



# April Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term!

As temperatures rise many of us will be thinking of planning holidays. We understand that it is cheaper to go away in term time and years ago schools were permitted to authorise up to 10 days holiday in term time, but this is no longer the case and hasn't been for many years now.

This is because attendance rates nationally have fallen and there is a clear link between attendance and children's achievement.

Should parents choose to take holidays in term time they could be issued with a penalty notice by Nottinghamshire County Council which could lead to a fine of £80 to £160. The fines are issued to both parents for each child.

**Did you know** that research by the Department of Education last year, showed children with an attendance rate of 95-100% are 30% more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to children who only attend 90-95% of the time and are almost twice as likely than children with attendance of 85-90%? Those extra days really do make a huge difference.

**Give your child the best start, support their attendance in school.**

Best wishes,

Ms Corner-Brown  
Head teacher

## Dates for your diary



### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday
- 5<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Croquet Event at Nottingham Croquet Club
- 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs week
- 15<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Break the Rules Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Last day before half term
- 22<sup>nd</sup> School Closed for INSET day

### June

- 4<sup>th</sup> KS2 Cricket Competition at Clifton Cricket Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> **New** to FS2 Parents Meeting 5pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Class Photo Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Social Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> PTFA Father's Day Shop
- 24-25<sup>th</sup> Friesland Transition Days for Y6
- 25<sup>th</sup>: School Games Day for Nursery and Elm class
- 26<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Careers Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> am: School Games Day for Y1/2
- 29<sup>th</sup> pm: School Games Day for Y3-Y6

### July

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

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

## Attendance champions!

Well done Maple, Willow and Ash classes for having the best attendance this month with 97% and 98%. A treat is coming your way!



## 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 parents/carers must do:

- Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help.

**Remember every day counts!**

### 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

You can check your child's individual attendance on the Arbor app.

Click on the link to read recent research by the Department of Education to find out more [The Link Between Attendance and Attainment](#)

## 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 month attendance is:

<b>Elm 95%</b>	<b>Holly 96%</b>	<b>Pine 96%</b>	 <b>Maple 98%</b>	
 <b>Willow 97%</b>	 <b>Ash 97%</b>	<b>Rowan 94%</b>	<b>Sycamore 95%</b>	<b>Juniper 95%</b>

## Sporting News

### High 5 Netball Tournament Success

Our High 5 netball team put on a fantastic display of teamwork, determination and resilience at the George Spencer High 5 Netball Tournament. Throughout the morning, they faced a range of opponents, including some much stronger teams, yet they never let their heads drop. Instead, they rose to each challenge with real grit and a positive attitude.

Their hard work paid off as they secured a place in the play-off for 3rd place. The final match was incredibly close, with both teams battling for every pass, but our players held their nerve and came away with a well-deserved win.

We finished 3rd – a brilliant achievement and one they should be very proud of. It was a valuable experience for every player and has given them great confidence heading into the next tournament.

Well done to the whole squad!



### Chilwell golfers

Some of our fabulous Year 4 children attended a golf session at Chilwell Manor Golf Club, where they had the opportunity



to practise long drives, putting and chipping. The staff at the Golf Club who delivered the training were very impressed and they emailed us to say ' My team and I were so impressed with your group this morning - really well behaved, attentive and eager to improve. They were clearly pleased with their progress in a sport which can be difficult to learn.' It is always a pleasure to take our children out to these events and we are incredibly proud of them.

Details of Junior Coaching taking place at Chilwell Golf Club are at the end of the newsletter.

Who knows we may have the next Rory McIlroy at Wadsworth!

## School Funding

### Did you know that schools income is largely based on pupil numbers?

Primary schools get on average £3845 per child for the school year, this has to pay for all our school bills including staffing, gas, electricity, grounds and building maintenance, books, stationary. With so many demands on our pot and rising costs, it is increasingly difficult to manage and we are extremely fortunate that our PTFA work so hard to help to bolster our funds.

### Special Needs Funding

Additional support is paid for out of the same pot described above. For children with significant special needs schools can apply for additional funding that is shared between our family of 12 local schools. A child who requires full time 1:1 might be allocated a maximum of an additional £5000 a year. As you can imagine this does not cover full time support, so the rest has to be paid for out of our general pot.

### EHCP

Children with significant special needs may apply for an EHCP or Education and Health Care Plan. If successful this then allows them to apply for a place at a Special School. Unlike some counties, in Nottinghamshire EHCPs do not come with additional funding.

### School Trips

School trips are a wonderful experience for children, but with the cost of living rising we are acutely aware that money is tight for everyone and school is working to try to provide experiences in school to keep costs down.

It is the cost of coaches that makes school trips so expensive. For example, recent quotes include:

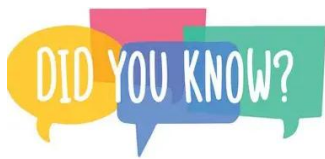
George Spencer Academy	£240
Showcase Cinema	£400
Drayton Manor	£600
Conkers	£575
Coombe Abbey	£600
Clifton Cricket Club	£250

## School Nursery

If you have a child turning 3, don't forget to put their name down for a space in our school nursery. We are very proud of our excellent nursery here at Wadsworth Fields; children enjoy learning through a play based curriculum and they achieve very well. We offer both part time and 30 hour places, just contact the school office to reserve your place or arrange a visit.

## PTFA events

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](mailto: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:**

- Subside coaches for school trips
- 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

**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](mailto: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 you and your children safe.

### **Worried that someone you know might have a history of domestic abuse? Clare's Law can help you.**

Clare's Law allows the police to release information about any previous history of violence or abuse a person might have. It means they can provide information that helps protect people at risk.

Under Clare's Law you can apply for information about:

- a current or ex-partner that you still have contact with, because you're worried they may have a history of abuse, and are a risk to you
- a current or ex-partner of a friend or relative that they still have contact with, because you're worried they might be at risk

### **How to make a request**

- A Clare's Law request can be made by calling 101, online or at a police station.
- For further information visit [www.clares-law.com](http://www.clares-law.com)

**If you, your child, or anyone in the family are at immediate risk of harm, you should contact the police urgently, call 999.**

### **Where can I turn for help?**

See links below for further support for domestic abuse

<https://refuge.org.uk/i-need-help-now/how-we-can-help-you/national-domestic-abuse-helpline/>

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

<https://womensaid.org.uk/information-support/>

<https://broxtowewomensproject.org.uk/>

Don't forget you can find lots of useful websites on our school website including our [Safeguarding Directory](#) which contains lots of information on how to access support. Paper copies of the Safeguarding Directory are available in school reception.



# Junior Golf Coaching

... with Head PGA Professional Richard Lawrence and  
Assistant Pro Cameron Clark

Sundays 2-3 pm - All equipment provided - Small groups

For beginners and improvers - great fun and a  
pathway into junior club membership

**Beginning Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. May - Just £6 per session. Owing to popularity  
a place MUST be booked on 0115 925 8958 opt. 2 or email:**

[professional@chilwellmanorgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:professional@chilwellmanorgolfclub.co.uk)

