies in place to support them to be able to leave you without getting anxious. Please arrange a meeting with your child's classteacher if that is the case.

NO parents/family members/child minders should sit on the flowerbeds; go on the grass or tyre parks at anytime. Non-school age children who are with parents/carers need to be supervised by you. For safeguarding reasons during wet mornings please do not escort you child into their classroom. Leave them at the cloakroom door. Any messages can be given to the office if the teacher/TA is not at the cloakroom door.

Parents and Carers enjoy a licence to enter the school to drop off and collect their children following school procedure as stated above. Please note that you do not have a right to enter onto the school premises. This licence can be revoked at any time.

Thank you to all the families /carers who adhere to this.

Changes to our Annual Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 5th June from 9.15a.m to 11a.m. It will consist of a variety of races including fun ones. This event will be open to parents/families to come and watch. If the weather is inclement then it will be cancelled.

Our Sports activities afternoon will happen in the last week of term. This event will not be open to parents/families as sadly, Health and Safety for all on site is becoming unmanageable.

PTA

Due to your continued support of the PTA I am so pleased to announce that 2 outdoor classrooms are going up after Easter next to the KS1 tyre park. As well as valuable outdoor learning areas, they will provide shelter from the sun for our KS1 children during playtimes and lunchtimes. The cost of these are £6000.



Changes to our Sports After School Clubs

From the Summer term the £5- £10 (depending on termly or half termly club) will be a **charge** for attending the club and will not be refunded. Regular attendance will be needed otherwise your child may lose their place.

HELP – calling out to all professional/amateur reupholsterers

Our staffroom chairs are becoming extremely threadbare. Is there anyone out there who could recover them if school provided all the materials? We will also supply lots of tea/coffee and cake/biscuits.

School Absence

Just a reminder that if your child is not at school and we have had no communication then you will receive a phone call from the office daily. This is part of our safeguarding procedures.

Happy Retirement Mrs Futers



I would just like to say a very big thank you to everyone who contributed to my leaving gifts and celebrations. It was a good way to end my time at Waingroves Primary School.

Waingroves Primary School has been a big part of my life. I have a great many happy memories to take away with me. It has been good to see the children I have taught grow up and have children of their own at school.

It will seem strange not to be coming to school again but I am looking forward to a busy retirement, which will include looking after grandchildren, working on my allotment and travelling to places I have always wanted to go but had no time. I don't think I am going to be bored!

Best wishes and thank you.

Angela Futers

Diary Dates

Monday 8 th April	PTA meeting 3.30p.m in reception classroom
Wednesday 10 th April	Dress Easy Day for £1 or Easter Egg - PTA event
Friday 12 th April	Easter Fair at the end of the school day End of Spring Term
Monday 29th April	Pupils return to school. Year 3 swimming begins
Wednesday 1 st May	Work begins on the Outdoor Classrooms
Week commencing Monday 13th May	Year 6 and Year 2 SATs Test(am)
Friday 17th May	Year 6 and Year 2 SATs TREAT
Tuesday 4 th June	SRE - parents opportunity to come and view resources.
Wednesday 5 th June	Sports Day (9.15am - 11a.m)
Week commencing Monday 10th June	PHONICS CHECK in Year 1 and 2
Week commencing Monday 17th June	ASSESSMENT WEEK for the rest of the school NOT Year 2 and 6.
Tuesday 18 th June	Photographer in for class/group photos
Friday 21 st June	INSET Day
Saturday 29 th June	Summer Fair (12 - 3p.m)
Monday 1 st July	Raffle Draw in Assembly by PTA
Wednesday 3 rd July - 5 th July	Year 6 Residential - Whitehall
Wednesday 10 th July(evening)	Governors Presentation Evening for Year 6 and families (more information to follow)
Thursday 11 th July	Parents Evening
Wednesday 17 th July(evening)	Year 6 Leavers Production Summer Reading Challenge given out
Thursday 18 th July(afternoon)	Pupils meet their new teacher(s)
Friday 19 th July	End of school year for pupils
Monday 22 nd July	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET Day
Wednesday 4th September	Pupils return to school

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