



Wykeham Primary

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# Wykeham Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

September 2018

## Message from Mr Sharpe

### Dear Parents

As this is the first newsletter of the autumn term, I want to use the opportunity to welcome you to the new school year, and invite you, as ever, to work with us to ensure another successful year. It is a good time to remind all parents of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. These are key to children making sustained, good progress in their learning. Poor attendance was one of the rare failings of the last school year. Our school attendance disappointingly, fell below the national average. Along with punctuality, it is an issue we must address in the current school year, and I need your support if we are to fully reverse this. I am appealing to all parents to make a special effort this year to have 100% attendance for your child. If, despite the poor attendance of some children, our teachers are able to progress children's learning so well, that our school is consistently ranked among the top performing schools in the local authority, consider how much more we could achieve if children's attendance is good. I invite you to join me in setting the goal to achieve attendance that is better than the National average (96% minimum) and to make it our joint home school target for this school year. I look forward to your involvement and your support.

### Attendance

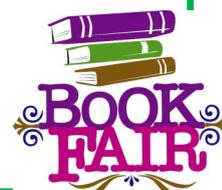
Attendance figures fell in the summer term which is regrettable. It is essential that your child attends every school day if they are well enough. Term time holiday will not be authorised and we may involve the Education Welfare Service.



### Book Fair

The annual book fair is visiting Wykeham from 4th - 10th October in the school hall from 3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Please come along and have a look at the books on sale and help promote the joy of reading with your child.



### Assemblies this term

- 05/10/18 - Black History Month - 4I
- 12/10/18 - Victorian Britain - 5K
- 19/10/18 - Tudors - 4H
- 02/11/18 - Diwali - Year 6
- 09/11/18 - Remembrance Day - 4J
- 16/11/18 - International Anti-Bullying Week - 5L
- 23/11/18 - Road Safety Week - 3G
- 30/11/18 - St Andrews Day - 3H
- 07/12/18 - Hanukkah - Year 4
- 14/12/18 - Role Models and Inspiring People - 1C



All parents are welcome.  
Please join us for coffee after the assembly.

## Secondary School

If you have a child in year 6, you will need to complete an online application form by 31st October for Secondary transfer. Please visit [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) for the online application.

If you are still unsure, please contact the School Office for further assistance, preferably before the 19th October so that we can support you with the application.

## Free School Meals

Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Some parents have not yet taken up this entitlement. Do register your child so they can have a warm, healthy meal each day and save yourselves some money at the same time!

Please speak to the school office for further information.

## Important Reminder

Please be reminded that children are to be dropped off at the side entrance in the morning. Please do not wait for the bell to sound and then send the children through the main school entrance. Many children are arriving late every morning. Children should be dropped off at the side entrances by 8.50am at the latest to ensure a good start to the day. Thank you.

## Polite Notice

For health and safety reasons, we request that parents refrain from bringing hot drinks and food into the school.

This is especially important during assembly on Fridays when there are a lot of people in the hall and when an accident can easily occur.

Parents are requested to sit in the designated seats at the back of the hall during Friday's assemblies. The benches on the side are for staff only, so that they can supervise the children.

Thank you.

## Nursery Forms

Nursery Application forms for  
Sept 2019

If your child was born between 01/09/15 and 31/08/16, they are eligible for a nursery place. Application forms are now available from School Office. The deadline for submitting forms is Monday 15th January 2018.

## School Uniform

Please be reminded that your child must come to school wearing the correct school uniform. There are a number of children wearing incorrect footwear. Boots and trainers with visible logos or white soles are not allowed.

Please see the list below of the school's requirements:

Black or grey trousers or skirts  
(no black jeans)

White or pale blue shirt or polo shirt  
Wykeham Primary School sweatshirt/cardigan

Black or white socks or tights

Plain black shoes or plain black trainers (no logos)

Wykeham T-shirt and blue shorts for PE

Children wearing headscarves — these should be plain white, grey, blue or black  
(not patterned or detailed)

Please ensure that uniform is labelled

Uniform can be purchased from Rumbles, 598 Wembley High Road, HA0 2AF, 0208 902 1393