

Dear Parents and Friends



It has been lovely to have everyone back together for this half term and to see normality returning to our days and time together. The children have been very settled in school and have had a positive learning attitude and work ethic, they are enjoying being back with each other and seeing their friends.

We have welcomed some new children and their families to our school family over this half term, thank you for making them feel part of our school family.



This half term has been full of such lovely moments for all our children. School is buzzing. The children proudly talk about their learning and are really keen to share. Keep watch on our news feeds for the fantastic learning and opportunities our children have each week.

Website News / Facebook /Twitter These 3 platforms are linked together to allow one job of writing an article but it can be shared with different audiences. We are proud of our 'news' as it does provide a real insight to activities and learning in school. It is however an additional ask of the staff to complete it. We try and make the 'news' a weekly event but sometimes this is not possible. A huge thank you to all the staff whose updates go above and beyond! Please show your support in liking our news and writing us comments.



Young Voices A huge thank you to Mrs Swan and the staff who prepared and took the children to Young Voices last night. It was amazing! The children were a real credit to themselves and the school. They sang, danced and partied from the moment we arrived at the Arena and they were super sensible in listening to instructions and following adults amongst the sea of children! There were 9600 children involved in the concert and the arena had a full audience too! Well done everyone!



Queen's Jubilee



This week we have been celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. Each class have been finding out about the history of a decade of the Queen's reign - key events, music, games etc. We have made mood boards to share all we have found out. We have then learnt a song from the decade to share with the rest of the school in our Jubilee Celebration today. Preschool have joined us to finding out facts about the Queen and they have taught us an action song about the Queen. We thoroughly enjoyed our picnic altogether today on the field; dressing in red, white and blue; and sharing in our jubilee celebrations.

Children in Reception to Year 6 have received a book about the Queen from the church and school; all the children who attended our Jubilee Celebrations today have been given a special Jubilee badge.

We hope you thoroughly enjoy the Jubilee Celebrations over half term and send the Queen our very best wishes for this special occasion.



School Visits / Visitors

Now that we can return to visits and visitors, we are looking to plan some in again in the next school year. We have tried for this term but are hitting a number of barriers with rising costs and coach timings. There is a huge amount of work needed in planning for these visits and we know the children love them and they have huge educational worth in bringing learning alive. As a general figure day visits from school are around £20 a child; a 2 night residential is at least £200 and visitors into school from about £10 a child. We have had some fantastic visitors into school over the years for various topics. Whilst we ask for a voluntary contribution towards visits, we cannot go ahead without their costs being covered. We would like to know our families thoughts and have compiled a short survey to help us to plan but please understand that families will have differing views and situations on the subject. It can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/hFTgy9vbxHo2aVD9A>

PTA News A huge thank you to our PTA for continuing to think about ways we can raise money for school. The chocolate bingo night was a great success and enjoyed by the families who joined us. Thank you to the volunteers on the night and beforehand who help to make this event a great success. Their next event being organised is our summer event on Saturday 7th July.



All our parents and carers are automatically members of our PTA. To make events successful we need volunteers to help spread the workload, you don't need to commit to supporting the committee for the whole year but volunteers for particular events or projects would be much appreciated. The PTA's next meeting will be coming up after half term, please watch out for their news and follow their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wybunburydelvespta/>

Staffing News

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to some of our team at the end of this school year as they move onto new challenges in their careers. Tara has led our Preschool for many years. Most of you have worked with her as your child has made their first steps in our school community. She is taking on a new challenge. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the years and wish her all the very best in her new role.

Mrs Swan has also been a part of our school community for a good while, she has led our choir and taught many of our children. She is extending her time at the other school she works at and unfortunately that means she needs to leave us. We wish her all the very best!

Tara and Mrs Swan are both very much a part of our Wybunbury family and we look forward to finding out how they get on in their new roles!

During the last few weeks we have been working on our staffing structure for 2022-2023. There are a very few changes to our current structure.

2022-2022	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Preschool	VACANCY (Supervisor) Libby Isaac (Deputy Supervisor)	
Reception	Mrs Ward	Mrs Wainwright
Year 1	Miss Haynes	Mrs Van-Russelt Miss Critchley
Year 2	Mr Dale	Mrs Parker Mrs Cross
Year 3	Miss Holliwel	Miss Holland
Year 4	Miss Welch and Mrs Pointon	Mrs Samms
Year 5	Miss Pennance	Mrs Whittingham
Year 6	Mrs Burns	
PPA	Mrs Jenkins Miss Holland	

1:1 TA work will be provided by Miss Greatbanks and Mrs Dunn; we are currently advertising for an additional TA in Upper KS2.

Miss McCurrie will continue with her maternity leave in the autumn term

Mrs Burns will continue as our Assistant Head in Miss McCurrie's absence

Miss Welch is our SENDco.

Mrs Chesters is currently our designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and Mrs Burns is the deputy. Miss McCurrie will return to the DSL role.

Transition activities (current Rec-Y5) Staff are already considering transition both for the whole class and on an individual basis. We have planned a transition morning in which the children will spend time in their new classroom and with their next teacher. Extended transition activities will take place for some and the teachers will be popping in to see their new children over the remainder of the term. All classes will move classrooms except the current Y3 who will stay in that classroom for Y4.

Our New Reception Starters – we will be welcoming a new class to Reception in September. They have already received a welcome letter from school and the new starter sessions have been sent out to the families. Mrs Ward has spoken with our new school families and has made arrangements to visit the children in their current nursery. The children coming through from Preschool will be given opportunities to meet Mrs Ward too. We do look forward to welcoming you all into our Wybunbury Delves family.

Year 6 transition to high school – our Year 6 children are getting ready to move onto their next step of their learning journey at high school. Their schools have all been in touch and are planning their transition sessions.

Have a lovely half term break! Let's hope the sun does shine and we can all enjoy family together.

School Calendar – this has been updated on the website for next half term's dates.

We wish everyone a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 6th June.

Best wishes,

Mrs Chesters and the Wybunbury Delves Team.