

WILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



MARCH 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

NEU TEACHERS' STRIKE: As previously advised, this will take place tomorrow **Thursday 2nd March** and school will be partially **CLOSED** for the day. All children are expected to return on Friday 3rd March.

PARENTS EVENINGS: Thank you to everyone who attended our parents evenings last month. If you did not get a chance to meet please arrange an appointment as soon as you can – please speak to the classteacher after school to arrange this.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2023: Due to the teachers' strike on 2nd March, 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 or alternatively wear their pyjamas. Please ensure their outfit is safe and comfortable to wear in school all day.



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.**

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL – TURKEY & SYRIA: The Red Cross appeal for this Disaster has now closed – we have raised £1,085.91. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated. The total has now been forwarded to the Red Cross.

ENERGY COSTS - REMINDER: As the weather remains cold, please ensure your child comes to school dressed in layers of clothes to ensure 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.



COMIC RELIEF/RED NOSE DAY: Friday 17th March – children may wear red to school and pay £1 via parentpay for Comic Relief via parentpay (no football shirts please). We are unable to sell red noses this year as Comic Relief have changed their marketing policy and are not supplying them to schools. All funds raised will be forwarded directly to them.

ADVANCE NOTICE: 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 in doors/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. We have installed loud outdoor alarm sirens in our three playgrounds, which you may have heard being tested recently.

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



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



Downs Syndrome Awareness Day – Tuesday 21st March – we would once again like to raise awareness in school by wearing odd or colourful socks. Please encourage your child to take part and understand the reasons for this.

LATYMER SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: Thursday 27th April from 3.00 – 7.00 p.m. for current Year 5 pupils – for entry in September 2024 – please access Latymer's website for all their admission details.

ASHMOLE SCHOOL: Musical Aptitude Test 2023 for September 2024 entry: Full details of the process are outlined on the school website with access to an on-line application form - [Ashmole Academy/Musical Aptitude Test 2023](#) and the deadline to submit an 'on time' application is **Friday 26th May at 3.30pm.**

LOST PROPERTY: Lost property will be on display on **Tuesday 28th March**, in the Dining Hall from 3.15 p.m.—so if your child has lost an item of clothing in the past term, please come and have a look. All items will then be disposed of.
PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR CHLD'S CLOTHES ARE NAMED.

REMINDERS: SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES: Please remember we will be **CLOSED** on:

- Thursday 2nd March – NEU strike action
- Monday 1st May – Mayday bank holiday
- Monday 8th May – Kings Coronation Celebration Day
- Monday 5th June – INSET DAY – School closed

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 ALLEGIES: 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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR MARCH DIARY:



MARCH:		
Wednesday	1 st	League netball matches x 3 Latymer School (NEW DATE)
Thursday	2 nd	NEU strike day – school CLOSED
Friday	3 rd	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character
Monday	13 th	Science Week – across the school
Wednesday	15 th	League Football match – Latymer School (NEW DATE AWAITS CONFIRMATION)
Friday	17 th	RED NOSE DAY: Wear RED & Donate £1
Monday	20 th	Year 2 Choir Festival at Fleecefield School
Tuesday	28 th	Lost property display – dining hall from 3.15 pm League Netball match – Latymer School
LAST DAY OF TERM: Friday 31st March – School closes at 2.00 pm		

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.

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 – King's coronation celebration)