



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to our Year 6 Dodgeball team who took part in our first sporting competition of the school year this week at Wildern School. The children had a fantastic time and finished in first place against 14 teams – what a great start to the season!



The pupil entrance gate by the brook is currently becoming quite congested at drop off and pick each day. Please could everyone dropping off and collecting children from Yellow, Purple and Blue classes use the one-way system of continuing around the building and back through the double green gates on the larger playground at busy times.

Thank you to parents of children in Years 5 and 6 who joined us for our meeting about the upcoming residential to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight in March 2024. We will send out all of the information to parents by email early next week. If you have any questions regarding the visit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

DSA AGM and Bags2School – Thursday 21 September

The DSA will be holding their AGM in the school hall next Thursday at 2:45pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for free tea and cakes, as well as hear about the fundraising successes of the year and how your money is being spent. The committee are always looking for new members, so if you think you might like to be on the committee or would like to know more about it, please speak to our DSA Chair Chloe Collins, the school office or myself.



Please see the flier about our Bags2school fundraiser next **Thursday 21 September**. Items for collection can be brought to the school hall at morning drop off (before 9:00am)

Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run

Your child will be taking part in our annual Sponsored Sports Fancy Dress Fun Run on **Thursday 28 September**. The children will run laps around the school field – dressed in fancy dress!

Please ensure your son or daughter has their trainers in school for this event. All money raised will go towards a new interactive flat screen panel for the school library. Children in:

Blue and Yellow classes will run from 2:30pm

Red, Green and Purple classes from 2:50pm.

Please could children bring in their fancy dress outfit in a named carrier bag on the day. Parents are very welcome to come along and join in the fun from 2:30pm. Your child will be given a Sponsored Sports card before the event, please ensure that it is brought into school on the 28th, to have the form signed. Donations can be made through the Gofundme site: <https://gofund.me/ac79a3b4>

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 27 September at 9:15am** in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to join us. This year, we will be supporting the local Food Centre at Hedge End, which would welcome any non-perishable produce to be brought in on the day.

Family Reading Night – Friday 29 September 5:30-6:30pm

We are delighted that Mrs Cook has organised a family reading night for **Friday 29 September**. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join us. Once again the reading evening will be supported by P & G Wells book fair where you can purchase books for your home library.

Church in School – PET service

We are all very excited to be holding a pet service in school on Sunday 24th September with Coffee, juice and croissants from 9.30 am and service starting at 10.00 am. We will be celebrating how our pets enrich our lives. Please could dogs be kept on leads and cats/other animals in baskets/cages! If your pet is too shy or if you are worried about bringing him/her to the service, then please come along with a photo of your pet. We would be very grateful if you could let us know if you are able to join us.

Kind Regards

Kirstie Baines

Kirstie Baines – Headteacher

DIARY DATES 2023

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2023-2024

Friday 1 December 2023

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Diary Dates for the 2023-2024 school year – all dates can be subject to changes. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.

Autumn Term 2023

Thursday 21 September	9:00am Bags2School Collection in the school hall
Thursday 21 September	2:45pm DSA AGM in school hall
Friday 22 September	Year 3 and 4 Swimming lessons begin
Sunday 23 September	9:30am for 10:00am start Church in School – PET SERVICE
Wednesday 27 September	9:15am Harvest Festival for Hedge End Food Bank. All welcome
Thursday 28 September	1:30pm Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run
Friday 29 September	5:30-6:30pm Family Reading Night – all welcome.
2-4 October	Year 3 and 4 Residential to Beaulieu
Thursday 12 October	Annual Open Day for prospective parents 2024
Tuesday 17 October	3:00-6:00pm Parent's meeting with classteacher
Thursday 19 October	4:00-7:00pm Parent's meeting with classteacher
Friday 20 October	Book Swap

23-27 October HALF TERM

Tuesday 7 November	Year 6 visit to D-Day museum, Portsmouth
Thursday 9 November	Year 3 and 4 visit to Roman Palace at Fishbourne
Friday 10 November	10:45am Remembrance Service (No swimming). All welcome.
Monday 13 November	Photographer in school (portraits)
Friday 17 November	Children in Need

Sunday 26 November	9:30 for 10:00am start Church in School, stir up Sunday cake making service
Friday 1 December	School closed for staff training
Monday 4 December	School Christmas Post Box open
Wednesday 6 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Thursday 7 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Friday 8 December	KS2 church rehearsal
Saturday 9 December	DSA Christmas Fayre (Date Change)
Tuesday 12 December	Whole School Flu immunisation
Tuesday 12 December	pm Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 December	1:30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care or clubs.

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2 January	8:50 school opens for the Spring Term
Friday 2 February	2:45pm Christingle service – all welcome
12-16 February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 20 February	3:00-6:00pm Parents Meetings
Thursday 22 February	4:00-7:00pm Parents Meetings
18-22 March	Year 5 and 6 Residential visit to Isle of Wight
Thursday 28 March	1:30pm Easter service Holy Cross Church. All welcome 3:30pm school closes for Easter break. No after school club.

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 April	8:50am School re-opens for the summer term
13-16 May	Year 6 National SATs week
Monday 20 May	School photographer –class and whole school photos
27-31 May	HALF TERM
Thursday 13 June	7:30-8:30 new parents meeting
Saturday 15 June	Church Fete
Wednesday 19 June	1:30pm SPORTS DAY all welcome
Saturday 29 June	School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 2 July	Year 6 Wyvern Induction day –
Tuesday 9 July	1:30pm KS2 school play
Wednesday 10 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Thursday 11 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Friday 19 July	1:30pm Leavers service Holy Cross Church School ends for the summer break. No after school club.