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NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The School Building Project

As you will have seen, building works are now well underway! The builder's compound is now well and truly set up and established for the next year or so! The contractors TJC, are working very closely with the school and ensuring a safe site for the children at all times.

This week alongside setting up the compound, we have finally had to say 'goodbye' to the school pond, as the ground is prepared for piling works to begin. In the pond were some frog spawn, so the younger children have safely put some into containers to watch the tadpoles change and develop. Once they have grown, they will be released to the stream where a few frogs that were in the pond have already been relocated.

Over the half term, the site will change even more, as another set of gates will be installed further into the school, in line with the end of the pre-existing mobile classroom. The new ramp will be installed at the front of the school, accessed via the carpark route, as when we return, the existing ramp will be out of action. There will be reduced parking on the roadside and in the staff carpark due to another container arriving and the piling and ground works starting at the front of the school. This is a very busy time outside for TJC.

Another change will be the school kitchen being decommissioned over the break, meaning there will be one hot meal choice of a jacket potato option after the break. A menu will be sent home weekly.

YR and Y5 will continue to enter and exit from the front of the school and the rest of the classes from the normal route.

With lots of changes in school and reduced access to the playground, we devised a new emergency assembly point and have been regularly practicing emergency evacuation of the school premises so the children are confident in routes out of the school. This has proved very successful and we must praise the children for their sensible attitude towards this.



Wroxall Primary School – Governing Body

As you will all be aware from the letter received on Monday this week, the Full Governing Body of the Stenbury Federation have agreed that Wroxall will leave the Stenbury Federation with effect from 1st April 2020. In doing this, the Local Authority are establishing a TGB (Temporary Governing Body) for Wroxall Primary school. With this in mind, the local authority are seeking to recruit two parent governors to join the committee. Please see the attached 'Wanted- A Parent Governor' application form.

CARE Assembly : Monday 2nd March – 9:05am

The next CARE assembly will be on Monday 2nd March. We look forward to celebrating the work and achievements of the children in this assembly.

Bagels

Unfortunately, due to the kitchen being decommissioned from February half term, we have no facility to cook bagels – therefore, today; Thursday 13th February, is the last day for bagels. Children are welcome to bring in a fruit snack from home for break time as usual. Crisps, chocolate, etc are **not** a break time snack and **are not permitted at morning break**.

School Menu for the week after half term:

Please see the attachment sent with the newsletter. This will be emailed weekly with updates.

Aerosol Deodorant

We have had a few cases of children bringing deodorant to school. Aerosol deodorant is not permitted in school, so if it is the case for UKS2 children who need to apply deodorant before sports fixtures, they can bring a roll on deodorant. Many thanks.

East Dene

Letters have been sent home to Y3 parents regarding the Y4 East Dene Residential Visit in September 2020. We are aware the children begin to prepare for this in Y3 and we are trying to give as much opportunity to pay small amounts off the balances for the residential visit. This is a brilliant opportunity for children to engage in team building and resilience activities as a group. Please ensure deposits are made via school money as soon as possible so that we can secure the booking. Thank you.

School Money

As we near the end of the financial year we need to reconcile the school accounts and set our new school budget. At this point it is difficult to do, as we have a level of outstanding debt accrued on School money for outstanding dinner money, breakfast club and chill club fees as well as educational visit contributions and residential trips. Please can you ensure payments are made to clear balances or speak to the school office if there are financial difficulties with this. All balances are due to be reviewed.

Pupil Premium Funding

It has come to our attention, that some families are unaware of additional funding that the school can receive to support you and your family, if you are on a low income. All schools plan to use this money in different ways. At Wroxall, we use the funding for support towards the financial aspects of school life, such as trips and visits and also for breakfast club provision, as well as for additional learning needs, to support or challenge children. If your employment ever changes – either temporarily or permanently, we may be able to support you in applying for this funding stream. Please speak to the office for a form to complete.

Long hair

Please ensure all long hair is tied up each day for school. This is to avoid long hair not only trailing into work books and distracting learning, but also to prevent the spread of head lice between pupils. Please ensure all long hair is appropriately tied back at all times. Thank you.

Island Housing Needs:

Parents/Carers are invited and encouraged to complete an online survey, in order to provide the local council with the housing needs in your area on the Isle of Wight.

The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IWHousingNeeds2020>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

Dates for the Diary

Week 6	
Thursday 13 th February	Last day of the half term
Friday 14 th February	Development Day – School closed to children today for staff training
Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb	Half Term break – have a super half term rest. See you soon.
Week 1	
Monday 24 th February	Welcome back to school – gates open from 8:45am or breakfast club from 8am
Week 2	
Week 3	

I do hope you all have a wonderful half term break.

Rebecca Day

WANTED – A PARENT GOVERNOR



We are seeking a person who fits the following description

- Currently has a child or children in our school
- Has an open and enquiring mind
- Shows a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- Is able to work well with others
- Is interested in education generally and our school in particular
- Has a desire to play a part in improving our school
- Is willing to give about 20 hours per term to attend meetings and training

If you match the above description, you could be the very person to become a parent governor. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and interests as possible.

REWARD

In return, we can offer:

- An insight into the wider perspective of the school through long-term planning
- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school
- Training to develop an understanding of specific school management issues
- The support and assistance of local and county staff
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our school
- The pleasure of seeing children learning

The governing body of our school is responsible for:

- Ensuring that pupils receive high quality education and that the conduct of the school reflects this aim
- Working with the headteacher on the strategic planning and management of the school
- Considering and agreeing the aims and policies of the school
- Discussing and approving the targets for improvement
- Appointing the staff
- Setting and monitoring the budget
- Monitoring the performance of the school
- Reporting to the parents and community on how we have accomplished our tasks

GOVERNORS LINK COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS

Governors are the link between the school and the community and representatives of all those with an interest in the well-being and reputation of the school are needed.

We are all volunteers working in our own time, and we are all busy people. However, we feel that we gain much in personal development as well as a feeling of satisfaction that we have played an important part in improving education in the local community. There are opportunities to work with others on all aspects of strategic planning and management including financial oversight and personnel issues. Although we deal with the total school finances, we employ staff to do the actual work on our behalf, just as we take an interest in the teaching but employ teachers to actually teach the pupils.

TEAM WORKING

We work together as a team. Sometimes the whole governing body is involved and sometimes we work in smaller committees or working groups. This gives us the chance to develop specific interests of our own as well as for the benefit of the whole governing body. Those of us who are not currently employed outside our homes, find that being a governor provides an opportunity to get together with other adults who we may never have met in other circumstances, work as team members in a worthwhile cause and develop skills and expertise that we weren't certain we had before joining the governing body!

Please send me an application form to become a parent governor.

Name:	
Address:	
Please return this form to the school by:	

DIFFERENT PEOPLE

The governing body seeks individuals from as many different backgrounds as possible in order to fully reflect the community the school serves. Everyone has something to offer. Specific training (free) is available to develop an understanding of school finance and budgeting, strategic planning, and personnel issues and there are staff in both local education offices and headquarters who are there to support and advise individuals and the governing body in their responsibilities.

REPRESENTING PARENTS

As a parent governor, you would be a representative of the parents, but you would not be mandated to vote on their behalf. It may be useful to get the general feelings from parents on various issues from time to time, but in seeking to fill the post of parent governor, the governing body are looking for someone who will help them see the school from the widest possible viewpoint. Parents are vital to the work of the governing body. As a parent governor, you will be a governor in your own right with the same responsibilities as everyone else to work together as part of the governing body for the good of the school.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Governors can make a real difference to the performance of the school and have a real part to play in making the school successful. If you are interested in joining us to help improve education for the children in this school, please return the slip at the bottom within the next five days to receive an application form.