

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends.

We will soon be at the end of another busy school year, the weeks have flown by and so many memories have been made. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and engagement in school across the year – it is truly amazing how the partnership team of home, school and our community supports the growth of every child, not only academically but the whole child. We all want our children to love life, be happy, safe and at Wybunbury Delves all of this is summed up by one of our school aims – **Help Every Child to Shine**. We truly



believe Wybunbury is a very special place and we feel hugely privileged to share in your child's learning journey. Thank you to everyone who has a part to play in this – parents, grandparents, children, staff, governors, our CDAT family and volunteers.



At Wybunbury we aim to **Light the SPARK for a Love of Learning and of Life**. So much goes into developing our children. It is a constant and fragile balance to encourage new learning in the right way. Thank you to ALL our staff (teaching and support staff) for their dedication, for the long hours they give and for seeing each child as a person. It is a delight to see our children sharing all their learning and the joy of being together and enjoyment of being with their friends.



As we close for summer we will be **saying goodbye to some of our Leading Lights**.

- Firstly our Year 6 children – you have been FANTASTIC! Great buddies to Reception, role models around school, dedicated to your learning. We wish you all the very best as you take the next steps on your learning journey at high school. You are all much more than the score of those snap-shots back in May but your results reflect your hard work and commitment – be very proud! Remember you carry that light in each and every one of you, let it shine brilliantly in all that you do!
 - A few of our children are moving house and schools – we wish you the very best in your next steps on your learning journeys, it has been a pleasure to share in your journey so far.
 - Mrs Jenkins is leaving us for a change in job. She has been a part of our school family for many years in a number of different roles. We wish her all the very best and say a huge THANK YOU for all her hard work and dedication.
- Miss Tripp and Miss Piggott are leaving our TA team. Miss Tripp will be starting teacher training at Chester and Miss Piggott has a new job. We have enjoyed having you as part of our family over the past 12 months and wish you both all the very best for the future.
- Libby has been thoroughly enjoying being a new mum, little Kittie is growing fast. It was a pleasure to see them both at Preschool Sports day last week. As her maternity leave is coming to an end soon, Libby has taken the decision to leave our staff team so she can continue to enjoy being a mum.
- Miss Malcolm and Miss Piotrowicz have been with us for the Autumn and Summer terms as part of their teacher training, they have been working with Year 2 and Year 5. They are now completing the final elements of their courses and will be starting their teaching careers from September. Thank you for all your work at Wybunbury and we wish you both the very best.
- Sports Coaching Group are leaving us – we thank Hayley and Cerys in particular for their hard work.





- We wish all our leavers – both children and staff – the best of luck, we will miss you all and remember - you are always part of the Wybunbury Delves family.

In other staff news Anna Lloyd will be joining our Preschool team from September as our new deputy supervisor, she has been into school a few times and we look forward to properly welcoming her to our team.

Your child's **annual report** will come home on Friday 14th July, along with a copy of their attendance certificate and any statutory data if this applies to them. All of the Government's statutory assessments have once again taken place this year, this includes:

End of Reception – Good Level of Development (GLD); this is included within your child's report.

Year1 Phonics Screener – this took place in June and the results are on a separate sheet within your child's report. **Year2 End of Key 1 Assessments** - these took place in May and the results are on a separate sheet within your child's report. Whilst Year 2 do complete SATS tests these are used to inform Teacher Assessment.

Year4 Multiplication Table Check (MTC) – this online check took place in June, the results are included in your child's report as a mark out of 25, there is no pass mark. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that next steps can be planned for.

Year6 SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests) – these took place in May and the results are included as a separate sheet with your child's report. Writing and Science are assessment by teacher assessment rather than a test.



Our **Summer Lights Festival** took place last Friday night – it was a lovely event, enjoyed by all, a true family summer evening. Thank you to everyone who brought along extended family and to all those who helped with the preparation and by volunteering their services during the afternoon and evening. A huge thank you to our **PTA committee** who have worked tirelessly in the mammoth task of organising this event. There are many

volunteers who are needed to run the event - before, during and after – we cannot run events without this army of volunteer helpers – a huge thank you to each and every one of them! Our core PTA officers lead the way and our special thanks go to Carla Abbot, Lindsey Kelly, Jenny Sykes and Sophie Castelain-Mazingarbe. A big thank you to Frog North whose live music kept us entertained. A brilliant night and a great total for fundraising! Well done to all involved! We look forward to next years events!

We have had a busy term for **Sport** – a big thank you to Mr Dale and Mrs Jenkins. We have participated in lots of events including Town Sports, Y1Y2 Cricket, Y3Y4 Football, Swimming Gala, Weightlifting, CDAT athletics to name just a few. We had medals and trophies from the Swimming and weightlifting. During sports week we had lots of visitors - Mr Levins, Mr Barker, Mr Broughton, Mrs Cocks and Harry from Chance to Shine cricket. After all the hard work on sport this year we applied for a Bronze School Games Mark and are very pleased to say we met the criteria! Next year we will be working towards Silver! Although we are saying goodbye to Sports Coaching Group we will be welcoming a new company called Kick Coaching, more details to follow in the new school year.





Sports days – it was lovely to welcome our families to watch our Sports days last week. The children all took part in a range of different events and displayed fantastic sportsmanship! Well done to each and every one who took part and thank you to those who came along to watch.

Volunteers – across the year we have welcomed many volunteers to share their time and skills with our children – we say a huge thank you to them all. From those who have given weekly time to hearing readers to those who have come in for specific events – you are all hugely appreciated! THANK YOU! If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch!



Across this term we have welcomed our new **Reception class starters**. They have attended different sessions to get to know their new teacher and TA. They have also been receiving videos and information via SeeSaw. There have been many **transition** events taking place across school as staff are getting to know their new classes. Our formal transition morning is Tuesday 18th July where the children will have the opportunity to spend some time in their new classroom. After school on that evening between 3.30pm and 4pm we would like to extend the opportunity to your child to show you their new classroom and say hello to their new teacher. This drop in session is not a formal parent evening, there will not be the opportunity to talk confidentially or at length with the teacher.



Year 5 have enjoyed working with **Natural England** at Wybunbury Moss on the **John Muir Project** across this term. Thank you to Mrs Tibbetts for organising. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experiences and produced a lovely worship for their parents and family on Wednesday.

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.



Can we ask that everyone please settles their **school accounts** up to date. We are currently owed a large amount of money in dinner, OOSC and Preschool. Our financial year runs as a school year now we are an Academy and debts need to be settled for year end. 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 Summer Holidays. Thank you.

Universal Free School Meals are available to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only. Preschool and Key Stage 2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) need to pay for their lunches at £2.50 a day.

Free School Meals / 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 residentials – 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

Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Through government funding, Cheshire East have a programme of free activities for children who are in receipt of income related free school meals across the school holidays. More details and how you book places can be found on their website: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/holiday-activity-fund.aspx>



Attendance

It is expected that your child is in school every day and our attendance target is 96%. The government expectation is that every child is in school every day we are open.

As will have seen in the news, the government are making a big thing about attendance at school and they are asking schools to challenge poor attendance. Whilst attendance below 90% is considered to be persistent absenteeism, attendance 90-95% means your child is missing far too much school – it will have an effect on their confidence, academic progress and could affect their social skills and friendship groups.

The Attendance Certificates, included with your child’s report, show your child’s attendance record for the year. We have a small number of children, and staff, who have managed 100% attendance – this is even more truly amazing. Well Done!

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 is also related 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.

Please be mindful that Covid is still about, along with all those other usual illnesses – sickness and diarrhoea; chicken pox; scarlet fever; coughs and colds – to name just a few! Guidance can be found on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Fixed Penalty Notices apply to all types of unauthorised absence, not just those accrued through holidays in term time. Holidays within term time cannot be authorised by school – there are 13 weeks of school holidays in which family breaks can be taken. 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. If the threshold is met, school will refer to the LA. Please be honest if you are going away, as children can't contain their excitement, they will reveal when a family is going on holiday (either before or after the event)! When school know this, it will mean the absence will have to be recorded as an unauthorised holiday. Leave of absence forms are available from the school office.

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. Their Annual Report will be published on our website over the summer. We thank all the governors for the time they give to school.

We have three 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.

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.

Finally, as this hectic year comes to an end, I should like to say what a privilege it is to come to work each day.



Your children are wonderful and make me smile! As parents you are very supportive and recognise that, although we may not get everything right all the time, we do always try to get it right! Wybunbury Delves does have something very special about it; with all of us working together with our children at the centre, our Children do SHINE, each in their own way. Have an enjoyable and peaceful summer break, we will see you all on **Tuesday 5th September 8.40am**.

Best wishes

Mrs Chesters and WD Team



Term Dates for 2023-2024

INSET DAYS (Included)

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2023	Thursday 20th July 2023	Tuesday 5th 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	Thursday 23rd May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	

INSET DAYS

- *Monday 4th September*
- *Friday 16th February*
- *Friday 24th May*
- *Monday 22nd July*
- *Tuesday 23rd July*