

A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

My advice for the holiday period is,
'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

I look forward to seeing everyone
back safe, healthy and punctual, after
half-term.

Best wishes,
John Ingrassia

Headteacher podcasts

I am pleased to share another addition
to our growing list of Head's podcasts
regarding secondary schools.

This latest addition is a conversation
with Peter Goodyear, Head of Bede's
in Upper Dicker. All the podcasts
can be found on our website under
Information/Parent Information.

I hope you are finding these useful.

Internet Safety Week

This week, pupils undertook a range of activities to encourage them to think about their identity online and how the internet shapes the way they think of themselves and others. If you would like to have a look at some activities covered under the theme of #Freetobe then go to www.saferinternetday.org.uk

During the parents' forum on Monday, your questions fell into 4 key areas. Below are websites that offer guidance related to these areas.

- How to stop children viewing inappropriate content
<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

- How to know who my child is talking to online
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

- Is my child spending too much time online
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/screen-time-boundaries>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/>

- How do we develop self-esteem and resilience online
<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

Farewell message from Mrs Spicer

I am leaving Windlesham school at the end of the Spring term, after 18 years, for a new life in Australia. Some of you might know that my daughters live in Adelaide (photo of us below!) and I have always wanted to build a life there.

I will be sad to leave Windlesham. I came here when my youngest daughter started in the Nursery and from that moment I knew I wanted to work here. I shall miss the wonderful staff and seeing nursery children grow up through the school.



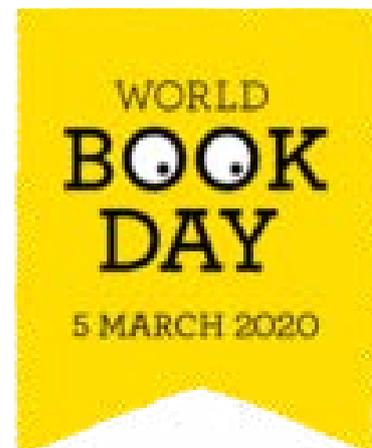
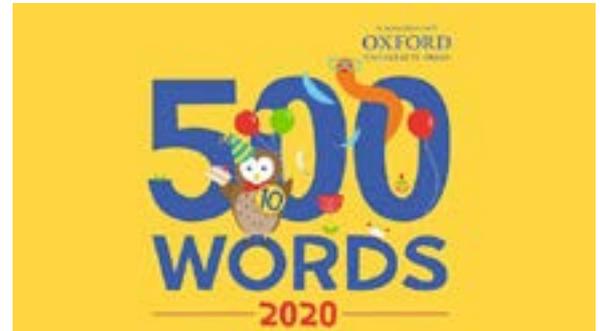
General information

500 Words Story & World Book Day

REMINDER: We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. All children are invited to dress up as a favourite character from a book. Prizes will be given for creativity and originality!

The 500 Words story writing competition run by BBC Radio 2 has returned. The UK's largest story writing competition for children is back for its tenth year and we are encouraging Windlesham pupils to get involved. The competition is open to children aged 5 years and above. Pupils should speak to either their class teacher or Mrs Croucher if they would like to find out more. The closing date for stories is Thursday 27th February.

Reporter: Mrs Croucher



British Science Week

The theme for Science Week this year is Our Diverse Planet. More details to follow.

Reporter: Mrs Colley

Thank you for your donations

Thank you to everyone who supported our appeal to help the Australian animals affected by the bush fires. We are pleased to announce that our final total is £287.20.

Reporter: Ms Groves

School Trips

Year 3 trip to Butser Farm

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Butser Farm learning about our topic, Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We made jewellery, learnt runes (letters from the ancient alphabet) and made fences using wattling. We had a wonderful lunch in the fresh air and fed the goats our leftover fruit!

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



Year 3 trip to the Booth Museum

Year 3 were lucky enough to have a workshop at the Booth Museum exploring different bones. We learnt how to classify animals into prey and predators based on their skeletal system and were able to use our newly acquired knowledge about the human skeleton to create the whole skeleton with human bones!

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



School Activities

Year 1 trip to Brighton Toy Museum

Year 1 enjoyed a terrific day out at the Brighton Toy Museum. The day started with a hunt around the museum to find the answers to questions about different toys. Next, we took part in some handling activities, where we got to investigate dolls and bears through the ages. After another tour of the museum we looked at moving toys and the mechanisms involved. After lunch we were treated to a fabulous puppet show which had everybody giggling before some sketching time. A memorable time was enjoyed by all.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



Year 6 is investigating mould!

In Science, Year 6 has been investigating the best conditions in order to grow mould on bread. They have also been learning how to prevent mould from growing. One class attempted to make sun dried tomatoes from fresh tomatoes. They shrivelled up but did grow mould.

The other class is currently drying grapes to make raisins.

Reporter: Mrs Colley



KS2 Swimming gala v The Towers

Windlesham were fantastic in the swim gala against Towers at the end of January. Everyone involved produced stunning individual and team performances which led to 26 wins out of 27 races. All swimmers should be extremely proud as Years 3-6 demonstrated great technique in breaststroke, backstroke and front crawl throughout the gala.

The Big Swim Challenge

Whilst on the topic of swimming I also wanted to highlight the incredible effort by all pupils (and some teachers) involved in the English Channel Challenge. There has been a brilliant amount of enthusiasm

towards this challenge of swimming 33,000m in the month of January. I am really pleased to say that Windlesham have smashed this target, swimming an amazing 69,511m in January. That is over 4,600 lengths of our swimming pool. I want to say a huge thank you to the support and efforts of everyone who has taken part. This challenge is of course for the wonderful charity Level Water who provide opportunities for disabled children to swim.

I would be very grateful if pupils who have made the effort to raise money bring in their donations after half-term.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



U10 & U11 Football v Lancing Worthing

We enjoyed a fiercely competitive match against Lancing Prep Worthing. Both teams had stand out performances from their attacking sides resulting in a 5-5 score sheet at half time, with goals scored by Matilda and Claudia for Windlesham. Despite the Windlesham girls defending well, the final score was 10-8 which truly reflects how close the match was. The girls had a wonderful time having their skills tested and were able to reflect on what they need to work on in training. The Lancing team chose our stand out players as Florence and Penny.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



U10 & U11 Football v Lancing Worthing

It was another excellent performance by both the U10 and U11 football teams. We played Lancing Worthing in a rematch from the previous week and their U11 team was determined to put up more of a fight after their previous loss. Subsequently, it was a far more tense atmosphere with the opposition constantly challenging our defence.

However, Dylan and the rest of the team excelled under pressure and put some crucial challenges in, whilst Fiontan made some great saves in goal. Ethan scored a

hat-trick and Faris scored two, which ensured a 5-3 win.

Meanwhile, the U10s played a far more one-sided game due to fantastic teamwork and individual skill. Both Hugo B and Joshua A made their debuts and played brilliantly.

It was a great overall performance, which led to a 8-0 victory. Isaac and Joshua scored two each, whilst an own goal plus goals from Will, Alex and Kai ensured a very smooth win for everyone involved. It was another great performance with lots of intensity and energy throughout.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



WS training gala

On Monday 3rd February, we had a terrific training swim gala. Despite the disappointment of not having another school to compete against, the atmosphere was outstanding as pupils competed against one another in some seriously close races.

There was brilliant energy and technique on display as pupils pushed one another in all four strokes. There were a number of great performances including Year 2 pupils,

Florence and Tamara, performing in only their second ever school swim gala. Year 6 winners included Lola, Scarlett, Theo and Polly, whilst Isaac, Will and Penny won the Year 5 races. Meanwhile, the Year 3 and Year 4 race winners were Mason, Albert, Bobby and Freddie.

All pupils involved should be proud of their fantastic performances. Also, a huge thank you for all the support from the parents and carers who attended and generated a hugely positive environment.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

U10 & U11 Rugby v Lancing Hove

The U10 and U11s played an excellent match in their first touch rugby fixture of the year. They played a number of mini-games where both schools mixed together and all the pupils behaved and played brilliantly. The Year 5 and Year 6 matches then followed. The Year 5's competed in a very close game where we lost one try to zero, but everyone demonstrated some great rugby skill and knowledge. Joshua A was a particular highlight as he ran

forwards into space with great confidence and very nearly scored to even things up. The Year 6's were fantastic and won by 3 tries to zero. Everyone played with a great energy and determination to win, with Ethan scoring two tries and Diego adding another. Isaac G came very close to adding a fourth with a great sprint down the wing, whilst Theo caused Lancing all sorts of problems with his direct running. It was a great first rugby fixture and I can only see Windlesham improving further.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

U8 & U9 Rugby v Lancing Hove

It was another terrific day of rugby for Windlesham as the Year 3's and 4's grew in confidence throughout the fixture and showed off their ability to run and pass with the ball, whilst defending brilliantly. The Year 3's narrowly missed out but kept challenging their opponents with great defending from Jackson, Bobby and Jayden. Stratos and Milo scored excellent tries, whilst Freddie, Joshi and Arthur, in particular, produced some lovely rugby.

Meanwhile, the year 4's were involved in a highly competitive game and won 6 tries to 4. Ores scored 2 tries, whilst Mason, Elliot, Raphael and Zachary each scored one. George demonstrated excellent rugby skills by running into space and offloading quickly and accurately, with Albert, Subhan and Alex also playing really well. It's fantastic to see how much all the pupils are enjoying the sport and improving at rugby

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Reminder from Mr Wilkinson

Please could parents and carers of Year 5 and Year 6 boys ensure they have gumshields for contact rugby for their PE lessons, fixtures and clubs after half-term. Thank you.

Term dates

School Term Dates 2019/20

Spring Term 2020

Staff Inset day

Friday 14th February

Half term holiday

Monday 17th February –
Friday 21st February inclusive

Term ends

Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2020

Staff Inset day

Monday 20th April

Term starts

Tuesday 21st April

Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May (school closed)

Half term holiday

Monday 25th May –
Friday 29th May inclusive
inclusive

Term ends

Friday 10th July

Autumn Term 2020

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd
September

Term starts

Thursday 3rd September

Please note additional events have been added to the School Calendar

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

Year 3 trip to Montefiore Hospital (information on the Portal)

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

Year 2 trip to the Sealife Centre (letter to follow)

MONDAY 16TH MARCH

Year 6 trip to Stanmer Organics and Earthship Brighton
(letter to follow)

MONDAY 16TH MARCH

Years 3 to 6, swimming gala with Brighton Girls, 15.30
(letter to follow)

Please ensure these new and exciting events are in your diary.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day 2020 will be celebrated on Thursday 5th March. We have lots of exciting activities and competitions planned for the day and there will be prizes for the most creative and original costumes inspired by favourite books and literary characters. We can't wait to see what the children come up with!

Friends of Windlesham

Happy Valentines!

We had a lovely Valentine's afternoon watching Toy Story 4. Thank you so much to everyone who helped out - decorating, running the tuck shop and behind the scenes in the parents' bar. The children had a great time and I think some of them were even following the movie, although to be honest it was mainly about the snacks! Parents too were seen chatting and enjoying a beverage. Have a great half term!

Reporter: Mrs Parker



Thank you from Ms Tasker

On a personal note, I wanted to say how grateful I am to everyone who took care of me after my car accident outside school. I was pretty shaken up and worried for my children. So many of you stopped to check on us and offered help. I really felt the community of parents and teachers come together to support me. Friends of Windlesham are here to help build a community. We will continue to work hard to ensure that every family feels included in our community of wonderful people! Jenny x

Noticeboard

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH
Mother's Day Cake & Book Sale

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH
Easter Egg Hunt

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE
Father's Day Cake & Book Sale

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE
Sports Day

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
Summer fayre



Join in the fun!

FOW meets once a month in a local pub, at 8pm, to discuss fundraising priorities, ideas and events. If you'd like to join the committee, Jenny would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch by emailing chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk

Achievements

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 13 February 2020):

Merit Badges

Buckley, Becky, Maisa, Hugo V, James T, Primrose, Elliott, Oscar K, Buckley, Max P, Annan, Arthur, Elise, Raphael, Gus, Teddy, Freddie, Joel, Isabella, Lila and Astri.

Owls Awards

Darcey, Daisy, Maisie, William L, Barnaby, Isabella C, Alexei, Mason, Subhan, Genie, Buckley, Lola M, Kai, Nicolas, Rosa, Joel, Ores, Summer, Jayden, Maisa, Annan, Milo, Abdullah and Kai Jing.

House Points

Totals for this half-term, as at 7 February 2020:

Arundel	543
Bodiam	517
Lewes	400

The Prefects for this part of the term are as follows:

2S Kareem
Florence

3M Ellie
Oscar

3D Louis
Hugo

4C Subhan
Joel

4M Elliott
Khadeeja

5C Hugo
Bonnie

5G Joshua
Ava



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