

# **WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **Newsletter**



**OCTOBER 2022**

*Children at the heart of all we do!*

**This Newsletter can be accessed on our School website:**

**[www.wilburyprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.wilburyprimaryschool.org.uk)**

Dear Parent/Carer

It's really lovely to see all the children settling back into school so well and particularly to see all the new children in Nursery and Reception classes in their new uniforms settling so well into Early Years. It was also lovely to see so many of our parents at the department meetings last week and we were able to share our successes with you. Remember to tell your friends and family about us!

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH:** Family homework has already been sent to you and we will be choosing some winners from each year group. We will then use the winning family homework's to create an in-school display to celebrate the work the children produce. There will also be many other activities in school during the month which I am sure your child will want to tell you about.

**ENERGY COSTS:** While we are currently all looking at ways to reduce our energy costs, we would ask you to please ensure your child comes to school dressed in layers of clothes to ensure they are kept warm on the coldest days. School fleeces are available and are particularly warm both at school and at home. Our energy budgets are constantly reviewed but are understandably under extreme pressure at the moment – please rest assured the school will be heated as necessary.

**FLU NASAL VACCINATIONS:** These will take place in school on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** for Reception to Year 6 children. Further information will be sent out to you nearer the time. It is so important – especially this winter – to offer the flu vaccination to your child. It is a simple nasal spray which is applied by qualified staff.

**SCHOOL STREETS:** Please be aware that our school will be included in the **SCHOOL STREETS** scheme this month – this means you cannot drive through Weir Hall Road at set times of the day when children are arriving and leaving the premises. **(08.30 – 9.15 am and 2.45 – 3.30 p.m.)**. Cameras will be operating and fines of up to £120 will be issued by the council. The area included from be between Wilbury Way and Lansbury Avenue – the road will not be blocked but the cameras will be recording. Please understand this is a council-run operation and has nothing to do with the school – we cannot enter into disputes regarding fines.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER:** The photographer will be here on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** to take the children photographs which will be returned to you in time for Christmas. We are planning to offer family groups again this year, so please let us know if you would prefer this or individual portraits.

**NUT ALLERGIES:** We are a healthy eating school and several of our children have severe nut allergies. Please **DO NOT** send any child into school with nut products (peanut butter, nutella etc) or chocolates or biscuits and cakes containing nuts in their lunch boxes. Even the smell of these products can cause an allergic reaction to another child sitting nearby.

**PANTO:** Please remember to book your child's **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN SUPERHEROES** ticket by 4<sup>th</sup> November as spaces are limited and once they are sold we will not be able to offer any more.

**INSET DAY:** Please note that **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** is an inset day and school will be closed to the children. This is the day before the half term break – so we will expect everyone back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.



## **Friends of Wilbury – Fundraising:**

**WINTER FAIR 2022 – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – details to follow**

### **Wilbury Community**

**School Uniform:** If your child has outgrown their uniform and it is still in good condition please donate this via the school office so that it can be 'rehomed'. Thank you.

**Felix Project** - food deliveries are every Tuesday. If you would like to receive some items, please contact Ms Hassan. PLEASE BE AWARE - The Felix Project collects fresh, nutritious food from suppliers that cannot be sold. Please visit <https://thefelixproject.org/about/our-story> for more information

- Further information will be added as soon as it is available

**NON-UNIFORM DAY: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – please bring a bottle of anything in for the Friends of Wilbury Winter Fair – either to the classteacher or take to the office. Please ensure their outfit is safe and comfortable to wear in school all day.

**WATER BOTTLES:** Please remember to send your child to school with a **plastic water** bottle showing their name. We have recently had a serious accident in school with a child and a metal bottle.

**BULGARIAN SURGERY:** Our Bulgarian family support worker will be available in the office each Thursday from 2.30 pm to assist any parents with any queries – no appointments needed.

**EARLY YEARS/Nursery:** It is not too late to apply for a place in our Nursery if your child was born between 01.09.2018 and 31.08.2019 – please ask at the office for further details or contact admissions on 020 83795501 or apply only at **[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)** We also have availability for 15 hour sessions in Terrific Twos for all eligible children. Please ask if you have any queries.

**ATTENDANCE:** We would like all parents to know that our target for school attendance remains at **96%**. Please report your child's absence from school before **9.30am** by telephoning 020 88075335 (**Select Option 1 for Attendance**) and advise us of the reason for your child's absence. It is very important that your report the reason for every absence so we can effectively manage infection control in the school. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

**SECONDARY TRANSFER 2023:** The online deadline for all applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October** – any received after this date will not be processed in the first round of allocations. If you need any assistance please contact Mrs Hassan as soon as possible but ensure that you attend all the open evenings of any schools you may be interested in. The timetable is online or available from the office.

### **PARENTS' EVENINGS – Autumn Term:**

- **Wednesday 2nd November – 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.**
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.**

Further information to follow near the time, but please put the dates in your diary.

**L. Wise (Mrs)**  
**Headteacher**

## DATES FOR YOUR OCTOBER DIARY:



OCTOBER:		
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 STARFISH Project commences Football league matches x 3 at Latymer School
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Fair
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 visit to the British Museum
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 visit to the Natural History Museum
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Netball League matches x 2 at Latymer School
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Hearing Re-tests only.
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>INSET DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>		

### BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Please register your child at the school if you would like to attend either club at any time. Please be aware that we cannot accept children in the clubs as emergency child care. Each child must be registered with all your contact details and given a regular place.

This is for health and safety as well as insurance reasons.

We need to be fully staffed for the group in the club. All places must be paid for in advance via parentpay.

The last day of the Autumn Term is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** when we close at **2.00 p.m.**

### School Closure Dates: 2022/2023:

#### INSET DAYS: (Staff training)

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**