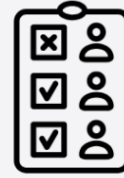




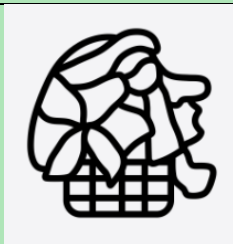
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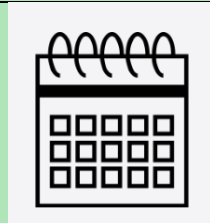
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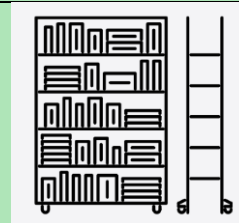
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We are delighted to have received the Eco-schools Green Flag award for the 3rd

consecutive year for the work our Rights Respecting and Eco-schools Council undertook on with classes on raising pupil awareness of environmental issues and encouraging pupil participation in planet friendly activities.

In particular, our assemblies and activities over the past year have focussed on learning all about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the way in which between they connect with the articles in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the import role education plays in the future of our planet.

We are already beginning to plan our projects for the coming year - watch this space for further information from our Rights Respecting and Eco-schools Council later in the term.



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As you will be aware from recent coverage in the national press and on social media, the government has introduced new statutory guidance for school on improving attendance.

The new guidance is underpinned by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which champions the right of all children to be educated and to spend recreation time with their peers in schools and is aimed at ensuring that all schools across the country respond fairly and consistently to school absences so that these rights are universally upheld.

Amongst other things, this new guidance removes the headteacher's discretion to authorise term-time leave of absence and introduces tougher penalties for parents who choose to take their children on holiday in term time.

There are also tougher legal responses for parents who allow patterns of absence to form around weekends, school holidays or minor ailments.

However, the guidance also makes clear the school's duty to support families who are experiencing genuine barriers to achieving good attendance and we welcome this, as our aim has always been to support parents and carers to secure the best possible outcomes for their children, both academically, socially and emotionally.

Our approach to implementing the new government guidance is outlined in our new Attendance Policy, which you can view [here](#) or on our school website and you can see the government's statutory guidance document [here](#).



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We are currently working with our children on being careful with our things, both our own items from home and those belonging to school.

In particular, we are asking children to take better care of their school uniform, packed lunchboxes, coats and water bottles as we have a small mountain of these left behind every day - often with no names attached.

As we have nowhere to store the vast amount of unnamed lost property we have accumulated, we will be setting out the lost property to be claimed or collected on the playground twice a half term - once in the middle and once at the end. If it is not claimed, we will be recycling items via a charity shop or recycling centre.

Weather permitting, we will be setting out lost property outside the middle classroom on the

playground this Wednesday and then on the last Wednesday of half term.



Don't forget that we are holding a 'Book Look' and meet the class teacher event for parents on Wednesday October 23rd.

Our next 'Meet the teacher' and 'Book Look' session has been booked for next **Wednesday, 23rd October from 3.30 - 4.45pm.**

As well as providing parents with the opportunity to meet informally with their child's class teacher this half term, this event offers an ideal opportunity for you to explore your child's classroom and look at your children's books / learning with your child, with class teachers on hand to answer any queries you may have about any aspect of school life this term.



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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/ksqppu66iy6t7uiyt3>

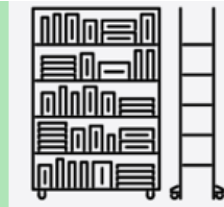
School Events upcoming this half term:

- Weds 2nd – Fri 4th October – Life Education Centre is visiting our school! (More information to follow)
- Tues 8th October – Individual & sibling photos
- Fri 18th Oct, (:15-12pm – Cool Choices workshop

- 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
- Thurs 14th Nov – Y5/6 Duxford trip
- Tues 19th Nov – Flu vaccinations
- Wed 20th Nov – Salmon/Blue Tang classes Cinema trip
- Wed 27th Nov, 3:15-4:30pm – Christmas Fair
- Tues 3rd Dec, 3:30-7pm – Parent Consultations
- Wed 4th Dec, 3:30-5pm – Parent Consultations
- Tues 10th Dec, 2pm – EYFS/KS1 Nativity
- Wed 11th Dec, 6pm – EYFS/KS1 Nativity (not incl. Pre-School)

WSCA events upcoming this half term:

- Fri 4th Oct, 7pm – Bingo
- Thurs 24th October – Halloween disco
- Fri 22nd Nov, 7-9pm – Christmas Craft Fair
- Thurs 12th Dec, 5:30-7pm – Chocolate Bingo
- Mon 16th Dec, 6pm – Community Christmas Carols



Local Library opening times...

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.

Opening times

Monday: 9.30am – 5pm
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:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/huntingdon-library-and-archives>

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.

Should you need to contact your child's class teacher, please email using the contact details 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

Best wishes,



Jo Phillips (Head Teacher)