



Dear Parents and Friends

This school year has really flown by! It is hard to believe we are breaking up for the summer half term and nearly at the end of year! 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.

Our newsfeed gives a wonderful insight into the world of everything Wybunbury Delves! Please check in with it regularly to find out about your child's learning and other enrichment opportunities school provides. Our news feeds directly into our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please acknowledge your read of the news with a like or comment! Questions cannot be answered directly off our Facebook or Twitter feeds so please direct these by email to the office.



Year 6 have completed their SATS tests – we are very proud of their attitude, determination and resilience in completing these assessments. A huge thank you to Mrs Burns and Mrs Whittingham for leading and guiding their way throughout the year – I know they are super proud of you all; also to Miss Holland and Mrs Whittingham for running SATS toast club – it has been a huge success and proved to be a great settling down event. I would also like to thank the whole Wybunbury Delves team – Year 6 assessment is not just about their final year with us but their whole journey through school. This journey is like a relay race with the baton being handed over each year and the 'middle legs' of the race providing the engine room for the final anchor – the race to the finish at the end of Year 6. THANK YOU to all our Wybunbury Delves staff whose dedication to this job goes the extra-mile!

Staffing The relay baton is not far from the next hand over and I know you are keen to find out who will be your child's class teacher next year. We are not planning any big changes to the current staffing structure but Mr Dale and Miss Haynes are swapping over as class teachers for Year 1 and Year 2. This means Miss Haynes will take her class through to Year 2.



We say goodbye to Beth, our Preschool deputy, at the end of this half term. Although Beth has not been with us long she has very much become a part of the Wybunbury family, I know our preschool children will miss her and we thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new job.

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. We will have a drop in after school session at the very end of term for the children to show you their new classroom.



Our New Reception Starters – we will be welcoming a new class of 30 children 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 is making arrangements to visit the children in their current nursery. The children coming through from Preschool will be given opportunities to meet Mrs Ward too, she has already been in a few times. 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.

Calendar – On our website calendar you can find all the dates for things until the end of term, this is always the most up to date list as things can change from time to time. On there you will find sports day dates and times It can be found at: <https://www.wybunburydelves.co.uk/calendar.html>

Governor news – Our dedicated team of governors meet every half term. It is an important role supporting and challenging our school leadership to ensure we are continually striving to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children. We have 2 vacancies on our local governing board for Foundation Governors. Foundation governors are specifically appointed in church schools and academies for the purpose of ensuring that the 'religious character, is preserved and developed' and so for those who are to be appointed as a foundation governor, you will also need a nomination form signed by your minister or other church officer to confirm your church commitment. The role of the governor has transformed in recent years, with the need for governors to volunteer their time to consistently provide challenge and support to school leaders. If anyone is interested in becoming a Foundation Governor, or you know of anyone who has the time, commitment, skills and passion to help Wybunbury Delves, please contact Kate Hughes:

businessmanager@wybunburydelves.co.uk for further information and nomination form. This role does not have to be a parent role, please consider if you know of someone in your family or the wider community who you think would enjoy this rewarding role.



CDAT News – Our Academy Trust has grown – there are now 13 schools in our CDAT family. The Trust is a diverse mix of schools from across the whole of the Chester Diocese but we all share a common heart of being firmly rooted in Christian values and putting our children at the front of all we do. Year 4 have joined an Ethos conference across CDAT and the Diocese on Thursday this week. This has been based on the beautiful book – ‘The Biggest Story’ and has allowed all the children involved to complete activities around some of the eight ‘Understanding Christianity’ key concepts.



Budget – As at home, the cost of living crisis is impacting our school, we are seeing all our costs rising and like many schools we are finding we are having to make tough decisions about savings. As a school we are not full and smaller class sizes does impact on our budget as after a lump sum the rest of our budget comes from the number of children on the main school roll.

Anyone who falls within the lower income bracket, even for a short while, can help the budget by applying for free school meals and/or pupil premium, which really benefits both parents and school.

Free School Meals - Parents encouraged to check their eligibility for free school meals and support their school Cheshire East Council is raising awareness of the eligibility for free school meals and the pupil premium that comes with this. For every child registered for free school meals their school receives a pupil premium. If you qualify for Free School Meals (FSM), regardless of whether you are in Reception, KS1 or KS2, there are benefits to be had both to yourselves and to school. Even if you find yourselves in a temporary situation of low income and at that point meet the Free School Meal criteria, school receives Pupil Premium for the period of receiving FSM and for 6 years afterwards. It is completely confidential if you do qualify. School can use Pupil Premium towards visits/visitors/part payment towards residential – you will have noticed this option on letters and ParentPay. It is only available to those which qualify. Pupil Premium is used in school to further resources and staffing, it cannot be used to subsidise OOSC. Cheshire East website has further information of this very simple process of applying for FSM.



Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the [Household Support Fund](#). You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)



Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help. Or access the Cheshire East website:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Income related free school meals also means your family could receive Household Support Fund supermarket vouchers for school holidays and access the HAF holiday clubs across Cheshire East. More details and how you book places can be found on their website: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/holiday-activity-fund.aspx> The next voucher rollout will take place in advance of the summer school holidays, with an estimated distribution during the first 2 weeks of July 2023. Cheshire East ask you note that eligible children and family groups are still receiving the same amount of financial support over the 12-month period – that of £160.00 worth of supermarket vouchers, it is just that the timings have changed.

School Safety: The gates are locked between 9:10am and 3.10pm each day to ensure children's safety. Please use the main front door and report to the office if you need to come into school during the day.

- No dogs or smoking or vaping on the school site please.
- Dogs should not be left unattended on our school boundary or by the gates. Please respect that not all our community are ok with dogs and that even the friendliest of dogs can respond in an unfriendly manner if stressed, surrounded or left alone.
- The School cannot be held responsible for children playing on the playground equipment before or after school. Please ensure that your children are supervised and with you at all times. Please ensure they do not access play equipment before and after school.
- Please do not play with balls which may have been left outside in these times, we have babies and toddlers on site who can easily be injured.
- Please ensure all children are respectful of our school grounds and equipment at all times.



3:35pm We ask that all families have left the school grounds by this time, the gates will be locked at this time. This allows OOSC and after school clubs to use our facilities and everyone on site is accounted for.

Sun Safety: Now that summer has arrived please ensure your child is prepared for the warm weather, remembering that the UV risk can be high even on cloudier, cooler days. We ask that long-lasting high factor sun cream is applied BEFORE school each day and that children come to school with named sun hats, sunglasses and water bottles – these can be refilled from the troughs on the playground. Please note water bottles should contain only water and have a sports cap on them. Children will be encouraged to seek shade and drink water throughout the day.

Car Park: Please ensure you park responsibly with thought to others. Our road is narrow and dangerous. Our car park is for use at your own risk, We ask that you do not queue down the car park waiting for the gates to open, please use the spaces available. Our car park extension gates open at 3.10pm in the afternoon. We cannot open the gates any earlier due to the children being on the field for lessons. Please do not park on the single yellow line unless you are displaying a Blue Badge as the yellow line indicates parking restrictions. PC Nick regularly checks our parking situation. We would encourage families to park in the village and walk up the hill to school.

PTA News A huge thank you to our PTA for continuing to think about ways we can raise money for school. The Marathon Madness event was enjoyed by us all and sponsorship totalled a whopping £1140.90!! That's £570.45 to Team Lewis and £570.45 towards some awesome new PE equipment. The PTA are busy planning their next big event for the summer half term and they will be at Wybunbury Fig Pie Wakes on Saturday 10th June. 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/>

Attendance: It is expected that your child is in school every day and our attendance target is 96%. This means your child would have missed 7 days of school across the year – which is significant. Anything less than 96% will impact on your child – not only their learning but their friendships and wider development.

All schools are been asked to ensure daily attendance is as high as possible. The government are asking all schools to join an Attendance Hub for next school year, these hubs have the remit to drive improvement in tackling school absence.

We ask that medical appointments are, as far as possible, made outside of school hours. If they cannot be arranged at this time, please provide school with a copy of the medical appointment letter for our records. If you take a sibling out of school to attend their brother/sister's appointment, this is an unauthorised absence as the appointment does not relate to them and should only happen if you genuinely have no alternative. This also relates to appointments for the parent, we cannot authorise a child's attendance as it is not their appointment. Sometimes when your child is ill it is difficult to decide whether or not to send your child into school, the NHS have produced this useful guide.



Attendance Ladder



When should my child return to school?



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| Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over | Conjunctivitis None* | Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode | Glandular Fever None* | Hand, foot & mouth None* | Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics |
| Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash | Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling | Scabies After first treatment | Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics | Slapped Cheek None* | Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics |
| Flu Until recovered | Head Lice None* | Threadworms None* | Tonsillitis None* | | |

Fixed Penalty Notices apply to all types of unauthorised absence, not just those accrued through holidays in term time, other unauthorised absences count too. Holidays within term time cannot be authorised by school.

If 10 or more unauthorised absences (1 absence = ½ day) are accrued over two consecutive terms then school will consult the LA on the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice. The cost of which is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days increasing to £120 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days - if remains unpaid, will be processed to Court for prosecution. These Fixed Penalty Notices have been introduced as part of the government's drive to improve attendance. Please see our attendance policy on the website.

School Payments

We thank families for keeping on top of any monies owed to school through using ParentPay. Our extended school services are run as businesses outside of the school budget. They have to meet their running costs and any profit is used to enhance the services and school resources. We have to monitor non-payment of services and take action if outstanding payments reach a threshold. This will be defined as:

- £25 per child for school dinners debt or
- £75 per child for OOSC or
- Preschool invoice not paid within 4 weeks or
- Total debts to school services (Dinners/OOSC/Preschool) exceed £100 per child

Once the threshold has been reached, school will contact you regarding the outstanding payment.

Non-payment towards services used could lead to the use of them being withdrawn for your child.



Please can you check your ParentPay accounts and settle any outstanding payments in readiness for the new half term. Thank you.



We wish everyone a lovely half term, hope the sun continues to shine and everyone enjoys some lovely family time.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th June.

Best wishes,

Mrs Chesters and the Wybunbury Delves Team.



Term Dates for 2022/2023

These dates follow the Cheshire East pattern of holiday dates, they do not necessarily match the dates of other local school who may have made different decisions about their holidays.

| Holiday Period | Date of Closing | Date of Re-Opening |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Summer Half Term 2023 | Friday 26th May 2023 | Monday 5th June 2023 |
| Summer 2023 | Thursday 20th July 2023 | -- |

Inset Days 22/23 (already included in calendar above):

- Friday 21st July

Term Dates for 2023-2024 - INSET DAYS (Included)

| Holiday Period | Date of Closing | Date of Re-Opening |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Summer 2023 | Thursday 20th July 2023 | Monday 4th September 2023 |
| Autumn Half Term 2023 | Friday 20th October 2023 | Monday 30th October 2023 |
| Christmas 2023/2024 | Friday 22nd December 2023 | Monday 8th January 2024 |
| Spring Half Term 2024 | Thursday 15th February 2024 | Monday 26th February 2024 |
| Easter 2024 | Thursday 28th March 2024 | Monday 15th April 2024 |
| May Day 2024 | Friday 3rd May 2024 | Tuesday 7th May 2024 |
| Summer Half Term 2024 | Friday 24th May 2024 | Monday 3rd June 2024 |
| Summer 2024 | Friday 19th July 2024 | |

- Friday 1st September
- Friday 16th February
- Monday 22nd July
- Tuesday 23rd July
- 1 further INSET to be confirmed

Matthew 5: 16 'Let your Light SHINE'