



Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy

"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new Headteacher of Wensley Fold Church of England Primary Academy. All the staff and children have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be joining your school community.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and to meet with Mrs Draper and pupils and staff. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Draper for her support in ensuring the transition to a new Headteacher was as smooth as possible.

My priority as Headteacher is to ensure that Wensley Fold continues to be an outstanding school. Not only do I want to get to know the pupils, staff and school community this term but to also ensure we are able to achieve the best outcomes for all our pupils and ensure they achieve their full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual development.

Within the context of Christian belief and practice, our school has developed a set of core values which will continue to underpin all the work we do. These values will have a huge impact as your child develops. They help to deepen your child's positive values and in doing so, help them consider the implications of their choices in relation to themselves, the communities from which they are part and the wider world.

I know how vital working in partnerships with parents really is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. I hope you will support our high expectations in all areas, especially in behaviour and achievement.

Shortly, I hope to hold a 'Meet the New Headteacher' meeting in order for me to gain a wider knowledge of the parent community. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D Simpson

WELCOME BACK

We hope that you all had a very pleasant Christmas and New Year holiday and that you had an enjoyable time with your children. On behalf of all the staff please can we thank everyone for their kind cards and Christmas gifts. As always, 2017 promises to be as busy as ever here at Wensley Fold and we look forward to working in partnership with you and your children in the forthcoming months.

YEAR 5 REINDEER/CANDLE SALE

Thank you to all the parents and staff who raised an amazing £260 for our nominated charity, The Free Project. A special thank you to both Mr Murphy and Mr Bond for all their help as well.

YEAR 6 SATS & HOMEWORK MEETING

All parents of children in Year 6 are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday 17 January at 2.45pm** to discuss the homework expectations and preparations for SATs. If any parent cannot come due to work commitments, Mrs Rae is happy to arrange another meeting after 5pm on another day – please advise Mrs Ghiwala as to which meeting you can attend. Thank you.

YEAR 1 POST OFFICE

As part of their topic on 'Who I am and Where I live', both Year 1 classes will be writing a postcard and posting it home from the post office next Tuesday and Thursday. Please can all children bring in 60p to buy a postage stamp and hand it to their class teacher by next Monday. Thank you.

CLUB EXHIBITION

Please note the club exhibition will take place next Thursday 19 January from 8.00am – 8.30am and at 3.20pm. The sign up for the Golden Tickets will take place next Wednesday 18 January at 3.20pm.

Please see below points you need to know about the club sign up: -

- You need to attend the Club Exhibition to sign your child up to any of the clubs.
- Raffle tickets will be issued at the office to determine your order in the queue. These must be selected **BEFORE** the sign up by picking a ticket out of the box at the office. Names will then be called out in order on the day. If you do not pick a raffle ticket you

will have to wait until all numbers have been called. **If you are not there when your number is called you will have to wait until the end.**

- Each child can attend a maximum of 3 clubs. Any clubs they have been personally chosen to attend do not count in this 3. If there are any spaces on clubs after the sign up children can sign up to additional ones then.
- **Priority has been given to all children who did not miss any Golden Time last term. They will receive a GOLDEN TICKET. They will also have to select a raffle ticket at the office.**
- Vouchers for the clubs **must** be bought before the club exhibition. Please make sure you buy your vouchers **before** the sign up as you will not be able to purchase them on Thursday morning.
- Parents can only register their own children onto the clubs; however Key stage 2 children can sign up for their own clubs.
- If you are signing up at the morning session please make sure you do not leave your child until the bell has gone for the start of the school.
- Some clubs are invite only. Children who have been selected for these clubs will receive a separate letter.
- We do not have waiting lists. A reserve list will be taken for 4 children only but will NOT be carried over to next term. If any child drops out of a club a phone call will be made to these children (only applies in the first three weeks).
- Children can only attend Let's Get Cooking, gymnastics and Messy Play **once** over the academic year.
- All children are expected to follow the club contract and any misbehaviour will result in them not being able to attend clubs and their place going to a child on the reserve list. All children will be asked to sign the contract during the first week of clubs.
- **Please note Tuesday sports clubs (girls' netball, and cross country) will be FREE. Children still need to sign up for this at the Club Exhibition but no voucher will be needed.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the Children's University Christmas Challenges please make sure you hand the evidence to the school office along with their passport.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY MUSEUM ACTIVITY

A letter has gone out today to Children's University members in Years 3 – 6 about an activity at Blackburn museum. Spaces are offered on a first come first serve basis.

MILK MONEY

Milk money of £4.00 is now due for the Spring Term for all infant children; however the Authority is currently participating in a scheme operated by the Welfare Food Reimbursement Unit whereby all Reception children will receive free milk up to the term in which they have their 5th birthday.

RECEPTION FUND

Please note £7 is now due for this half-term's Reception Fund. Please can all payments be paid into the school office. Thank you.

BOCCIA COMPETITION

A boccia competition will be held this Friday 13 January at QEGS. Children selected for the team have already received further details.

NETBALL COMPETITION

A netball competition will take place this Thursday 12 January at BRIC, Ewood Park. Children selected for the team have received further details.



YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Selected children in Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in an EFL Cup football competition at BRIC, Ewood Park next Monday 16 January. Children have been advised.

SWIMMING – YEARS 5 & 6

Swimming will resume this Friday 13 January. Thank you.



DICTIONARIES

Dictionaries are available to buy from school, age appropriate:

Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) £5

Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) £6

We encourage all children to have access to a dictionary for use when completing spelling and vocabulary work.



100 BOOKS READING CHALLENGE

If you would like to sign up for the 100 books reading challenge, registration forms are available from Mr Desai in the school library from Tuesday to Friday. Please note the library is open to specific year groups on certain days:



Tuesday	–	Reception classes
Wednesday	–	Year 1 classes
Thursday	–	Year 2 classes
Friday	–	Year 3 classes




The library is open to all other year groups during Golden Time (Friday 12pm – 12.45pm)

STORY TIME & RHYME TIME

Don't forget Story Time on Wednesdays at 2.50pm and Rhyme Time on Fridays at 8.50am, will start again this week in the school hall for parents of children in Reception class and also parents with younger siblings.



WENSLEY FOLD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY – DINNER MENU 11 Jan 17 – 17 Jan 17

<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Homemade Lamb Curry With Rice & Naan Bread</p> <p>Salad from the Cart</p> 	<p>Thursday</p> <p>Roast Chicken Breast With Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cauliflower</p> <p>Salad from the Cart</p> 	<p>Friday</p> <p>Homemade Meatballs in Tomato Sauce With Spaghetti & Carrots</p> <p>Salad from the Cart</p> 	<p>Monday</p> <p>Oven Baked Fish Fingers With Chips & Beans</p> <p>Salad from the Cart</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Homemade Chicken Curry With Rice</p> <p>Salad from the Cart</p>	<p>Healthy Grab 5 Meal</p> <p>Sandwich Baps with Assorted Vegetarian Fillings A Selection of Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Dried Fruit Cheese & Biscuits Breadsticks Homemade Muffins or Cookies Water, Milk or Fresh Fruit Juice</p> <p><u>Tickets can be purchased daily (except Mon)</u> <u>for those children who are not on school</u> <u>meal</u></p>	<p>Also Available Daily</p> <p>Baked Potatoes with Assorted Fillings Bread & Butter A Selection of Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Cheese & Biscuits</p> <p>Water, Milk or Fresh Fruit Juice</p>	