

Summer 2 Newsletter

Here we are already, in the final term of the year and the final term of Year 2 for our children. We hope that you've had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed spending time with your family in the glorious sunshine. We cannot believe how quickly this year has disappeared and that we are approaching the end of another year at Wygate Park Academy. The children have worked incredibly hard this year and we will be working on supporting the children both academically and emotionally as they get ready to transition into Year 3 and begin their journey in KS2. Our topic this term will continue to be 'Shipwrecked' and the children will be learning about famous explorers including Captain Cook, Joseph Banks and Matthew Flinders. We will be using our geographical knowledge to find out where they travelled and find out more about what they discovered! We will also be taking part in a Heritage Week this term where we will be looking at designing and making our own maps.

PE Kits and Uniform

PE lessons will take place every Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child's indoor and outdoor PE kit is in school every day and that it is clearly named in a PE bag. Children should not wear earrings for PE and long hair needs to be tied up. Please ensure earrings are removed on the morning of PE or your child can remove them themselves. PE will be outside where possible this term, so please ensure appropriate kit is in school. If it is raining or too cold, the children will be in the hall.

Could we ensure PE kit is in during the whole week where possible as we would like the children to take part in extra PE lessons throughout the Summer now that the weather is improving ☺

Please ensure your child comes in the correct school uniform and that it is all **clearly named!** A polite reminder that nail varnish needs to be removed for school and earrings must be plain studs.

Water bottles

Now that the weather is much warmer, it is even more important that the children have a named water bottle in school each day that contains plain water only. The children will have access to their water bottles at specific times throughout the day, to allow them to rehydrate. It is the children's responsibility to remember to take it home every day.

Homework and Spelling Journals

Homework will continue to be sent as a 'pic n mix' style with red boxes completed weekly, amber boxes completed at specific times and green boxes provide extra learning opportunities. Your child's homework book must be returned each Wednesday ready to be marked and handed out again on the Friday.

We will continue to send out weekly spellings on a Monday and they will continue to be sent out on Weduc for the time being, to limit the amount of books being sent home at this current time. Spelling journals will be used in school only until further notice. This year the children will have a weekly 'quiz' before recording their new spellings.

Attendance

As you are aware, a good level of attendance is essential for good progress in learning. It is very important that you contact the school office if your child is off school due to illness. Every school day counts!

Reading

Reading books will be changed regularly at school and the class teacher/TA will record this in the reading records. Please continue to support your child's reading at home and record any comments in your child's reading record. We ask that you support your child with reading at least 3 times per week and that the children begin to read independently for 10 minutes per night.

Go Read

As a school, we are trialling a new online platform called *Go Read*. This is an online reading record where you can record when you listen to your child read at home. Your child can also login and record when they read independently. Your child will be coming home with their logins during the coming days or they may already have received this in their book bags. Please ensure you are recording at least 3 times per week. As we enter the final term of Year 2, it is incredibly important for the children to begin building up their reading comprehension and stamina ready for their transition into Year 3.

Elite Clubs

A reminder that Elite Afterschool Sports Clubs will be continue this term. All clubs will be starting this week and will finish w/c 12th July. If your child attended the clubs last term they have automatically been given a space. Clubs finish at the usual time of 4.20pm.

Sun Cream

As the weather is getting warmer, you may wish to send your child with sun cream. Where possible, please apply sun cream in the morning before school and if you wish your child to have some with them to top up in school, they must be able to apply this themselves. Please send this in a named bottle as it will be the child's responsibility to look after it. We would also encourage sun hats to be brought into school this term.

We would like to thank you for your continued support. Please speak to Miss Smith or Mr Leggett if you have any worries, queries or concerns!