

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2023

Children at the heart of all we do!

This Newsletter can be accessed on our School website:

www.wilburyprimaryschool.org.uk

Dear Parent/Carer

STRIKE ACTION IN SCHOOL: As we have already advised you, school will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday 1st February due to NEU strike action except for those children whose parents have already been notified. We will reopen as usual on **Thursday 2nd February** and all children are expected to attend as normal.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE: ROAD SAFETY & Parking in Wilbury Way/Weir Hall Road: Please remember that road safety is the responsibility of everyone and we must ensure all our children are safe at all times. Please remember to park sensibly outside our school for the safety of all our children and **DO NOT** stop on the mini roundabout to drop off your child as this is extremely dangerous. In consideration of our neighbours, please do not park across their driveways whether the car is there or not. If they have a dropped kerb you could be fined up to £250 if traffic wardens are in attendance and it is towed. **Please keep well away from the bus stop area as this is very dangerous for children boarding or leaving the buses.**

ENERGY COSTS: As the weather is still very cold, we would ask you to ensure your child comes to school dressed in layers of clothes to make sure they are kept warm on the coldest days. 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.

PARENTS' EVENINGS: Parents' evenings this term are:

- **Wednesday 22nd February** – 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.
- **Thursday 23rd February** – 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. (Year 6 from 2.00 pm)

Full details and information have been sent out to you.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2023: This year's event will take place on **Friday 3rd March** and it would be lovely if all pupils (and adults) dress up as their favourite book character. Please ensure the outfit is safe and comfortable to wear in school all day.



TERRIFIC TWOS – paid places: We are able to offer places in TWOS at £20 per session for parents who are not eligible for funding. This would be for five 3-hour sessions per week, mornings or afternoons during term time.

URGENT REQUEST: Several parents appear to have changed their email addresses recently – **please ensure you let us know right away as this is the method we will send all letters home to you.** Please also ensure you have left working telephone numbers with us for at least two separate contacts, as we are finding it more and more difficult to contact parents. Numbers seem to change regularly and we are unable to contact parents in an emergency. Please remember to delete any numbers no longer in use.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Later this term we are planning to hold a lockdown rehearsal with all classes – this is a just in case it is ever needed for example in the event of a gas leak or chemical spill on or outside of the premises. All children will take part and be asked to stay indoors/outdoors for the length of the lockdown (20mins) so please explain this to them so they are not alarmed. We will advise you when it has taken place.



Friends of Wilbury – Fundraising

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'.

Felix Project - food deliveries are every Tuesday. **If you would like to receive some items, please contact the school office.** 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

PHONES IN SCHOOL: Years 3 – 6 - Please remember that children are no longer permitted to bring smart phones into school. Please ensure any device you buy your child is **not** a smart phone.

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.

Please also be aware that we cannot accept birthday treats in school – parents need to hand these out at the end of the day to the class while parents are present. Even the smell of nut products can cause an allergic reaction to another child.

WATER BOTTLES: Please remember to send your child to school with a **plastic water** bottle showing their name and not the metal variety.

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: if you have not yet applied for a place in nursery for September, please do so by 10th February at the very latest. Applications via their website - www.eadmissions.org.uk

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.

L. Wise (Mrs)
Headteacher

SEVERE WEATHER: Please note that if we experience severe weather conditions you can access our website for the latest school information.

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In the unlikely event that we have to close, signs will be placed on the school gates – gates into Nursery/yellow gates/Wilbury Way stating 'School is closed today'.

Information on our website will be transmitted as soon after 7.00 a.m. as possible.

If school is closed then there will not be any staff in school to take phone calls.

We will also try to text as early as possible, so please ensure that you have given us your updated contact numbers. Obviously I hope this will not happen—if school is open, we do expect all children to attend as usual.

DATES FOR YOUR FEBRUARY DIARY:



FEBRUARY:		
Friday	3 rd	KS2U County Lines Assembly
Wednesday	8 th	Year 4 Breakfast Story Café Reception & Year 6 classes – heights and weights measurements
Thursday	9 th	Fluoride applications – 1 st session: N – Yr 1
Friday	10 th	9.00 Flu vaccine spray catch up session
Tuesday	21 st	League Football matches – Latymer School
Wednesday	22 nd	Parents Evening: 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.
Thursday	23 rd	Parents Evening: 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. Year 6: 2.00 – 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday	28 th	League Netball matches – Latymer School
HALF TERM: Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February		

SCHOOL STREETS: Please be aware that our school is part of the scheme - this means you cannot drive through Weir Hall Road between **08.30 – 9.15 am and 2.45 – 3.30 p.m.**). The area covered is between Wilbury Way/Lansbury Avenue. **Our address is also included in the ULEZ extended charging zone.**

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 Spring Term is **Friday 31st March** when we close at **2.00 p.m.** **School reopens on Monday 17th April.**

School Closure Dates: 2022/2023:

INSET DAYS: (Staff training)

- Thursday 1st September
- Friday 2nd September
- Friday 21st October
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- **Monday 5th June 2023**

Bank Holidays:

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023 (additional date)