



Wookey Weekly News

Thursday 16th July 2020



Tomorrow we will be saying goodbye to an amazing group of children who will be moving on to The Blue School in September. I will be sad to say goodbye to them but I am excited for them as they begin the next stages of their journeys. I know that they will be ready for any challenges that they come across and I hope they take with them many happy memories of their time at Wookey. We will be saying a proper goodbye tomorrow in our leavers service, when I am sure there will be laughter as well as tears.

To our leavers, and to everyone, I wish you a peaceful and happy summer, and I look forward to seeing those of you who will be returning to Wookey in September. Although there will be a number of measures in place to guard against COVID-19, I am confident that the children will find things running pretty normally when they get into their classrooms for the start of the new academic year.

Please remember that September 3rd and 4th will be INSET days and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday September 7th.

Thank you for all your hard work and support in what has been a unique year!

Mr Marsh

Birthday Wishes

As usual at the end of the summer term we wish a very happy birthday to everyone who has a birthday during the summer holiday. Normally we would do this in a school assembly but sadly that hasn't been possible this year. We hope all of the children listed below have a great birthday!

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| Evan (18 th July) | Jayden (6 th August) | Isabelle (22 nd August) |
| Jaelan (22 nd July) | Leon (7 th August) | Toby (25 th August) |
| Joseph (24 th July) | Aurelia (9 th August) | |
| Beau (1 st August) | Leo (10 th August) | |
| Aneri (3 rd August) | Ruby (15 th August) | |

Guidance for Full Opening – Schools

We have updated our risk assessment for our full opening in September. To read it please click [here](#). In the risk assessment you will find details how we will manage the start and end of the school day to maintain social distancing and the integrity of our class bubbles. For your convenience here is the key information you will need.

| Drop off location | Group | Time |
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| School car park (children exit cars and go straight into classrooms) | Siblings arriving together (including those walking) | 8:50 – 9:00 |
| School Car park (children exit cars and go straight into classrooms) | Parents dropping off 1 child (including those walking) | 9:00 – 9:10 |
| Main road (Crossing patrol will be operating as usual) | Unaccompanied walkers | 8:50 – 9:00 |
| Castle Lane pedestrian gate (children to be collected from gate) | Wraparound Care | 7:45 – 8:00 |
| Castle Lane pedestrian gate (Children to be collected from gate) | Children who arrive late | 9:00 – 9:10 (siblings) 9:10 - 9:20 (other children) |

| Pick up location | Group | Time |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| School Car park | Siblings leaving together | 3:00 – 3:10 |
| School Car park | Parents picking up 1 child | 3:10 – 3:20 |
| Main road (Crossing patrol) | Unaccompanied walkers | 3:10 – 3:20 |

As we will have an increased number of children entering and leaving the site from the start of the new term we will need your support in ensuring that drop-off and pick-up sessions run smoothly, safely and quickly.

We will be asking pedestrians to wait on the path on Castle Lane, rather than in the school car park, until their allocated time for drop off, as this will help ensure social distancing and reduce the number of people waiting in the car park.

We will also be insisting that all parents stay in their cars whilst they are queueing in the car park until they reach the front of the queue, and that they leave the car park straight away to avoid delaying other parents. There must be absolutely no parking in the staff car park between 8:40 and 9:20am every day.

There will be lots of staff on duty at the start and end of the school day whilst we ensure that this new system is up and running effectively. We will also be sending out a reminder through Seesaw in the last couple of weeks of the summer holiday.

Shoes and PE Kits

We will be asking the children to come into school in September wearing school uniform but we will have two adaptations to our usual uniform policy. As we will be taking part in a daily 'active mile' session we would prefer that children wore trainers to school every day so that we do not have to spend time changing our shoes before we go out for a run. Secondly, on days when the children have P.E. we would ask that they come into school wearing their P.E. kits so that we do not have to use the changing rooms for an extended period of time. Class teachers will remind you of this in your welcome letters and we will send out a reminder through Seesaw of both of these adaptations before we return in September.



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