



WAVENDON GATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Curriculum Update Autumn 1

It has been so lovely to see the children return this week, they have settled back into school really well. Each half term, I send out a curriculum update to keep you informed with improvements and changes to our curriculum. At Wavendon Gate School, we are committed to providing the best curriculum we can so refining and improving what we deliver to our pupils is part of our regular practise.

Wavendon Gate Way

Last year we introduced the children to our new behaviour curriculum, The Wavendon Gate Way and the children responded well to our new routines. This year we will be continuing to build upon this through our three behaviour principles of being:

Respectful

Responsible

Ready (to learn)

Mr Scott has delivered an assembly to remind pupils of actions they can take to support the principles which include remembering to say please and thank you, keeping your workspace and classroom tidy, and giving the speaker 100% of your attention to name a few. Class teachers and senior leaders will continue to celebrate and support children in following the Wavendon Gate Way.

Spelling curriculum

We will be focussing on developing our spelling curriculum across years 2-6 this year. Pupils in Foundation and year 1 learn their spellings through phonics lessons and pupils from year 2 onwards will now be using a curriculum from Spelling Shed which includes online games that the children can play to enhance their learning at home. Pupils will be bringing home their unique login details for Spelling Shed over the next few weeks.

Computing curriculum

We will be focussing on continuing to develop our computing curriculum across the school this year. Foundation children will have more opportunities to use technology to support their learning and there will be online safety units within every unit that are built upon throughout the year.

Trips and Visits

We have an exciting mixture of trips and visitors planned for this coming year. Year 3 will be visiting the Natural History Museum in Oxford and year 4 will be learning about the Romans at St Albans





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Cathedral in the coming weeks. We plan for pupils in years 1-6 to have at least two off site visits a year and pupils in Foundation embark on their first school trip in the summer term. Next half term, sees the return of M & M productions performing their annual pantomime in the school hall and I will share further details with you about this and other upcoming trips in the second half of the autumn term in my next update.

Parent Engagement opportunities

We hope that many of you are planning to come along to the Supporting Your Child meetings that start this week. This will be an opportunity to learn about the class routines and year group curriculum as well as meet your child's class teacher.

Our class performance assemblies for years 1-5 will be continuing this year and details will be sent home for each class nearer their performance dates. Pupils in Foundation and year 6 will have the nativity (Foundation) and end of year production (year 6) to display their performance skills. Class 3A will be the first to perform their class assembly on November 9th, details to follow.

Due to the success of last year's events, we will be hosting more parent workshops for reading and spelling later this term where you will have the opportunity to work alongside your child in class during an afternoon.

Our parent consultations will be taking place on the 17th and 19th October and will be online only. Our meetings in the spring term will be in-person. Further details will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

I have attached a list of all of the parental engagement opportunities for this term to help you to plan. We hope to see as many parents in attendance as possible!

Curriculum Newsletters

I have attached your child's curriculum newsletter for the half term which outlines the key knowledge they will be learning across all of their curriculum subjects.

We are so looking forward to teaching this half term's exciting and innovative curriculum and have lots of great learning ahead before the half term break.

Do not hesitate to contact me, via the school office, if you have any questions regarding our curriculum.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sheridan

Deputy Headteacher

