

Newsletter



Friday 14th September

Changes to the House System



This year the House system is being given a new lease of life by Mme Ward, as staff felt that WPS girls weren't being given as many opportunities to support their Houses as possible. The girls will remain in the same Houses and new starters are still allocated the same house as their elder sisters.

However, now the girls are going to be given coloured counters when they receive awards during the week. For example, if your daughter is Star of the Week or receives a Merit/Courtesy badge she will receive a coloured counter. The counter is put into a special jar in the Entrance Hall. The girls are then able to see which House is in the lead.

The girls are very passionate about supporting their Houses so it is lovely that we are able to expand this into other areas of school life. Mme Ward has lots of exciting ideas about revamping the house system, so watch this space for details!



Clubs Start

Once again, the new term brings an opportunity for the girls to try out new activities. We welcome back some popular activities, which continue this year. They include Ballet, Stretch n Grow and Football. New for this term are All Star Sports, Cheer and Dance and the very popular Fencing. The timetable is put together with the aim of giving the girls an opportunity to try both new and more traditional activities.

In addition, we continue to offer free clubs both during and after school. These include Sports Club for Juniors, Chess Club, Puzzle Club and a brand new Sports Club for Forms 1 & 2.

Thank you to all our members of Staff who work so hard to provide extra-curricular activities for the girls. Thank you as well to Heidi in F4 and her dad, Mr Clayton, who not only suggested Chess Club but provided the chess sets for school.

Welcome Evening

Thank you to all of our parents who came to our Welcome Evening last night.

The event was organised for the first time by the WPS Parents' Committee and was a great chance for our new parents to meet members of staff and Form Reps. The Parents' Committee were able to speak about the excellent work that they do in raising funds for the WPS girls. They were also able to show new parents the results of their work last year, including the new playground and the memorable events during Jubilee Week.

You should have received a copy of the Parents' Committee newsletter last week, which will give you more ideas about what the PC do and how you can get involved. If you have any questions at all regarding the Parents' Committee please see either Mrs Brassington or Mrs Hendry for details.

What's On Next Week?

Monday 17th

12.35pm School Council (F2-6)

12.35pm F5 & 6 Team Practice

4-5pm F3-6 Sports Club

Mad Science starts 8th October

Tuesday 18th

Form 5 Trip to Clonter Opera

8.10am F5 Prep Club

2.30-3pm KG Stretch & Grow

3.45-4.30pm F1&2 Sports Club

4-5pm Orchestra

Wednesday 19th

Individual School Photos

9.15am Kindergarten Welcome Meeting

12.35pm F3-6 Chess Club

2.30-3.00pm KG Ballet

3.30-4pm Reception Ballet

3.30pm U11 Netball v Pownall (H)

4-4.30pm F1 Ballet

Thursday 20th

8.00am F3-6 Fencing

9.15am Reception Presentation

12.35pm Rec – F2 Puzzle Club

12.35pm Senior Choir

3.45-4.15pm F1 & F2 Junior Superstars

4-5pm No F6 Maths Club

4-7pm ISA Art Exhibition at Greenbank
(parents welcome)

4.15-5pm F3 & F4 Cheer & Dance

7pm F5&6 Parents: Senior School Heads'
Meeting

Friday 21st

10.35am F4—6 Library Club

12.35pm Friday Fiddlers

4-5pm F2-4 Football Club

4-5pm F5 & 6 Sports Club

Instrumental Lessons

If you would like your daughter to learn how to play an instrument but have not yet returned your form, please see Mrs Rundell or Mrs Penn. If your daughter would like to learn an instrument but you are not sure what would be suitable, please speak to Mrs Rundell, who will be able to advise you.

Thank You from Mrs Facer

Many thanks for all of your good wishes and thoughtful gifts on my retirement. I hope that you have all enjoyed a very happy summer break and are looking forward to your next year at WPS. I feel very blessed to have been part of the WPS family. It is a very special school and I leave with many happy memories.

Thank you, once again, for your kindness and generosity. With sincere best wishes to you all, Jackie Facer.

School Charities

This afternoon your daughter will bring home a list of the charities that WPS girls will be supporting this year. We get requests to support so many worthy charities each year that it is not possible to support them all. We have tried to spread out fundraising as much as possible over the academic year and hope that each activity is both informative and fun for the girls. Thank you to Miss Ramsay and the School Council for supporting our fundraising efforts.

Welcome. . . and thank you!

You may have noticed that Mr Hulme has been on holiday this week, having a well earned rest after his hectic start as the WPS Caretaker. Thank you to Mr Hopley for helping out this week, ending what must have been the shortest retirement ever! Mr Hopley returns to his life of leisure next week as Mr Hulme is back at WPS on Monday.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that you can buy some items of school uniform directly from school. In addition to bags and cagoules you can also buy winter tights. The tights cost £5 each or 2 pairs for £9 and are available from the School Office. Any items purchased from School are added on to your end of term bill.

Brainteaser of the Week

The answer is 39.
What are the questions?

