

Good News



Recently Mr Cutter met with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) at St Nicholas Church to speak about some of the work that the school has been doing to support the local community. He also spoke about our desire to refurbish the school library and was delighted to receive an email a few days later with an offer of £5,000 from the Church funds towards this! Mr Cutter also met with Friends of Wickham Primary School this week and they unanimously agreed to match the donation from St Nicholas Church. We are incredibly grateful for these donations and have already started having plans drawn up for the library refurbishment – watch this space!

Service Pupil Premium

We have a number of children in school who are eligible for the Service pupil premium (where one parent is serving in the regular armed forces) and receive funding of £310 for each eligible child every year as a result.

The purpose of the Service pupil premium is to enable schools to offer mainly pastoral support during challenging times to mitigate the negative impact on service children of family mobility or deployment. Although it is not ring-fenced to the individual child, we do target the appropriate pastoral support where the need has been identified and this happens mainly through the work of Mrs Proost, our ELSA and family support worker.

Please do let us know if you would like your child to receive additional pastoral support during times of deployment (even if the deployment is lasting only a few weeks) or if you believe that your child is eligible and are unsure as to whether the school currently receives the funding for them.



Outdoor Classroom



Our outdoor classroom, located on the school field, has recently been refurbished with new seating and tables. It is a fantastic learning space for our children and will be used on a regular basis, especially as the weather begins to warm up. We would like to thank the Wickham Beer Festival for their generous donation towards this project, which we received following a staff team helping out at the festival last year. We would also like to thank the Community Payback Team for their support carrying out external repairs and redecoration.

School Office

This week we said farewell to Mrs Wedderburn, who was successful in securing a promotion as an admin officer at a school in Havant. We would like to say a big thank you for her hard work and commitment throughout her six years here at Wickham. Her smiley face will be missed by all and we wish her all the best. We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Prince Hall will now be working full time in the school office, supporting both the school and our pre-school. We are also in the process of recruiting an additional part-time admin assistant to support the office at busy times.

Please be advised that the office opening hours are 8.15am – 4.15pm each day. If you need to report your child as absent you are able to use the absence line at any time.

Half Term Activities

We have been made aware of the following events and activities in the area over half term that your children might be interested in. There are also several holiday clubs in the area that will offer childcare over this period and we have attached their flyers to this newsletter.



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS WEEK

This February, Winchester City Council in partnership with ActiveMe 360 and Aquila Nuclear Engineering Ltd are providing dodgeball sessions in Wickham, Winnall, Highcliffe and Stanmore. Each day will be packed with fun games, different dodgeball activities, and a chance to make new friends!

To book a space use the following link:

<https://bookings.activeme360.co.uk/list>.



PLAYMAKERS

A Taste of Carnival

Free activity morning

Wickham Community Centre
Tue 14 February, 10am - 1pm

Experience the joy of Carnival with fun-filled music making, movement, creative writing and art drop-in workshops.

Free entry, including free lunch and refreshments.

Open to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.



I WANT MY HAT BACK TRILOGY

Following their hit digital series on Little Angel Theatre's YouTube channel, and a sold out run at their venue, lockdown sensations Ian Nicholson and Sam Wilde are back, showcasing their trademark cardboard design across the UK on the first ever tour of I Want My Hat Back Trilogy! Jon Klassen's beloved books, I Want My Hat Back, This is Not My Hat and We Found A Hat, have found a new life of their own LIVE on stage.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

The Nutshell Winchester

Ages 3-6

Thursday 16th February: 2pm & 4pm
Friday 17th February: 11am & 2pm

Tickets from £10 and Pay What You Can available

BOOK NOW: thenutshellwinchester.com/shows-and-events

I WANT MY HAT BACK

JON KLASSEN



Little Angel Theatre

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FOWPS Update

Volunteers from the FoWPs Committee met last night for an EGM. It was a very positive gathering!

Members were delighted to vote and support the upcoming refurbishment of the school library and agreed to allocate £5000 towards the project.

We said thank you to the outgoing Co-Chairs Danielle Gant and Natasha Gailer, who rejuvenated the committee last Summer. Another vote was placed to appoint two new Co-Chairs - Sarah Gullick and Sarah Guild now take the reigns as we plan events for the children in the next half of their school year.

‘Youth Club’

Following the closures of both the Wickham and Knowle youth clubs, we applied for funding from the Parish Council to establish our own provision, and were delighted to be awarded this. Our ‘club’ (soon to be named by the children) will be open to all children in Years 5 and 6 and will run on a Friday from 4.30pm until 6pm. There will be a range of activities on offer and the children will also be involved in preparing a meal, which they will sit down to enjoy together before heading home for the weekend. A letter with further details has been sent to parents of children in Years 5 and 6.

Dates for the Diary

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| 13 th - 17 th February | Half term |
| 22 nd & 23 rd February | Parents Evenings |
| 8 th March 5pm | Stubbington Information Meeting |
| 31 st March | INSET Day |
| 3 rd - 14 th April | Easter Holidays |
| 22 nd - 24 th May | Year 4 Residential to Stubbington |
| 17 th - 21 st July | Year 6 Residential to Avon Tyrell |