

Dear Parents & Carers

The children have all completed the first half term of the year in school and what a busy one it has been!

The children in Year R have settled really well into school life adjusting well to school routines and expectations. They have grown in confidence and their independence is growing in all aspects of school life. This could particularly be seen in their harvest assembly on Wednesday where they performed so well in front of an audience and some of the children even stood up on their own and spoke.



### **Year R Harvest Planting**

I really hope that you have all enjoyed the harvest assemblies this week. They have been a great opportunity to watch all the children in school performing songs and poems with enthusiasm and confidence. We feel it is really important for children to have the opportunity to perform to a live audience. I am very proud of them all as many children find standing up in front of an audience and singing or reciting a poem very daunting. The progress in confidence that can be seen from Year R to Year 2 is huge with a number of our Year 2 children reading a poem on their own. A big thank you to all school staff who have spent the time rehearsing with the children. The next time the children get the opportunity to do this will be the Christmas shows so make sure you save the date as I know you will all be in for a treat.

I hope that you all have a great half term holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school after the break.

Kind Regards



**Tina Lagdon – Head Teacher**



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### **Social Media**

Many of you recorded the harvest assemblies, can I please remind you that these should be just for you and your friends and family. We would kindly ask that these are not shared widely on social media. If they are shared we would ask you respectfully to blank out other children's faces as many parents do not want their child's face on social media. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Pupil Progress Meetings for Years 1 and 2**

Please sign up from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October with your child's class teacher, lists will be available at the door where you drop off/collect your child. We hope as many of you as possible make an appointment as this is an important meeting where your child's progress and their targets for the year are discussed.

### **Extended Services**

#### **Change to collection arrangements**

From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October (when school reopens after the half term holiday) children who attend after school club will be collected from the Year R classroom door. As it is dark earlier and the weather will start to get colder it will save the staff having to walk the children out to the main gates. Please can parents wait just inside the blue gates in the Year R outside play area.

### **Invoices**

Invoices for Term 2 are being uploaded today. If you have any queries, please kindly contact the School Office.

We would like to make you aware that Tuesday and Friday sessions for Term 2 are now fully booked.

### **Breakfast Club Staffing**

We are looking for staff who would be interested in working at our breakfast club on an ad hoc basis, this would be filling in for staff absence. Please contact the school office for more information.

### **Reporting your child's absence**

We would like to remind you how important it is to advise us if your child is going to be absent from school. The easiest way to do this is via the Studybugs app. You can download the app for free and report your child's absence this way: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents> Alternatively, please telephone or email the school office (before 9.30 am) each day your child is going to be absent.

### **YMCA Trinity Group - Mental Health Training**

There is a free Webinar on 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2023 at 7pm that might be of interest to some of you. You can register your place using the link below. If you have any questions you can get in touch by emailing [mentalhealthtraining@ymcatrinity.org.uk](mailto:mentalhealthtraining@ymcatrinity.org.uk)

**When:** Nov 1, 2023 19:00 – 20:00

**Q & A** – 20:00 – 20:30

**Topic:** What is your child telling you? Seeing beyond the behaviour

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xef5VIZvRPWt7ntnsind6A](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xef5VIZvRPWt7ntnsind6A)

### **National Online Safety**

We would like to remind you that the National Online Safety website has lots of posters and help guides for all the online platforms, as well as quick helpful video guides to help with some top tips for online safety for younger children in KS1.

As well as the website you can download an app from the Apple/Android Stores. As a member, school and our parents have free access to the site and all the resources, below is the link for you to register with National Online Safety:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/waynflete-infants-school>. This week we have attached a guide about what parents and carers need to know about “AE Sports FC 24”.

### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility and this is at the heart of everything we do within school. WIS is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All children have the right to be and feel safe. If you have any concerns about any child please contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads who are Mrs Lagdon and Mrs Watson.

### **Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Dodgeball - 3pm until 4.15 pm – Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing to change into)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>NO Strings Tuition this week</b>  Football Club (Year 2)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sharing Assembly for (Years 1 and 2) <b>9.00 am (Your child will bring home a letter if they are sharing)</b>

**PTFA NEWS****PTFA Update 20 October 2023**

Letters were sent home in book bags this week, including the Christmas Card order form as well as information about our Christmas Bazaar and a request for your donations in exchange for multi days each Friday in November. Hopefully you have all received them but do contact us if you need another copy.

A polite reminder that the deadline for ordering Christmas cards is **Friday 3rd November** (we will send a reminder out when we return after half term!)

Attached is a copy of our 'Countdown Calendar' as we head towards our Christmas Bazaar during November. It covers all the key dates and info you need but if you have any questions please get in touch.

Look out after half term as raffle tickets for our prize draw at the Christmas Bazaar will be sent home in book bags - for you to buy and also sell to friends and family. It promises to be a great prize draw with a top prize of £100!

We hope everyone has a lovely half term break - fingers crossed for some drier and sunnier weather!

