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Respect myself, school and the community
Enjoy and achieve safely

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A Note from the Head of School, Mrs Baines-Chambers:

I would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to the new academic year. I was very impressed with how smart all our children have been dressed and the positive attitudes that they have all returned with.

Thank you to all the parents / carers that have supported the homework projects during the summer - there have been some GREAT castles and cleverly designed T-Shirts to name a few.

I have some good news that I'd like to share... Wyndham has been awarded a 'Silver Primary Science Quality Mark'. Thank you to Mrs Bird, our science leader, and all the staff and pupils on working so scientifically and creatively to achieve this award.

Each year group will be holding a 'meet and greet' session over the coming weeks; this will give you the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out what your child will be learning about over the year. It is important that you attend these meetings as information will be given to you which will help you to support your child at home. If you are unable to attend, please speak to the class teacher to make another appointment.

A list of key dates will be sent home later this week. Please also look out for some 'coffee morning' dates. I'd love to see as many of you there as possible—this provides you with an opportunity to have your voice heard too and make Wyndham an even better school for our children.

New Assistant Heads of School

We welcome Miss Tammy Elward and Mr Paul Lowther to the Wyndham team. Miss Elward and Mr Lowther will be our new Assistant Head of School supporting the progress of all children and reinforcing the Wyndham Ethos across the school.

This week we are welcoming lots of new children into FS1, everyone has settled so well- we are so proud! We have been doing some activities to introduce ourselves and get to know each other such as; circle games, painting, arts and crafts, dressing up, singing and dancing. We are doing lots of learning jobs in our new environment and working towards our school expectations so that we are GREAT!

WOW!! In FS2 we are so proud of every single child who has started school with us last week! Every child has come to school with a massive smile on their face. We have been doing lots of getting to know you activities and the children are developing lovely relationships with one another. Thank you to all of the parents that have helped their child create their very own special brown bag - we have loved listening to the children as they have shared their important items and Summer memories with the class! It is not too late to still bring these in if you wish to :)

On Thursday 15th September we will be having our Parent's Talk at 2.30pm in the FS2 classrooms - here you will be receiving all the 'need to know' information about FS2 from Mrs Brentnall and Miss McCabe.

The children have loved getting stuck into the different areas of learning in our classrooms, especially our construction area! They have made lots of wonderful junk models using boxes, bottles and other bits and bobs. So that the children can continue to do this as they wish, we ask that if you have any used boxes etc. at home, could you please bring them into us so that they can be used for our learning!

Thank you for your support so far, the children have been superstars!!

As the new Year One teachers, Miss Gee and Miss Baines, we would like to say a warm welcome to all the parents and carers of the Year One children. We're looking forward to a fantastic, fun filled and exciting year of learning.

What an amazing start to Year One we have all had! This week we have been learning all about Princess Smarty-pants and have received a letter from the Queen asking us to search for a prince to marry her daughter. As a year group we've set out to find some potential suitors around school and have begun to describe Princess Smarty-pants perfect prince creating brilliant profiles featuring a few familiar faces!

Wow! What an exciting first few days we have had in Year Two. Mr Christie and Miss Syson have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in. We have lots of exciting things planned over the next six weeks, including a trip where we are going to go back in time... I wonder where we could be going?! Our Year 2 Fashion Show was a huge success, and the children strutted their stuff down the catwalk showcasing their celeb inspired t-shirts. They looked faaaaaabulous!

If you would like to see daily updates from the classroom, please follow our twitter page: [@WyndhamY2](#).

Year 3 have made a positive start to the term, settling in well and getting used to life on the junior side of school. Miss Brooker and Miss Harries are very impressed!

This half term, we are using the Stone Age Boy as our class book and will be exploring how people lived during the Stone Age to see whether life is similar now. We will even be hosting our own Stone Age day at school. To link with this, we will be looking and rocks in science, focusing on how fossils are made.

Just a reminder, our PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Children can bring their own PE kits if they wish but definitely need to bring some suitable PE shoes to wear. Miss Brooker's class will be going swimming every Monday morning and children need to make sure they bring their swimming clothes, a towel and a swimming hat (girls only).

We are excited to see all the wonderful work Year 3 will be producing this half term!

Miss Wareing and Mr Holden are really excited to welcome the children into Year 4. We have got lots of exciting learning ahead all focussed on our class book of 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. We are already planning the perfect heist to steal the golden eggs that the chickens have been laying and have even more exciting learning ahead. The children have settled in brilliantly and made Miss Wareing feel extremely welcome. She is really excited for her first year at Wyndham. We are both looking forward to the GREAT year ahead and if you have any questions or queries at any point feel free to come and find one of us. Remember to keep reading with your children to make them GREAT readers!!

We welcome back year 5 and hope everyone has had a memorable summer! We've got straight back into the swing of things by introducing our new topic which will be based around 'The Children of Winter,' an adventure based in Eyam during the black plague! This will also include an exciting trip to the actual village which is in the book! Whilst there, we'll be able to see some original buildings and maybe even the barn!! Homework will be sent home every week and children can be awarded Dojos upon completion. These will be Maths and English based challenges.

Mrs Garton, Miss Winfield, Mr Jones, Miss Hursey and Miss Walker have enjoyed welcoming our new Year 6s back to Wyndham and the children have been just as excited as the teachers to settle into their brand-new classrooms! Zone 6 (previously known as the Nest) is where our year 6s are now situated as Jesse Owens class (Mrs Garton) and Michael Jordan (Miss Winfield). It has been an exciting start to the year with all children ready and raring to go and we have been so impressed with their willingness to learn and do well. This half term we are reading a book called 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan about a boy who finds a wanted wallet in a trash site. We have been sorting through our very own 'trash' to find fossils and even tried to make our own which we will begin to excavate next week in our role as palaeontologists. Next week, we will be attending a motivational workshop with some other Year 6s from the Trust at Portland Spencer Academy which will stand us in good stead for the year ahead. We also have the residential which is quickly approaching! If you have not yet returned your child's consent form, please remember to do so as soon as possible. The trip is such a great way to develop team work, perseverance and trust among all the children. A meeting will be held to discuss details further on Friday (16th) from 2:30pm so please come along to find out more and have any questions answered.

Attendance

It was lovely to see so many children arriving back to school on time on Wednesday. Just a reminder that KSI and Foundation Stage children start at 8:55am and KS2 start at 8:50am. Please try and make any appointments you have after school time, if you do need to take your child out for an appointment then please bring along the appointment card as evidence of the appointment.

School Meals

We appreciate that many children are trying school meals with the free universal infant meals, however we have had many pupils picking and choosing which days they are staying for lunch and which they would like sandwiches. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that for catering purposes that we need pupils to stick to one option and only change at half term. Any changes need to be made in the office to ensure we have the most up to date information.

Food Intolerances

If your child has a food allergy or intolerance, please see the office so that we can ensure that we have the details on our system. With the increasing number of children taking up school meals currently, we need to ensure that we have our records up to date to prevent any issues and allow all children to stay safe.

Breakfast Club and WASP (Wyndham After School Provision)

Breakfast Club is continuing to run every morning from 8 a.m. until the start of the school day. For £1.00 per child, they have the choice of cereals, drinks, toast with different spreads. This is a drop in service. WASP is continuing each evening after school until 5.30 p.m. If you need to use this service then please see the school office to Pre-book the places needed so we can ensure that there is staffing available for the sessions. We also require pre payment for this as many sessions in the past have not been paid for which meant that the service made a loss.

If you have any questions about WASP then please pop in to talk with the school office in the mornings.

Dance Class for Parents

There will be a dance class for parents on Thursday mornings from 9.00 a.m.—10.00 a.m. at the cost of £1.00 per session. All gigglers and jigglers will be welcome!

Term dates for 2016 -2017

Wednesday 7 September 2016 – Friday 21 October 2016

Monday 31 October 2016 – Tuesday 20 December 2016

Wednesday 4 January 2017 – Friday 10 February 2017

Monday 20 February 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017

Monday 24 April 2017 – Friday 26 May 2017

Monday 5 June - Wednesday 26 July 2017

INSET Days

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December 2016

Friday 10th February 2017

Friday 28th April 2017

Friday 30th June 2017

School Clubs

Street dance club will be taking place on Thursday from 3.30 to 4.30 for years 3-6. Be great to see you there!

Primary Science Quality Mark Silver Award

We have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) Silver Award which celebrates the quality of our science learning experiences at Wyndham. This is a fantastic award for the school to have as it acknowledges our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning through which our children are developing a love for science and are becoming GREAT scientists which we are proud of.