



March Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Headteacher's Newsletter. Each month I will be sending out a newsletter to keep you up to date with important information and sharing what has been happening in school.



We have had a busy March with Science week, a performance at the Albert Hall, Comic Relief Day, World Book Day and lots of sporting events to name but a few and it has been wonderful to see our children engaging so enthusiastically in such a wide range of activities. Read on to find out more about what we have been up to.

Please do remember to keep checking our school website, where you will be able to find letters in the Parents page and upcoming dates in the calendar.

Have a lovely break,

Best wishes,

Ms Corner-Brown
Head teacher



Attendance champions!

Well done Willow and Holly class for having the best attendance this term with over 97%. A treat is coming your way!

Dates for your diary



March

25th Equals Trust Albert Hall Singing Event
26th PTFA Parent and Child Easter Treasure Hunt
27th Last day of term

April

13th First day of Summer Term
13th KS1 Cricket Festival at Alderman White
14th Netball match v Grange away
20th Y5/6 Movie Night
21st Netball match v Bramcote Hills at home
24th Fantastic Friday snack for Y3-Y6
27th Rounders Competition at George Spencer for Y5/6

May

4th Bank Holiday
5th Y3/4 Croquet Event at Nottingham Croquet Club
11th Year 6 SATs week
15th Y5/6 Break the Rules Day

June

4th KS2 Cricket Competition at Clifton Cricket Club
5th Class Photo Day
16th Y5/6 Social Evening
19th PTFA Father's Day Shop
24-25th Friesland Transition Days for Y6
25th: School Games Day for Nursery and Elm class
26th Y5/6 Careers Day
29th am: School Games Day for Y1/2
29th pm: School Games Day for Y3-Y6

July

7th Forest Games at Sherwood Forest for Y3/4
8th and 9th Pirates of The Currybean performance
9th South Broxtowe Netball Tournament
13-17th Year 6 Activity Week
20th Y6 v Staff Rounders match
21st Year 6 Family Leavers Event
23-24th Y3/4 Camping
24th Last day of term

Don't forget all dates can be found on the calendar on the school website

Attendance

Why is attendance important?

Good attendance at school is absolutely crucial to children's success at school and we are extremely grateful for the support we get from the vast majority of families. Improving school attendance is a priority and is monitored very closely to ensure families understand the link between good attendance and children fulfilling their potential.

Simply put, if children are not in school, they can't learn.

The average rate of attendance for children at Wadsworth this term is currently 95.7%. In previous years it has been much higher and we are working to improve attendance once again. You can check your child's individual attendance on the Arbor app.

Remember every day counts!

Monitoring attendance

Good attendance is 95% and above. Attendance of below 90% is classed as 'persistent absence' as it is the equivalent to a child missing half a day a week of lessons. *Can you imagine what might happen if you took half a day a week off work EVERY week?*

What we do

- Attendance for every child is monitored weekly by our attendance officer Miss McKane and Ms Corner-Brown
- School will not authorise holiday in term time unless in 'exceptional circumstances.'
- As soon as a child reaches 92%, they are placed on a watch list.
- If a child drops to 90% or below you will receive a letter from the head teacher and placed on a 6-week review
- After 6 weeks if attendance has not improved you will be invited to a meeting with the head teacher to discuss how we can support you.
- If attendance continues to decline you may be reported to the Local Authority who may issue a Penalty Notice



There is a new National Threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by school. This is 10 sessions (1 session=half a day) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period. Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority to each parent and paid to the Local Authority.

First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the fine will be £80 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

Third and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

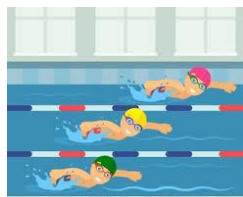
A penalty notice will not be issued. The case may be presented at court and may result in fines of up to £2500.

Class Attendance this term

Each month the class with the best attendance or most improved attendance will be rewarded with a treat from Ms Corner-Brown. This term attendance is:

Elm 95%	Holly 97.1%	Pine 94.7%	Maple 96.9%	
Willow 97.3%	Ash 95.1%	Rowan 96.6%	Sycamore 93.4%	Juniper 95.1%

Sporting News



Swimming Gala

We kicked off this half term with 16 KS2 children representing Wadsworth brilliantly at the Bramcote Leisure Centre School Swimming Gala, facing tough competition from start to finish. Several races came down to thrilling, fingertip-close finishes that had everyone on the edge of their seats. Our younger swimmers brought fantastic energy too, especially in the water polo relay and the ever-entertaining woggle relay. After a determined team effort across all events, the squad secured a respectable 8th place out of 11 schools.

Inclusive Games

8 children represented the school superbly at the Inclusive Games event at The Kimberley School taking part in a fantastic range of activities including mini bean bag relays, balloon volleyball, skittles, curling, bocchia, dance and parachute games. They approached every challenge with enthusiasm, determination and a willingness to try new skills. Their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable, showing teamwork, kindness and great sportsmanship. Each child gave 100% effort and was an absolute credit to the school.

Indoor Rowing

At the end of the last half term, we took 8 children from KS2 to the Indoor Rowing Competition at George Spencer. Every year group rose to the challenge powering to victory in each of their individual races. The momentum continued as the squad combined their strength and rhythm to secure a brilliant win in the team event. Their collective effort resulted in an outstanding overall first-place finish, beating the other six teams with an impressive total meterage of 4783m. It was a dominant and well-deserved performance from start to finish.

Indoor Athletics

A team of 18 enthusiastic Year 3/4 children represented the school brilliantly at the Indoor Athletics Competition, showing superb determination from the very first event. They threw themselves into a wide range of activities, including fast-paced relays such as the obstacle race and the over-and-under relay, alongside impressive field events like javelin, long jump and speed bounce. Their collective effort, teamwork and resilience shone through as they secured an outstanding overall 2nd place. It was a fantastic performance from a talented group who gave everything on the day.

Netball Match v Grange

Last week, Wadsworth hosted Grange Primary School for a closely contested netball match, facing a team they had never played before. The game was evenly matched throughout, with both sides showing strong defending and determined attacking play. Although Wadsworth didn't get off to the best start, the players showed real resilience and came back fighting in the second half. Their hard work paid off as they secured a well-earned 3-1 victory.



What's on at Wadsworth?



Albert Hall Singing Event

This week our school choir performed in a singing event at The Albert Hall, together with 18 schools across The Equals Trust.

Watching over 600 children perform together was simply breathtaking. Led by the talented Mrs Dann our choir had been practising after school for months and we could not be prouder of them.



FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Comic Relief Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief Day last week. Together we raised over £200 for the charity.



Science Week

Earlier this month the school was alive with budding scientists as we

celebrated Science week and took part in lots of exciting activities.

The Sci-tech competition allowed children to show off their problem solving and design skills with some ingenious solutions. Some children even added brakes to stop the vehicle in exactly the right place. Testing them out this week has been very exciting!



World Book Day

It was wonderful to see our children dressed up as their favourite characters or dressed in their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story on World Book Day. Year 6 also enjoyed listening to a virtual talk with author Matt Goodfellow.

PTFA events

This term our wonderful PTFA committee Angela, Lisa and Anni are stepping down as their children prepare to move on to secondary school at the end of the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work over the years, bringing much joy to our children and staff. Liz Sanders is now taking over the role of treasurer and is in need of extra hands to help out. If you have any time to spare, please do get in contact with Liz at wadsworthptfa@gmail.com. The work of the PTFA really does make an enormous difference to each and every child.



Did you know the funds raised by our PTFA:

- Provide Christmas presents for every child
- Purchase Easter eggs for every child
- Have purchased almost £2000 of reading books in the last year alone
- Have provided playground equipment and picnic tables
- Paid for £1100 of sensory equipment and resources to promote well-being for our children
- Provides uniform for those in need
- Subside coaches for school trips

But without volunteers this is simply not possible. If you have any time to spare and lend a helping hand, please do get in contact with Liz at wadsworthptfa@gmail.com



Safeguarding tips for parents

In each newsletter we will include useful information and top tips for parents and carers to support you in keeping your children safe.



During the holidays some children may be spending more time on their phones, we advise parents to regularly check your child's phone messages (*WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK is 13*), and any in-game chat functions. Children will often say things online that they would not say face to face.

This month we would like to share with you a [Safeguarding Directory](#) which contains lots of information on how to access support. This can be found on our school website and paper copies are available in school reception.

