



7th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many of you join us for our 'open classrooms' afternoon a couple of weeks ago. Our approach to creating Communication Friendly Spaces will help our children to develop talk, think imaginatively, be curious, and feel calm. The 'Box Set' strategy to learning is rooted deeply in Cognitive Science, and will ultimately ensure that our children are able to learn more, know more, and have learning for life. We are going to be setting a few dates for you to come in to learn all about this with us over the next term. We appreciate and love how you all want to be able to support your children during these precious years.

We have lots of magical moments taking place in school over the coming weeks, so I wanted to take this opportunity to explain them to you.

➤ Thursday 10th October - National Mental Health Day (Hello Yellow)

All staff and children are welcome to come to school dressed in yellow for the day. Whether you come dressed head to toe in yellow like a big ray of sunshine, or wear just a splash of yellow, that is fine, we want to raise awareness of mental health during the day and spread positive messages about it. Donations of 50p are welcome and all money raised will go to Young Minds. Our P4C (Philosophy 4 Children) class assemblies will be used to introduce the 'feelings' monster on Class Dojo. We want to give our children many different ways to be able to reflect on their feelings, share them with us, and provide times to support them in understanding their emotions. We will also launch the Worry Monsters, which will be located around school, for children who may not want to share their worries or feelings out loud, or with others. They can write their worry down and post it in the monsters mouth. Our TAC (Team Around a Child) staff will check the monsters daily and check in on children who have posted a message.





➤ Parent and Pizza Evenings, Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October

Food is a symbol of coming together, and celebration. We want you all to come to Wyndham to celebrate in your child/children's greatness with us. We will be focussing on their wellbeing following transitioning into a new year group, their attitudes to learning, and their learning series so far in this half terms Box Set. A letter was sent out at the end of last week to help you with the online booking of times. We know that sometimes children can misplace the letters with times on, so this will help you to make the booking. It will also give you greater control with timings of bookings if you have more than one child.

➤ Bake a book off! Thursday 24th October



We will be having a creative competition for you all! We'd like you and your child/children to get together to design and bake a cake which represents your favourite book or character. The entries need to be with us by 9.00am on the Thursday morning, and judging will take place before home time. We will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. The prizes will be awarded for creativity.

➤ The Greatest Day! Friday 25th October

The final Friday of every half term will be 'The Greatest Day.' This will be an opportunity for all children to come to school dressed as who they were, are, or will be, on their Greatest Day. It could be that they go to the Gudwara and want to wear cultural clothing, it could be that when they are older, they aspire to be a paramedic, or it may be that they want to share their Greatest Day they have had with family at home. Class teachers will randomly select five children, every half term, to lead a 15 minute session in class, which they have prepared at home with you. It may be a power point presentation, a photo story, a song and a dance, or a story... possibilities are endless! We are hoping it will give you and your child time to talk about their life, happiness, and aspirations for the future. All classes will come together in a school assembly to celebrate and recognise the rich diversity, and personal goals in an assembly. Even if your child doesn't come home with one of the letters asking to create a classroom input, we would love everyone to come dressed up.

Thank you all for continued support. Together, we can...!

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