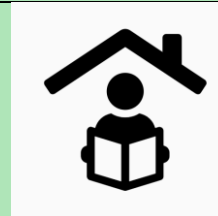




Newsletter Monday 9th September 2024



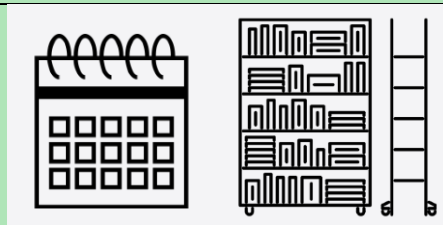
Beginning of term reminders...



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Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor, Katie Smith, will be in school the 11th and 25th September between 9.30am and 12.30pm.



**Dates for your diaries...
&
Local library opening times...**



Beginning of term reminders...

all our children to arrive at school to begin at 8.35am with the rest of their class so that they don't miss any valuable learning time.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that children should not arrive at school any earlier than 8.35am unless they are attending an 'Early Birds' session or Breakfast Club or unless an adult remains with them. This is because the playground is not supervised until 8.35am.

Registration

Just a reminder that our registration window is between 8.35am and 8.45am, with pupils arriving after that receiving a 'late mark' in the register.

The gates remain open until 8.45am, when they will be closed. Any children arriving later than 8.45am should sign in at the School Office at the front of the school, though we would encourage

Scooters, bikes and tricycles on the playground

In order to preserve everybody's toes, shins and knees, we ask all children (including toddlers) and adults to dismount from their scooters and bikes at the school gates.

PE

Class PE days are as follows:

Class	Age group	Class teacher	PE Day / Days
1	EYFS	Mrs Pugh	Mondays
2	Years 1&2	Mrs Giddings	Wednesdays & Thursdays
3	Years 2&3	Mrs Phillips	Wednesdays & Thursdays
4	Years 3&4	Miss Mitchell	Tuesdays & Fridays
5	Year 5&6	Mrs Ballester	Tuesdays & Fridays

Children are asked to come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days to maximise active learning time.

Please note that we will be teaching outdoor PE all year round and ensure that your child has a suitable waterproof jacket and footwear for outdoor PE in the colder, wetter months.

Healthy Snacks

All children in our Reception and Year 1&2 class are provided with a daily fruit snack, which is funded through the government's School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS).

However, pupils in Years 3-6 will need to bring their own snacks in for their mid-morning break. We encourage our KS2 children to bring in a healthy snack – for example: fruit, cereal bar, rice crackers or cheese. Like many schools, we ask them not to bring in chocolate, sweets or chocolate biscuits.

Class Information Letters

Class teachers will be sending out their class information letters at the end of this week. These letters contain important information about what the children will be learning over the course of the year and will also be made available on the school website.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, you can always contact them via the email addresses below and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Years 5&6 Koi Class - Mrs Ballester:

lballester@wyton.cambs.sch.uk

Years 3&4 Blue Tang Class - Miss Mitchell:

tmitchell@wyton.cambs.sch.uk

Year 2&3 Salmon Class – Mrs Phillips:

head@wyton.cambs.sch.uk

Years 1&2 Rainbow Fish Class - Mrs Giddings:

kgiddings@wyton.cambs.sch.uk

Angel Fish Reception Class:

lpugh@wyton.cambs.sch.uk



Katie is running a parent drop-in session plus 'Worry Workshop' this Wednesday 11th September from 9.30am – 12.30pm, followed by another parent drop-in on Wednesday 25th.

As you are probably aware from previous newsletters, Education Inclusion Family Advisors like Katie offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment.

These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

As your Education Inclusion Family Advisor, Katie can offer support in various ways:

- 1:1 sessions
- Workshops on specific topics
- Signposting to other services

For more information, please speak to the school office or contact Katie directly via email:

katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Click [here](#) to see a copy of Katie's September newsletter.



We will be sending homework booklets home next Monday for those parents and carers who would like to opt into our homework programme.

For all pupils, in all classes, we strongly encourage the following practice at home to consolidate their fluency and build confidence in English and maths:

1. Daily reading (for Years 2-6) or daily phonics pack practice (for our EYFS and Year 1 pupils)
2. Times Tables Rock Stars (for our Key Stage 2 pupils) or Numbots (for our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils) at least 3 times a week.
3. For pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, we offer a free app – Spelling Shed - aimed at helping children to practise their spellings in fun and engaging ways.

However, we also recognise that many parents and children would prefer a more substantial programme of homework and we therefore offer our optional additional homework packs, which are sent out each half term.

Our optional additional homework packs for each year group include:

- Lists of all the spellings to be covered in each year group for the half term (organised by week).
- Access to Doodle Maths and English, adaptive apps that provide more substantial practice in English and Maths, tailored to the child's current skill level.
- Additional activities to support the half term's Maths learning for each year group.
- Ideas for supporting children's reading at home.
- Ideas for projects and experiments in Science, History or Personal Development.

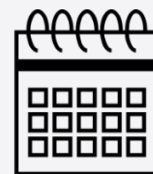
Pupils whose parents have opted into our optional additional homework provision will receive a homework folder with 3 components:

- 1) A parent information booklet – this booklet contains ideas for completing homework tasks and half termly spelling lists as well as exciting optional home learning projects and will be reissued every half term.
- 2) A pupil homework log – this booklet provides a place for pupils to record their reflections on their learning each week.
- 3) An exercise book (for optional use) – this exercise book is intended for pupils to use if they choose to complete a homework task on paper, rather than using an app.

Homework tasks can be completed on any day within the school week or at the weekend to fit in with busy family schedules and ideas on how children might complete these tasks are included in the new parent information booklet.

Homework booklets will be taken in on Monday mornings, marked by staff and then given back on a Monday at the end of school ready for the school week and there will be regular prizes and recognition for home learning records completed.

If you would like to sign your child up for our optional, additional homework provision for this term, please use [this link](#). The deadline for signing up for this term is Thursday at 3.15pm.



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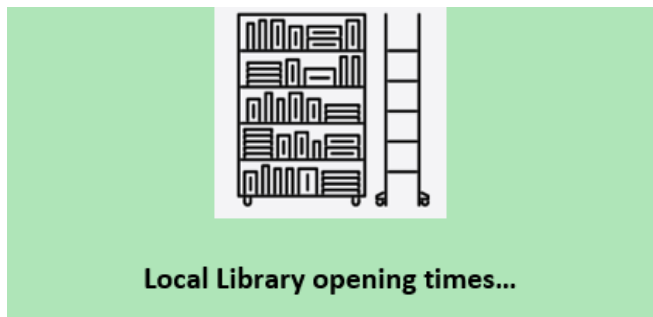
Our online calendar is the best way to keep up to date with upcoming school events. The link to our online calendar for parents is here: <https://teamup.com/ksqqu66iy6t7uiyt3>

School Events upcoming this half term:

- Mon 9th – Weds 11th September – Y5&6 Grafham residential trip
- Weds 11th September 9.30am – 12.30pm – Katie Smith in school to offer parenting support and advice
- Weds 2nd – Fri 4th October – Life Education Centre is visiting our school! (More information to follow)
- Tues 8th October – Individual & sibling photos
- Weds 23rd October 3.30pm – 4.45pm – End of half term 'Book Look'
- Fri 25th October - Last day of half term
- Mon 5th November – First day of Autumn half term 2

WSCA events upcoming this half term:

- Thurs 24th October – Halloween disco



Don't forget that our local libraries are open again this year (opening times below) and don't forget that the mobile library service stops at Wyton on the Hill, on the main road just outside the school on the 3rd Wednesday of every month between 3.05pm and 3.40pm.

For details on how to access the mobile library service, please use this link:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/mobile-libraries>

St Ives Library:

Opening time notes

Closed on bank holidays.

Opening times

Monday:	9.30am – 7pm
Tuesday:	9.30am – 5pm
Wednesday:	9.30am – 5pm
Thursday:	9.30am – 1pm
Friday:	9.30am – 5pm
Saturday:	9.30am – 4pm
Sunday:	Closed

Availability: All Year

For further information, including directions, please visit:
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/st-ives-library>

Huntingdon Library:

Opening time notes

Closed on bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year.

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Tuesday:	9.30am – 5pm
Wednesday:	9.30am – 7pm
Thursday:	9.30am – 1.30pm
Friday:	9.30am – 5pm
Saturday:	10am – 4pm
Sunday:	Closed

Availability: All Year

For further information, please visit:
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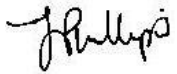
For further information about other local libraries, please follow this link:
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/your-library>

And finally...

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries, concerns or suggestions you may have regarding any aspect of school life. I am always happy to meet via telephone, Zoom or in

person – or you can always catch me on the
playground first thing every morning.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Phillips', written in a cursive style.

Jo Phillips (Head Teacher)