

Newsletter



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September 2022

We are delighted to welcome everyone back, it was so lovely seeing all the gorgeous, smiling faces coming through the gates. A special welcome to any new children who started with us, you all should be very proud of how well they settled and slotted into life at Wessington!

Welcome Back Picnic Friday 23rd September 2.00pm

We would like to welcome you all for a picnic on Friday 23rd September. It will be lovely to see you all and to welcome our new families to the Wessington Community. We will set up activities for the children to do on the field and encourage you to bring a picnic blanket and a picnic for your family. Fingers crossed for good weather.

PE

We will continue with children coming to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. Please remember PE kits are **Black shorts/ leggings/ joggers and White T shirts. Children are not permitted to wear crop tops or short tops** Children should wear their school jumper over their T shirt.

PE days-

Reception– Thursday

Year 1—Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2—Tuesday and Friday

Year 3—Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4—Tuesday

Year 5—Monday and Friday

Year 6—Friday

In addition to normal PE lessons Year 4 and Year 6 will begin Swimming lessons on Thursday 22nd September. The classes will go to George Washington School ; Year 4 on a Thursday Morning and Year 6 on a Thursday afternoon.

Year 6 missed the opportunity to go swimming due to covid in Year 4 and they have begged to go back so we are very grateful to George Washington for managing to fit in another session for us so Year 6 can benefit.

Please see Swimming letter.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is free, any child from Reception to Year 6 can attend from 8.20am.

Contact Details

Please ensure your contact details are up to date at all times with us . Any changes please call the office on 0191 4187916

School Meals/Nursery Fees

School dinners are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We strongly encourage all our children to have school dinners and can work with you to suit the needs of your child.

Year 3 – Year 6 cost of dinners is £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week.

Payment for dinners should be made on Monday mornings via the internet please follow the instructions below. If you have any trouble accessing the internet please email the school on: office@wessingtonprimary.org.uk

www.sunderland.gov.uk

Click on the **£ Pay for it** tab in the green box to the right of the screen

Select Schools Miscellaneous Income

Select Wessington Primary School

Select either School Meals/Daycare

Please fill in all the details of the payment you wish to make and just follow the screens. Once you have authorised the payment a confirmation email will be sent to us and we will update your account asap. Please contact Mrs Sykes in school if anyone has any queries regarding this.

Since COVID the government have been issuing funding for the school to provide supermarket vouchers during the school holidays to those families who are entitled to **income related free school meals**. We do not know if this will continue but if you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals please use the link below.

<https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

All newly eligible parents will be provided with a **£50.00 uniform voucher** from school and we will also receive pupil premium which is used to benefit all children attending our school.

Bikeability

Bikeability will take place week beginning 17th October for Year 6 children. The children will be taught how to ride their bikes safely. Further information will be sent out as we get it.

Water bottles

Children are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school.

Attendance

Good attendance above 95% is crucial for your child to ensure they get the very best from their education. The Department for Education are monitoring children's attendance very closely and we are working with the Local authority to ensure our children have good attendance. Please ensure your child attends school regularly. If your child is poorly ensure you call the school before 9.30 each morning they are absent with a reason for absence.

Please make sure appointments are made out of school hours.

Holidays

All holidays during term time will be unauthorised and could result in a fine from the Local Authority.

Reading

Reading is so important for your child. Please encourage your child to be reading at home and please ensure you sign their book record and return to class each day. We are losing hundreds of books each year by them not being returned so please encourage your child to bring them to school each day so they do not go missing.

We are looking forward to another successful year and encourage you to get in touch using the office email or call if you would like to raise any concerns.

We know the cost of living crisis will affect many of you and want to reassure you we have access to people who can help so don't struggle alone, come and speak to us and we will support you.

I have attached a calendar for this year with Insets marked on.

TERM DATES 2022/2023

SEPTEMBER 2022						
20 Days						
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OCTOBER 2022						
16 Days						
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NOVEMBER 2022						
22 Days						
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DECEMBER 2022						
14 Days						
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JANUARY 2023						
20 Days						
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FEBRUARY 2023						
15 Days						
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MARCH 2023						
23 Days						
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APRIL 2023						
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MAY 2023						
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JUNE 2023						
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JULY 2023						
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AUGUST 2023						
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2

	School Holidays		In-Service Days
	Bank Holidays	Total Term Dates = 193	

Up to three of the 193 term days will be used as professional development days for teaching staff; pupils will not attend these days (two further personal development days will need to be determined from twilight sessions or designated holidays). Each school determines when these will take place and will inform parents.

