

Wingfield Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 3rd December 2021



Dear parents/carers,
I hope you are well and that you have had a great week. Given the changing context for COVID-19 we have updated our risk assessment and it is available to read here:

<https://www.wingfield.greenwich.sch.uk/?q=node/1391>

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Onto more festive news... we have commissioned a **virtual pantomime** (see attached poster) which all of the children will get to watch on the last day of term. We hope you have a wonderful weekend,

Ross Silcock and Wanda



Some highlights from our school this week:

Year 6 have been writing poetry based on Sainsbury's 1914 advert based on the fighting in the trenches.

Year 5 have been writing playscripts for a play set in space. For their learning in maths, they have been looking at 12h and 24h clocks.

Year 4 have conducted a science investigation about how sound travels. For their learning in maths, the children have been exploring what happens when you multiply by 10 and 100.

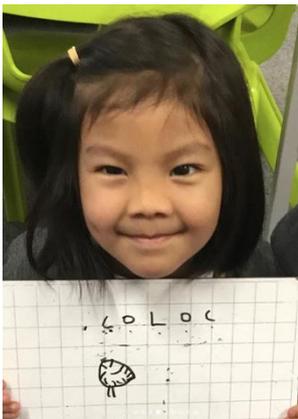
Year 3 have been making tasty pizzas.

Year 2 have been practising their Nativity play.

Year 1 have been writing newspaper article based on The Stone Age.

Reception have been reading 'Owl Babies' and talking about their families. The children have also been making nests for owls during their Forest School learning.

Nursery have been reading 'Peace at Last' and discussing different sounds.



Children sharing food at school

Parents need to remind children that they are not allowed to share food at school. This includes sharing food in the lunch hall and during break times. There are a range of dietary requirements in the school and children need to be mindful of sharing food between each other.

Bringing toys at school

Children are reminded that they are not allowed to bring any toys or personal objects into school. This includes pencil cases and writing equipment. If children bring any prohibited objects/equipment to school, they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Christmas Dates- a reminder

The festivities are drawing near and that means one thing: plenty of celebrations. There are many Christmas events happening at Wingfield leading up to Christmas, and we can't wait to invite you all into the school to celebrate them with us. Please look below for events to put in your diaries.

- 13th and 14th December: EYFS 'Stay and Make'
- 15th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- 16th and 17th December: KS1 Nativity
- 20th and 21st December: Christmas concert

We recognise that there may be some cancellations/changes, and we will inform parents/carers of these immediately if any changes are made.



French Phrase of the Week:

Il fait un froid de canard

Translation :

It is freezing cold

Word of the week: sagacious

Definition: having or showing understanding and the ability to make good judgments

Contacting us –

If you need anything then send us an email.

wfcontact@wingfield.compassps.uk

or leave a message at the school office **020**

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Anti-Bullying Steering Group

School Lead – Miss Robyn Hudson, E-safety leaders – Mr Jack Delaney and Miss Helena Bolt
Members - Mrs Rosie Medhurst, Tazeen Mirza, Ms Vidushi Khosa, Miss Shelley, School council members and Digital

Dates for the diary

Last Day of Autumn 2 term
Tuesday 21st December 2021

First Day of Spring 1 term
Wednesday 5th January 2022

Recipe of the week

Sausage & butter bean stew

Ingredients (serves 2)

- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 16 chipolatas (try chorizo ones for a bit of chilli heat)
- 2 onions, sliced
- 8 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 rosemary sprig
- 600ml chicken stock
- 2 x 400g cans butter beans, drained
- 75g butter, cubed
- Small pack parsley, leaves picked and chopped
- 2 lemons, zested
- Crusty bread, to serve



Method

STEP 1

Gently heat the oil in a large pan. Fry the sausages all over until brown, then remove and set aside. Add the onion to the pan and fry for 5-10 mins until golden and soft, then add the celery, garlic and rosemary, and cook for 2 mins more. Pour over the stock and bring to the boil.

STEP 2

Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 mins, then add the sausages back to the pan along with the butter beans. Simmer for 8 mins, then stir in the butter, parsley and lemon zest. Ladle into bowls and serve piping hot with lots of chunky bread.



Christmas Fair

Due to an increase in the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in school and, in accordance with advice from the UK Health Security Agency, we have made the decision to cancel our Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December. We understand that this is disappointing, however we will continue to sell raffle tickets on the playground this week and we will draw a silent raffle early next week. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Jodie Rose and to the parent/carer volunteers for their hard work in preparing for the Christmas Fair. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Primary School Admissions

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2022, you need to apply for a primary school place. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2022. Even if your child attends our Nursery, you still need to apply for their place in Reception. If you live in Royal Greenwich, you need to apply through Royal Greenwich. The easiest way to apply is through the eAdmissions portal – it's quick, easy and secure - and it's the fastest way to hear the results <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/?page=Tutorial&service=page>

Christmas Dinner

We will be having a Christmas lunch on Wednesday, 15th December. All parents have been sent a form regarding the Christmas dinner. Only complete the form if your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have the Christmas lunch by the end of the day on Wednesday 1st December. The meal is free to children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 but will cost £2.59 for children in nursery and years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Payments can be made at the school office or on the My Child at School (MCAS) app.

Mental health

Christmas is round the corner and that means festive cheer. Why don't you spend some time watching your favourite Christmas films with your nearest and dearest? You could even perform your nativity's Christmas songs to your family and friends. Make sure that you sing at the top of your lungs!

Christmas films

It's time to hunker down and get the Christmas films on. There really is nothing that gets you more in the spirit than a good festive film. There are simply too many to choose from. No one can forget their first experience of watching Kevin run rings around a pair of clueless thieves in Home Alone. How about the Grinch ditching his Christmas misery for some Christmas cheer? Bah, humbug! Enough of the spoilers for now. Below, find some of the greatest Christmas movies that have graced our screens over the years. We have already opened the Christmas crackers...

Miss Edgar: "It would have to be Gremlins for me! It just brings back really fun memories with my siblings at Christmas. The story line has everything: drama, mystical creatures, thriller, funny parts, love and not to mention some fab Christmas songs. Plus, I just loved Gizmo the Mogwai and I often use the phrase "bright light, bright light" when the sun is too bright still to this day! Who can remember the three rules in Gremlins?"

Mr Delaney: "My favourite Christmas films are Home Alone (1&2) – I only discovered them in recent years and loved them straight away!"

Mr Silcock: "This is not a typical Christmas film, but my favourite Christmas film is Raiders of the Lost Ark because it is the first film that I went to see at the cinema with my dad. You can guarantee that it will be on TV during the Christmas holidays!"

Miss McEwan: "Also, Home Alone! Because I loved the movie as a child, and it reminds me of childhood. The story line is super cool; I always dreamt of being left home alone and getting up to some of the adventurous things that he did in the movie. Macaulay Culkin was an amazing child actor."

Mrs Hardy: "The Grinch – I love that he finds happiness and love in the end!"

Miss Sully: "Elf...I mean is there any other reason apart from it is fun and silly and a classic that I never bore of! "

Mrs White: "Without doubt Home Alone! I love watching this with my children in the build up to Christmas. It makes us giggle and get us in the Christmas spirit!"

Mr Mitakos: "Jingle all the Way. It's about a father's desperate journey to find an elusive child's toy."

Mr Ellis: "Gremlins."

Madame Brussier: "Definitely Home Alone. A classic!"

Mrs Ebdon: "Santa Paws - there's something magical about talking animals!"

Mrs Travers: "It's a hard choice between Home Alone and Elf! We watch them every Christmas and find them both very funny!"

Mr Kelly: "Definitely Die Hard, but a more kid friendly choice would be Muppets Christmas Carol."

Miss Mitakos: "I personally love 'The Holiday.' I'm not sure if it is exactly a Christmas film, but the setting and the scenery make it feel like that."

Miss Reynolds: "Miracle on 34th Street is magical, and my children love it."

Next week, we will be asking our teachers what their favourite Christmas song is.

