

Wygate Park Academy



Parents' Newsletter—Autumn Term 2 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Wygate Park Academy. The announcement of another UK wide Lockdown was not the news that any of us wanted and the School understands the strain that this may have caused for our families and children. We continue to do all we can to support our families, whilst ensuring our Risk Assessment remains robust, in keeping our families and children safe on site. The School has successfully re-opened Breakfast Club and has increased the extra curricular club provision into KS1 and lengthened the time these clubs run from, to try and support families with wrap-around care. We understand that there is still pressure on many families to make these times whilst juggling work, which is why the School is currently reviewing the viability of re-opening After School Club. This process is very time consuming as I am sure you all appreciate, but we hope to have a plan in place before the end of term. The importance of maintain as much "normality" as possible for our children is at the heart of everything we have implemented in school, and we also hope to have the options of Swimming re-starting and Bikeability for our Y5 children, after Christmas as well. None of these things would be possible without the support and understanding of our families and as a School we would like to thank you for being flexible and adaptable in working with us and ensuring our Risk Assessment is being followed and making sure we continue to operate at 100% capacity.

Parents' Evenings were certainly very different this year but we were delighted that we were still able to talk to our families about the wonderful work your children have been doing this year so far - via phone calls remote video chat and some face to face meetings. The work behind the scenes to facilitate the remote video conferencing was a huge piece of work and I would like to thank the staff and Mr Oldfield, our MAT Chief Operating Officer and his team for making this possible. This platform will also ensure we are still able to effectively communicate and teach children if a bubble or groups need to self isolate in the future.

Despite all of the things we are able to do and re-open, there are still things which the current situation will not allow to happen and one of those events will be our Christmas Nativities. The School had already decided this year that the performances would be slightly different, in that the Y5&6 children would do a separate performance in the Summer Term and the Y3&4 children would hold a Christmas Carol Concert, whilst the Reception children and KS1 would continue to perform a Nativity. We still hope the Y5&6 show can happen, but we will not be able to invite parents in, as we would do normally to watch the Nativity performance. As much as this is a disappointment for us all, deep down we all know that under the circumstances it is the right decision given the current climate. BUT - as always the School has a plan that the "show must go on" and we will give more details around how we hope to achieve this in the coming weeks.

As a School Community, we have shown what can be achieved by working together and I hope that this will continue long after COVID-19 has gone, to ensure Wygate Park Academy continues to go from strength to strength for the benefit of our young people.

Thank you again.

Kind regards,

Dr C. Early

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The whole school community has had a big push on working together to make sure we reduce the number of jumpers, t-shirts etc. that get lost each week! Classrooms now have Cloakroom Monitors, and the children have been tasked with becoming more responsible for looking after their own belongings. Please help us to reduce the amount of lost property we have by making sure that ALL items of clothing are clearly named. If an item does go missing, do see your Class Teacher as soon as possible, as this will increase the chances of it being located!

PTA

Our Christmas Card Fundraising Project has now been launched! Thank you to those who have already placed orders. The online shop closes on 21st November so there is still time to order cards, gift labels & mugs. The children worked very hard to come up with a creative design and I'm sure you'll agree they are fantastic! All orders are greatly appreciated as the profit made from these sales will be donated to school.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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Dates For Your Diary

Friday 13th November - CHILDREN IN NEED (Non-Uniform Day)

Monday 16th November - Anti Bullying Week - ODD SOCK DAY

Monday 16th November - New Starters 2021 Open Day Appointments begin

WB: 30th November - CLUBS FINISH

Monday -	Multiskills Club (Y3) Indoor Sports Club (Y2)
Tuesday -	Multi-Skills Club (Y4) Indoor Sports (Y1)
Wednesday -	Multiskills Club (Y5) Indoor Sports Club (Y3)
Thursday -	Indoor Sports Club (Y4) Multiskills Club (Y1)
Friday -	Multiskills Club (Y6) Indoor Sports Club (Y5) Multiskills Club (Y2)

WB: Monday 14th December - YEAR GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES (details to be confirmed)

Friday 18th December - Last Day of Term (No Afterschool Club)