

Elder class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Autumn Term 2.

I hope you have all had a fantastic break and got lots of rest and relaxation (where possible). This newsletter is to remind you of some of the important dates and events coming up this term so that you can be fully prepared and informed. Don't forget to keep an eye on WEDUC for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Wygate Park and you can now follow us on Twitter using the Twitter handle @MrThomp24 to see some of the amazing things the children are doing in class.

Thank you, as always, for you continuing to support your children and the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Thompson

Important dates and information

Reading Books

We strongly recommend that the children read a minimum of three times a week to support their progression. This must be recorded in Reading Records. Any children who read at least three times will receive carrot points as a reward. Your child has been allocated a banded book and a book from the level above (to further push their reading) which must be brought in daily. Once your child has finished their book, they can place it in the book changing tray and we will change it for them.

Children also have access to Reading Eggs to further develop their reading – if you need the logins for this please let me know.

Attendance

The national average for attendance is 96%. This would equate to around 7 days off a year. If your child has a medical appointment, please make sure that you tell Mrs Warrington or Miss Norman in the office and show her your appointment card. Any queries, please do not hesitate to ask to speak to myself, Mrs. Warrington or Miss Norman.

P.E. kits

All children must bring a P.E. to school. P.E. this term will be on a Friday. We respectfully ask all parents and carers to check that their children have labels in their kit with their name on or that their name is written on the labels in fabric pen. If anyone has taken home the wrong kit by mistake, then please could they return it as soon as possible.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in every Wednesday. The homework is always explained to the children, however, if the children or parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me and I will be happy to run through the work. A copy of the Pick and Mix grid can also be found on the school website.

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Topic

Our Topic this term focuses on different sources of renewable energy, the children will be exploring the different types of renewable energy, how they work and the pros and cons of using each source. They will also be making their own solar cookers and exploring how they work.

Science

In Science this term, the children will be continuing to explore materials. They will be looking at dissolving, changes of state, rusting and reversible and irreversible changes.

Spelling Journal

Spellings are set every Monday and the weekly spelling quiz will be on the following Monday. The children will write their spelling scores in their spelling journal and will also be put on WEDUC for the children to practice at home.

Water Bottles

Children can bring water bottles into the classroom, however, please ensure that it is water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. Can you please ensure all children's water bottles are name so we can easily tell who they belong to.

Parent Pay

If you have any issues throughout the year with Parent Pay, please see Mrs Warrington or Miss Norman at the office. Regarding breakfast and after school club, you are required to book via Parent pay in advance.

Appointments

If you wish to speak to me, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Warrington or Miss Norman. I will be more than happy to meet with you and discuss any issues or problems that may arise.

Doors

To facilitate a safe arrival and departure of children and to avoid, wherever possible, the mixing of 'class bubbles' the school will need to continue with the staggered start and finish times of the school day. Therefore, the doors will open for Year 5 to start school between 9:10am and 9:20am and they will open for the children to finish school between 3:30pm and 3:40pm.

Any children with younger siblings can enter school at the same time as them (through the Elder class door not the sibling classroom door) and any children who are walking home MUST have given parental consent via the office.

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Weduc

Please keep an eye on Weduc as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. You will also need to sign the children up for breakfast and after school clubs using the app as well as any sports clubs that Elite Sports put on. If you have any issues/problems with accessing Weduc please see Mrs Warrington or Miss Norman in the office.

Twitter

The Elder class are now on Twitter. Like Weduc, we will post important information, notices, and letters as well as pictures to show off the amazing work the children do in class. If you want to follow us on Twitter, search for @MrThomp24 and click on the follow link.

Carrot rewards

Carrot rewards is now up and running throughout the school and the children are working incredibly hard to earn Carrot Points. If you haven't done so already – when the children log in for the first time, they will be a screen that asks for parental consent please could I ask that you add your details and give consent so your child can access Carrot Rewards and the shop features.

Any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Last day of term.

The last day of term is Friday 18th December with Spring term one starting on the 4th January.