



Windlesham Information Letter

5th November 2021

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All Year Groups

Events, Please Join Us

Please see Mr Evans' letter which was attached with last week's information letter and is available on the Parent Portal. Please note, the Portal is not password protected: [Letter from the Headmaster](#)

Letters from Phase Leaders, including information about chapels and assemblies, can also be found on the Portal.

- Year 3 and 4: [Lower Prep letter to parents](#)
- Year 5 and 6: [Middle Prep letter to parents](#)
- Year 7 and 8: [Senior Prep letter to parents](#)

Also, please do feel free to come and sit in the front hall or the Sports Hall foyer if you are waiting to pick up. There is a very nice coffee machine in the Sports Hall which you might appreciate on these cold evenings and a fire in the front hall.

Covid Advice

Please see our latest advice on COVID 19 here:

<https://www.windlesham.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Summary-of-outbreak-mgt-plan84.pdf>

Parent and Staff Choir

Singers, your school needs you! You don't have to be hugely talented or classically trained, you just need to love singing! Please email Mr Fitt and let him know that you are interested. Please help us to make our first Carol Service at Lancing College truly memorable. You will be making Windlesham History.

Bonfire Night, 6th November, 6.30pm

If you have completed the form to say that you are attending the event the details are as follows:

Please park in the Pre Prep car park. There will be tea and coffee available outside the school dining room (along the side of the main building), wander down to watch the fire, which will be lit, along with the boarders guys, between 6.30 and 6.45. Hot dogs and soup will be served outside the dining room from 7.00pm; you are welcome to take it back to the fire. If you have a guitar or other instrument why not settle around the fire for a sing song!

Remembrance and Poppy Appeal

Parents are welcome to join us on the front lawn for the Remembrance Service and afterwards for coffee. Pupils in Year 3-8 should wear Sunday Best (formal dress code). Children will be provided with a poppy and £1 will be added to the bill unless you inform us otherwise.

Uniform Shop Opening Times

Regular opening hours during term time are:

- Mondays and Fridays 8.00am - 9.00am
- Wednesdays 10:45am to 1.00pm

The shop will be CLOSED on MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER.

There will be an extra opening day on Tuesday 9th November from 8-9am.

Parent Tech Meet up: E-Safety Trends, 19th November, 11:00 - 12:00

Please join Mr Roche to explore current E Safety trends and find out ways in which you can help to ensure that your child's online experiences are as positive as possible. Location: Harrow Studio

Children in Need, 12th - 19th November

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/shows/our-2019-appeal-show/>.

If you have already raised funds for Children in Need, that is great, please tell us all about it. If not, there is still time! We will be learning about Children in Need from 12th-19th, raising money at home and celebrating with BBC Children in Need the week after. **Come to school wearing your own clothes or fancy dress on Friday 19th November.** Please bring a donation, we suggest £1. If you are a boarder we can add the amount to your bill, please email aevans@windlesham.com.

Christmas Coffee Morning, 19th November, 8.00am - 12.15pm

Join the parent committee for complimentary tea, coffee, festive punch and mince pies. It will be a nice opportunity to meet other Windlesham parents and to get in the festive spirit.

Netball

Netball for all on Tuesday 8pm to 9pm in the Sports Hall. Tuesday night netball is fun, a blast from the past and fitness for all levels. The session will be based around game play and for those who feel they may be a bit rusty on the rules we will start with the basics. Liv will be running the sessions; she was an England satellite player for U14 and U16, currently a college player and studying sports science and has helped run adult netball sessions previously. £5 per session - pay as you play, the money raised will be donated to the school after expenses Email address - netballwhs@outlook.com

The Windlesham Christmas Gift Guide

The parent committee are once again in the throes of putting the finishing touches to this year's Windlesham Christmas Gift Guide. This is a virtual brochure, with unlimited distribution potential, it is distributed to parents, advertisers, schools and all of these are encouraged in turn to pass it on. **If**

you would like to advertise in it, it is not too late, the deadline is 10th November. If you are interested, please do contact me to find out more, my email is marieharrald@btinternet.com or you can call me on 07973 507621 and I will be delighted to speak to you. We have had a large number of repeat advertisers from last year which shows that this really is a great opportunity for any seller or business.

Lost Property

There are now 2 big black boxes in the Sports Hall foyer, please feel free to check them for lost property. The changing rooms will also be open every day between 8.00am and 8.30am to check your child's locker and look for lost property. We would ask that, for child protection and privacy reasons, you do not look in any locker other than your child's and that you do not go into the changing rooms at any other time. If this time is not convenient for you we are happy to make arrangements that suit you. Please email whsoffice@windlesham.com or aevans@windlesham.com.

Parent Swimming

If you are interested in swimming either in the morning (8am or earlier) or evening (9pm onwards). Please email me and we can see if we can find a suitable time for everyone aevans@windlesham.com.

Pre-Prep

Events

You will have seen invitations to a scaled down informal bonfire evening, our whole school Remembrance Service and the Christmas fair and we are also now welcoming parents back into school for our chapel services.

The current arrangements for our weekly chapel services are slightly different than in previous years with the whole school being split by phase and enjoying services at the same time in two locations. Therefore, due to space restrictions, parents are warmly invited to attend our chapel services by phase fortnightly from Wednesday 17th November in Harrow studio with refreshments served afterwards in the library.

The schedule for chapel services for the coming half term is as follows:

11/11/21 10.45am - 11.15am - All parents are warmly invited to an outdoor Remembrance Service with refreshments afterwards outside the MFT

24/11/21 8.30am -9.00am Reception– Year 6 are parents invited to Pre-Prep/ Junior/Middle Prep Chapel in Harrow with refreshments served afterwards in the library.

1/12/21 8.30am - 9.00am - Reception to Year 4 parents invited to the Pre-Prep/Junior Prep Advent service in the chapel with refreshments served afterwards in the library.

In addition to the above dates parents are warmly invited to attend the Pre-Prep Nativity performance in the MFT on **Friday 10th December at 2.00pm.**

Forest School Kit

As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your children have hats and gloves in their forest school kit as we will be going out in all weathers.

Prep School

Boarders

Please ensure that we know whether or not your child will be in each weekend. You can email absence@windlesham.com with any changes or contact your child's house parent. Thank you.

Pre-Tests & Mock Exams, Year 6-8

Pre-tests for Year 7 will be on Tuesday 9th November.

Pre-tests for Year 6 will be on Wednesday 10th November.

Year 8 mock exams will commence on Monday 15th November

Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 24th November	Year 8	16:35 - 20:30
Thursday 25th November	Year 8	16:35 - 20:30

Parent teacher appointments will open for booking on Friday 19th November at 09:00.

They will close on Wednesday 24th November at 16:00. Please see the parent guide here:

<https://portal.windlesham.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Parent-meeting-guide.pdf>

Inter-House Music Competition, 12th November, Year 3-8

The inter-house music competition traditionally takes place during prep. If your child usually goes home but would like to stay at school to join in the song please email absence@windlesham.com.

Swimming Gala, Tuesday 9th November

U9-U13 A and B Vs Burgess Hill Girls

4.30pm - 5.45pm. 6 pm collection time

The team is on Misocs - <https://portal.windlesham.com/sport/>, click on the date, swimming, the blue person icon and use the password TeamWindlesham.

The Independent Schools Show, Future Schools, Year 4-8

We are delighted to be holding a private reception at The Independent Schools Show in Battersea, London on Sunday 14th November at 1.30pm where you will be able to meet and talk to Heads and relevant staff from a range of Senior Schools. Please confirm your attendance, and claim your complimentary VIP ticket at www.schoolsshow.co.uk/VIP using the promo code Windlesham2021

Christmas Pantomimes - clothes donations

On the weekend of 4/5th December, the boarders will be producing, directing and performing their own Christmas Pantomimes. If you have any clothes that we could use for this, please leave them in the front office in a bag, labelled 'Pantomime Clothes'. Many thanks in advance for your help. Beccy Marchant.

Weekend 4/5th December - Boarders

On Saturday the 4th December, a mobile roller rink will be coming into school between 6pm and 8pm. The children will have a mini-roller disco in the Sports Hall. The cost should not exceed £18.00 and will be added to the bill. **Please could you email me and let me know if your child is likely to be in for the weekend.** We will be doing pantomime activities on Sunday. bmarchant@windlesham.com

Future Schools

Malvern College Year 7 Admissions Day on Tuesday 23rd November. Admissions Day will give the pupils a very real feel for what a move to senior school will entail and allows pupils and our staff to get to know each other. If you would also like further information, please follow this link below or email admissions@malverncollege.org.uk.

'Cinderella and Rockerfella', Year 3 and 4, Dress Rehearsal

Parents - please note the dress rehearsal for 'Cinderella and Rockerfella' is on Thursday 25th November 16.45-17.45. This is a performance for the remainder of the school and thus every single child in years 3-4 should not be collected from school before 6.00pm and should be excused from any paid activities for that afternoon as they will be on stage. The performance is at the same time the following day and we trust you will all be there if you are able.

Also, Mrs Jenkins and Mr Fitt will be devoting the next two Saturday mornings (6th and 13th) to supporting any year 3 or 4 children with additional rehearsals. All year 3 and 4 children are welcome and encouraged to join us, but no obligation.

Boot Bags

Boot bags are available from the school shop and we would very much appreciate it if all pupils could have one. This would significantly reduce the amount of mud in the sports centre and help to keep the path from the pitches mud free and therefore much less slippery for pupils. Thank you.

Please email Annie Tatchell windleshamclothing@gmail.com and she will name one and leave it in the front office for your child.

Blazers

The new school blazers have arrived and look fantastic. Please email Annie Tatchell windleshamclothing@gmail.com if you would like to order one or visit the school shop. They are £35, machine washable and made from recycled bottles!

Year 3 and 4 Drama Productions

Please see Mrs Jenkins' email of 21st October for song lyrics. Please bring costumes in as soon as possible.

Year 3 children will essentially be in their own 'party clothes' with a few notable exceptions. Here are some specifics to help you. Please may you provide these costume items if you are able:

- Naomi and Sienna, 'Naughty kitty.' - Black t-shirt and trousers/ leggings. Black socks or pumps. No need for 'ears or nose.'
- Poppy, Amelie, Agata, Holly, Kenzi, Ottilia, Flippy, Genevieve - Party dresses/ tops and skirts or trousers. No strappy sleeves or slogans. No shoes.

- Elliot, Ben PS, Thomas E, Nathaniel, Archie, Apollo, Yusuf, Max - Classic party clothes (eg shirt and waistcoat/ colourful -t-shirt/ tie or bow tie optional) Any socks, no shoes.
- Marlin, Alfie RB, Severin 'Magic mirror' - White t-shirt, dark trousers (to be 'decorated'). White black or grey socks, no shoes.
- Tommy G 'Bear' - Brown t-shirt and trousers (or dark trousers), dark socks, no shoes.
- Ben G, Alfie N, Seth - Plain t-shirts of any colour and trousers or jeans. Any socks, no shoes.
- Elijah - As above plus Sunday best jacket

Any queries or stumbling blocks at all, please get back to me and we will of course help you out. The most important thing is that your child feels wonderful, confident and empowered throughout this whole experience and looks back with fondness and pride. For my part, I will do all I can to give them and all of you a show to remember on November 26th. Fiona Jenkins.
