



The Wickford C of E School



# Newsletter

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## ATTENDANCE

**TARGET: 100%**

### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### ATTENDANCE FOR THIS

**WEEK: 96%**

#### CLASS ATTENDANCE:

**Kiboko: 97.6%**

**Tumbili: 94.1%**

**Tembo: 94.3%**

**Mamba: 100%**

**Simba: 94.3%**

**Twiga: 95.7%**

#### PADDINGTONS:

**Kiboko:**

**Tumbili:**

**Tembo:**

**Mamba:**

**Simba:**

**Twiga:**

#### GOLDEN TABLE:

**Kiboko:** Hollie

**Tumbili:** Poppy

**Tembo:** Harry

**Mamba:** Blakely

**Simba:** Ethan

**Twiga:** Erin

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I met with Father Norbert this week and as a result he will be hosting 'Quiet Time' on a Monday afternoon. This is aimed at parents who would benefit from a time to be calm, reflective and possibly enjoy some stillness.

The session will start on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm. It will end in time for you to collect your child from their class. The Quiet Time group will be held in the library, please come to the office so that you can be signed in.

Little children are welcome but please remember the focus of the group.

It sounds like a wonderful opportunity.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** As you are already aware, in light of a serious case review involving the death of a mother and her child a fortnight later, action points were highlighted by the investigating officers and they included:

- Reminding and insisting that parents make contact with the school if their child is off ill. This will ensure that the explanation for lack of attendance is recorded and the welfare of the child is confirmed.
- The school to visit the home if no call has been made to us and if contact cannot be gained from the telephoned numbers provided.
- The police, and or, Social Care to be informed if no response can be made.

Sadly, another family have suffered great sadness when a father passed away unexpectedly, leaving two young children. The school did not reach the family on the morning of the absence and the children were not cared for during the 24 hours before the alarm was raised by a concerned grandparent.

We have already collected three contact numbers for each child, hopefully ensuring that we will be able to reach one of those listed. We will be following the other suggested actions to ensure our children are safe.

**FOUNDATION STAGE** It was wonderful to see so many children dressed as traditional story book characters on Monday. They all looked amazing! Special days help to make memories as well as gain a deeper understanding of story characters.

**THE GARDEN AND DOME OF SPIRITUALITY** Many thanks for the comments and reflections on the special spaces. One parent spoke about possibly having blankets and cushions - we do have these but the weather has been quite poor. We plan to have these in the spaces as soon as the weather improves.

Parents reflected on the cross, the hearts reflecting the school values

Feedback read as follows:

"Both of my children have used the garden and appreciate this peaceful space, where they can reflect quietly."

"+++++ loves the dome. She says it is very peaceful".

"I think this is a brilliant way for our children to be able to spend time focusing on God"

Parents reflected on the beautiful flowers (winter does not allow for as many as we would like but they will grow), the crosses, the wind chimes and bird houses. Naturally, we are cautious on the addition of bird food due to its content.

Next step suggestions included a water feature! Watch this space.

**TOP TECH TIP** Tuesday 6th February was Safer internet day. Here is a link you can use to check out how to be safer online [saferinternet.org.uk](http://saferinternet.org.uk)

**SHARING ASSEMBLY** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February will be Yr2 Sharing.

**PAYMENTS** Please could we ask that all payments/money handed in is put in a named, sealed envelope with details of what the payment is for. If any change is required it will be sent home at the end of the day. **Also, please could you make sure you are not making payments with old £1 coins.**

### **MOMENT OF LOVELINESS**

We received an email from a representative of Operation Christmas Child this week:

Many, many thanks to you and the children at Wickford CofE School, for all of the Shoeboxes filled and sent. What a blessing it is to know of the joy these gifts bring.

The UK total was 678,942 plus more recently sent from the Harlow warehouse. Worldwide the total was 11,012,840+.

She also sent on a story of a little boy in Zimbabwe:

At an outreach event in Zimbabwe, one young boy was a keen footballer and came along playing with a football made of plastic bags and string. When he opened his shoebox, he was overjoyed to find a brand new black and white leather football inside! A simple gift, like a football, can bless a whole community of children with the gift of play.

We will share this story with the whole school after the half term break.



**LITTLE TEDS PARENTS** Please do remember that Franklins Way is the exit once leaving your child in the morning. The school is working by the time you leave and you cannot walk through.

**SUPPORT** We ask for your support with inappropriate language. We will make a call home if your child is heard using offensive words and you will already know if this is the case.

We are managing the situation in school, talking to all of our children and reminding them that such language is not acceptable.

We appreciate that our parents are supportive. I know that you will speak to your child, should the need arise, or in general passing - praising the high expectations that you, like us, have. We talk with respect, good manners and with care towards other people's feelings. This is in line with the school expectation and HEARTS values.

Unfortunately, at times, children are exposed to situations which enable them to learn poor language choices. Hopefully, by working together, we can help our children to learn to extend their vocabulary in other ways. Thank you in advance for your support.

**SURVEY** The HEARTS Trust are arranging the holidays for the coming school year and would like parents views regarding this. Please would you take the time to complete the survey relevant to your child's year group with your feed-back. The links can be found below, on the school website as well as Dojo and Tapestry.

WCE Year 2 parents <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q92R6ZD>

WCE Year 1 parents <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q9KJH29>

WCE Reception parents <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q7337CC>

**WELL DONE** Kaita, Ava K and Albie for the winning entries in the SAFE homework competition. Pictures are as below:



Wonderful entries, well done all!

## ***HIRE THE HALL***

Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office and let them know what you are planning. We will try our very best to help.

Have a great week, see you Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs Johnson