

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you managed to have a lovely break and got lots of chocolate and rest. This newsletter is to inform you of some of the important information, dates and events coming up this term so that you can be fully prepared.

Don't forget to keep an eye on WEDUC for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Wygate Park. You can now also follow us on Twitter using the Twitter handle @MrThomp24 to see some of the amazing work the children create in class. If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Thompson

Important dates and information

History and Geography

This term in Geography and History, the children will be looking at the legacy of Ancient Egypt. They will be focusing on Ancient Civilisation systems (writing, numbers, law, defence, roads, food, trade, water and supply), achievements, The Great Pyramids of Giza, The importance of the pyramids, Hatshepsut, the importance of the River Nile, Tutankhamun and the end of Ancient Egypt.

We are hoping to get an Ancient Egypt themed day (with dressing up included) booked in for the end of the topic so keep an eye on WEDUC and Twitter for updates.

Science

In Science, the children will be looking at the different states of matter. They will be investigating the properties of materials, melting and freezing and changing the speed of melting and the space occupied by gases. This is a very practical science topic and should be very enjoyable.

The last day of term

The last day of term is Friday 27th May.

Parental consent on Carrot rewards.

If you haven't done so already, please could you log into your child's Carrot rewards account and give consent (your name and an email address) so they can use it. Only after this has been done, will they be able to spend the Carrot points they are earning in class.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross in the office.

Go Read

Your child has been allocated 3 reading books. Instead of using reading records, we are now using a programme called Go Read to log reading activity. All reading at home should be logged on the Go Read app.

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Attendance

The national average for attendance is 96%. This would equate to around 7 days off a year. If your child is absent please inform the school office. If your child has a medical appointment please provide evidence of this to Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross in the school office.

P.E. kits

All children must bring and leave a P.E. kit in school. P.E. this term will be on a Monday, and we respectfully ask all parents and carers to check that their children's kit is fully labelled as this will avoid any mix up of kit and also helps us to find/return any kit that has been lost.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. The homework is always fully explained to the children and often recaps things they have been learning in class. The children will be sent home with a copy of the pick and mix grid which has the homework for the term on (this is also available on the school's website). If there are any issues or problems with the homework, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Spelling Journals

Spellings are set every Tuesday and the weekly spelling quiz will be on the following Tuesday. The children will write their spellings in their spelling journals to practice at home. As well as this, they have access to Spelling Shed which will have focused/targeted games and activities to further help the children with their weekly spellings.

Carrot reward points will be given to children who score full marks or make an improvement on the previous weeks score.

Times Tables

This year, there is going to be a huge focus on times tables. It is a government expectation that by the end of Year 4, all children should know their times tables and division facts up to and including 12 x 12. To support the children with their times table knowledge, they will be having focused lessons weekly to build up their times table knowledge.

They will also sit a times table quiz on a Friday morning to help identify the times tables they are finding tricky and then we can offer focused/targeted support to help them. The children also have access to TT Rockstars and Hit the Button at home which we urge them to use to further support their times table knowledge.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring water bottles into the school. However, please ensure that it contains water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. We also ask that all water bottles are named so the children can easily identify theirs.

Parent Pay

Wygate Park Academy is a cashless school. To support this, we use an app called Parent Pay to pay for a range of things in school (Breakfast/Afterschool club, Trips etc.). If you have any issues throughout the year with Parent Pay, please see Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross in the office.

Appointments

If you wish to discuss any problems/issues that arise, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross. I will be happy to meet with you and discuss any issues or problems that may arise.

Doors

The classroom doors will open at 8:40am and will close again promptly at 8:50am. Anyone arriving after that time will need to go to the office to be signed in. Doors will reopen again at 3:20pm for collection.

We also ask that people are mindful when parking their cars at busy times and be respectful to the local community and each other when parking in the car park. Where possible, we encourage our families to use other methods of getting to school, rather than cars, to ease congestion.

Weduc

Please keep an eye on Weduc as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. We will also post some of the amazing work the children have been doing in class and celebrate any of their successes through this platform. If you have any issues/problems with accessing Weduc please see Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross in the office.

Twitter

Pichon 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

Children can earn a range of certificates based on the amount of Carrot Reward points they earn. At the end of each term, the 10 highest earners in the school will win special certificates to celebrate their hard work. As well as this, Carrot Reward points can be spent in the online shop and the items the children buy will be brought down to the classroom by Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Cannon.