

Lottery News

We are very excited to announce that, following a successful bid to The National Lottery Community Fund, we have been awarded £10,000. The fund distributes money raised by National Lottery players for good causes and is the largest funder of community activity in the UK. We will use the money to redevelop our outdoor early years play area which will include artificial grass surfacing, water table, water wall, water channels, mud kitchen and play tables. The aim is that this area will also become a recreation space that can benefit the wider community with local groups having access to the facilities outside school hours. This community project will get children active and also encourage people from our community to mix together once we have come through the COVID pandemic. Work starts on the 24th May and should be complete by half term so watch this space!



COVID Update

We are all very much looking forward to the further easing of Covid-19 restrictions on 17th May. At this stage, very little has changed in relation to the Department of Education guidance for primary schools, however, from Monday, the wearing of face coverings for parents and carers on the school site at school drop off and pick up times will now be optional. Please do remain vigilant though and remember keep to the social distancing guidelines to avoid gatherings of people.

PE Lessons

PE is an important part of the school curriculum and therefore it is essential that your child brings in their PE kit on their designated day for PE. If your child does not have their PE kit in school parents will receive a text asking you to bring their kit in.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Foxes	Bumblebees	Squirrels	Otters	Bumblebees
Kingfishers	Dragonflies	Otters	Squirrels	Dragonflies
	Butterflies	Kingfishers	Butterflies	Foxes
	Water Voles		Water Voles	Badgers
			Badgers	

Water Polo in Winchester – Starting June 2021

The Winchester Sport and Leisure Park opens at the end of May 2021 and Winchester Water Polo Club will be running water polo sessions suitable to those from 7 years old, with any level of previous experience. A summary of the different sessions, timings and costs is set out below:

Mini-polo for 7-9 year olds (Mondays 6.30-7.30pm) – Drenched Mini Water Polo

Follow this link to register your interest - <https://www.drenchedschool.co.uk/>.

Mini-polo for 9-11 year olds (Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm) – Drenched Mini Water Polo term-time from September 2021. Follow this link to register your interest - <https://www.drenchedschool.co.uk/>.

Online Payments



Following feedback from parents, we have enabled parental alerts on the ScoPay system, which you use to make online payments for school dinners and trips. You will be able to set up an alert for dinner money balances, prompting you to top up your child's account when it gets low. Please use the following link to access a user guide to be able to do this: [Set up ScoPay Alerts](#)

Jewellery Reminder

Jewellery, apart from watches and one pair of plain studs in pierced ears, should not be worn to school. Watches and stud earrings need to be removed by the child for PE for safety reasons. Newly pierced ears can be covered by micropore tape (provided by parents) for a maximum of six weeks.

Active Holiday Camp

Activeme360 are running their Active Holiday Camps at Swanmore College during half term. Activities will include 360 Sports, football and performing arts (street dance). Please find a flyer attached with further details. Activeme360 are planning on running a camp at Swanmore College for the full summer holidays and Tree Tops Clubs hope to run similar on site here at Wickham. Further details will follow once we have them.

Inset Days

We are conscious that some families will already be looking to book holidays for next year and so we have made a decision regarding our inset days now, in order to give you plenty of notice. The dates are as follows:

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

Friday 17th June 2022

Monday 20th June 2022

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Remaining inset days for 2022/23 academic year will be confirmed at a later date.

The long weekend in June 2022 will hopefully give families the opportunity to take advantage of off-peak holiday prices and thus prevent the need to take children out of school for holidays during term time. The children will return to school on **Thursday 2nd September 2021** for the 2021/22 academic year on and on **Monday 5th September 2022** for the 2022/23 academic year.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 18th June INSET day

Monday 21st June INSET day

28th June – 2nd July Year 5 Stubbington Residential Trip

17th – 18th July Year 6 Activity Days at Fairthorne Manor