

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is Anti Bullying week. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: 'United Against Bullying' and to celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 16th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day and we hope that all of our pupils (and staff!) will take part. There will also be various anti-bullying related activities taking place in school next week across all the classes.

Staff News

Today we will be saying goodbye to Mr Watson as he leaves us to take up a permanent teaching position at a school in Portsmouth. Mr Watson joined us as a learning support assistant and has recently covered Squirrels class in Mr Barnett's absence. We would like to congratulate him on securing a full-time post as a teacher and wish him every success for the future.

Next week we will be bidding a fond farewell to Mrs Walton, who is relocating away from the area and has decided, after much consideration, to take early retirement to spend more time with her family. Mrs Walton has helped so many children and families in her role as ELSA over the past six years here at Wickham and has been a large part of our whole school community. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the school and the families she has supported and wish her all the best for the future. We are interviewing for our new ELSA next week and will inform you of the outcome as soon as we are able to.

Children in Need



It was fantastic to see so many of our pupils dressed up today in aid of Children in Need. Thank you to those of you who have donated so far. Our total as of today is an incredible £470! This is the highest amount we've ever raised as a school – thank you! There is still time to donate using this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wickhamceprimary-childreninneed>.

COVID Update

Masks

In line with the current guidance, we would like to encourage parents to wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting their children from school each day. We would also like to remind you that only one parent or carer should be collecting their child from school, in order to minimise the number of people onsite at busy times and therefore keep to social distancing guidelines.

Visitors

Parents should only enter the school building if they have a pre-arranged appointment. Our office staff can talk to parents using the intercom system at the front door and you are welcome to call or email the office anytime.

Positive Cases

It is important that, if your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID, you inform school immediately and self-isolate in line with the government guidelines. Furthermore, if your child starts to develop any of the symptoms of COVID they and any siblings must not attend school and will need to be tested accordingly.

Christmas

We are already starting to plan our events for Christmas and are looking for a volunteer to make our Christmas advent wreath. We are happy to supply all materials if needed. If you think you might be able to help with this then please contact the school office. Thank you!



We will be holding our annual Christmas lunch this year on the 17th December and we are currently planning our Key Stage 1 nativity performance. Further details of both events will be sent to you shortly.

School Uniform

Please remember that black shoes should be worn as part of our uniform requirements (found here: [Uniform](#)). Trainers are not acceptable as part of uniform unless they are worn for medical reasons and school has been notified. Please let us know if you are having difficulty in affording school shoes, as we may be able to help you with this.

Key Dates

13 th November	Last day for School Photo orders
16 th November	After School Sports Clubs start
16 th November	Odd Socks Day
16 th November	Parent Governor Election Ballot closes
17 th December	Christmas Lunch
18 th December	Last Day of Term
4 th January	INSET Day