



*Good to talk even better to listen*

*Respect myself, school and the community*

*Enjoy and achieve safely*

*Able to make mistakes and learn from them*

*Together we aim high*

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We have had a GRRRRREAT first week back at school learning about Pirates, we have loved our first book 'Pirates Love Underpants' so much that we are going to continue our learning with this next week! We have created our own pant treasure maps so that the Captain and his crew could find the booty! Next week we will be making our own eye patches and cutlasses.

In FS we have been celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday making crowns, biscuits, jam sandwiches and flags! Please remember next Thursday afternoon there will be a whole school street party to continue the celebrations, we are asking FS children to please bring in juice.

FS1 have been on their school outing to Sundown Adventure Park this week, they have all had an amazing time in the sunshine, they especially loved the water rapids!

What a GREAT start to our final term! This term we will be basing our learning around the story, "The Jolly Postman".

Mr Christie and Miss Baines have an exciting term planned, with a trip to Twycross Zoo and a Woodland Warrior adventure in the Wyndham Woods. Miss Baines is also so excited to be Oxford University's new teacher. She has heard lots of wonderful things about the children, and can't wait to start her journey at Wyndham with Oxford University.

As many parents are aware, this week the children will be sitting the phonics screening test with Mr Christie. This is a national test used to assess how successful your child is with regards to their phonics sounds, segmenting and blending. The tests will be taking place throughout the week, so please support your child at home by using the phonics packs sent home before May half term. These packs were created by Mr Christie to enable you to support your child with their sounds, blending and also recognising nonsense words.

Results of the test will be announced at a later date.

What a fantastic week back year two have had! This week we have been planning an adventurous expedition to Antarctica and learning lots of super facts. As well as this the children have all written fantastic mission statements stating the aims and key values to their trips! They were an excellent and exciting and read.

Year two are very excited about the sleepover on Friday 17th June and learning all about how to survive a night in school.

Year 3 are excited to share our first week of our last half term. We have been reading Diary of Wimpy Kid and learning about writing our own comical diary about ourselves. This week, we'll be learning about adding more humour to our writing to make our teachers LAUGH OUT LOUD!

We've be learning all about angles in maths and finding all the different angles in everyday objects and shapes we have drawn. This week, we're going to be learning about turns before we start our work on 2d shapes!

In other subjects, we're starting our own art project on Andy Warhol, learning about habitats in science and are going to be learning a new Swiss sport called Tchoukball in PE!

This half term we have a lot of exciting things to look forward to! On Friday 24th June, we are having our martial arts morning as it didn't go ahead last half term.

On Monday 4th July at 6.45pm, the children are invited to Landau Forte to take part in a music concert playing their violins and cellos. A letter will be sent out later this week. We have also planned a trip to the high ropes at Markeaton Park, we are waiting for the date to be confirmed but hope this will be on Friday 8th July.

We are also hoping to camp out on the school grounds on Friday 22nd July, however this can only happen if we can borrow tents from you for the night (if you have a tent that you are willing to let us borrow, please let us know so that we can confirm numbers).

We are really focusing on reading and homework this half-term, please ensure that this is completed and brought into school each week.

Our PE lessons are still on Mondays and Tuesdays, please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school for these days.

Our class book this half-term is *Matilda* by Roald Dahl, which is proving to be a real crowd-pleaser! Recently we've been creating a Facebook profile for Matilda Wormwood and learning about how to stay safe online.

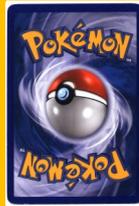
In arithmetic we've been practising our rapid recall of number facts and bonds, you can test your children at home to see the proof!

We've been looking at volume and imperial measurements in maths and have discovered Mr Adams is the only one old enough to remember ounces, pounds and pints! A gentle reminder to make sure your child is reading for 15 minutes every day, we've seen an increase in Reading Records but would love to see some more!

This half term, Year 6 are using a range of visual media to base their learning around. We kicked off this week with an extremely moving clip called 'The Piano' which looks at the memories of an ex-soldier from World War Two. The children have written some extremely emotive texts based on the clip using really thoughtful ideas. They should be extremely proud! They have also put themselves in the shoes of soldiers through imagining life in the trenches and what it would have been like. Furthermore, they even had a taste of wartime food by baking a wartime staple: carrot cookies! Yum!

Rehearsals for the Year 6 production are also underway! Details will be following shortly regarding performances and costumes.

There is still time to sponsor Mr Barker on his epic Land's End to John O Groats journey. Please speak to him for more details.



Pokemon/ Match Attax cards

Due to increased issues with cards being damaged, going missing and causing issues these cards are now not welcome in school. Any children with them will have them confiscated and parents will be asked to collect them. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

There have been issues recently with pushchairs and prams in the corridors at the beginning of the day. Where possible can parents let their children go into school independently rather than taking in pushchairs to prevent health and safety issues in the corridors. Where parents do need to go into school we would appreciate you leaving the pushchairs outside and carrying your child in.

#### French Day

On Tuesday 28th June we will be having our own Eurovision day! As the Euros have now kicked off, the morning activities will be focusing on the host country France but in the afternoon each class will have their own country to focus on.

We will end the day with an in school Eurovision song contest!

We are asking if children could please come to school dressed in red, white and blue to represent the French flag.

Attendance for the last half term was a fabulous 97%. With so many great things happening it is no wonder that children want to be in school each day enjoying everything that is happening around them. May we use this opportunity to remind parents that if their child has ANY sickness or diarrhoea then they need to have 48 hours clear before returning to school to help prevent bugs spreading.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is clear that the pupils continued their learning at home during the half term break. Can I also remind you that all children need to be reading for 15 minutes each night, this does not have to be their school reading book but can include magazines, newspapers and free choice books. For our younger pupils, it would be great if parents could read to them too during these 15 minute sessions.

This year we have decided to have an additional 'Parents Evening' in the Summer Term. These will take place on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July. The format of these meetings will be slightly different to the previous meeting that took place in the Autumn and Spring - we are asking our pupils to lead these meetings alongside the class teacher as we strongly believe in the 'voice of the pupil'.

During these evenings there will also be the opportunity for parents / carers to complete a parent view questionnaire; we reflect upon your feedback to ensure Wyndham continues to provide outstanding education!

Visitors to Wyndham - as you are aware, Wyndham is a National Support School. We continue to have many visitors to Wyndham and I am extremely grateful to the parents who have been kind enough to give their time to speak to them. We have a further two national events in the coming weeks that we are hosting which allows us to showcase the fantastic attitude of our pupils and the hard work of the staff.

Volunteers - if you have any spare time available and would like to volunteer in school, please see Mrs Hemmings.

Mrs Paula Baines-Chambers

Head of School