

Wilburton CE Primary School Newsletter

23rd NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

I want to begin this week's newsletter by saying a big thank you to all of you for the incredible efforts that you're all going to, supporting children to be happy and enjoy their learning. I truly believe that Wilburton children are so lucky to have such a supportive community around them. Thank you to all the school staff, who are working tirelessly and with such commitment to ensure children have brilliant learning experiences and really high-quality support. Thank you to the school governors, who are helping the school to navigate through challenging times and who always put the children's best interests first. To our wonderful WSA, who are really pushing hard to help us build our new school library, and also provide us with some much-needed fun events over the coming months. And finally to you, parents, for investing all this time to help your children, and for the smiles and support you give us. It's all contributing and having a huge effect. When I see, as I do each day, children at school smiling and so immersed in their learning, and the progress they are making, it's just the best thing ever.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for donations for the Poppy Appeal. Foxes Class also made this beautiful display at school as part of their work on Remembrance.





Community Tree Planting

Our classes in Key Stage Two have been delighted to help with the tree planting for the community at the allotment site over the past three weeks. That's 250 saplings planted for us all to enjoy for years to come!

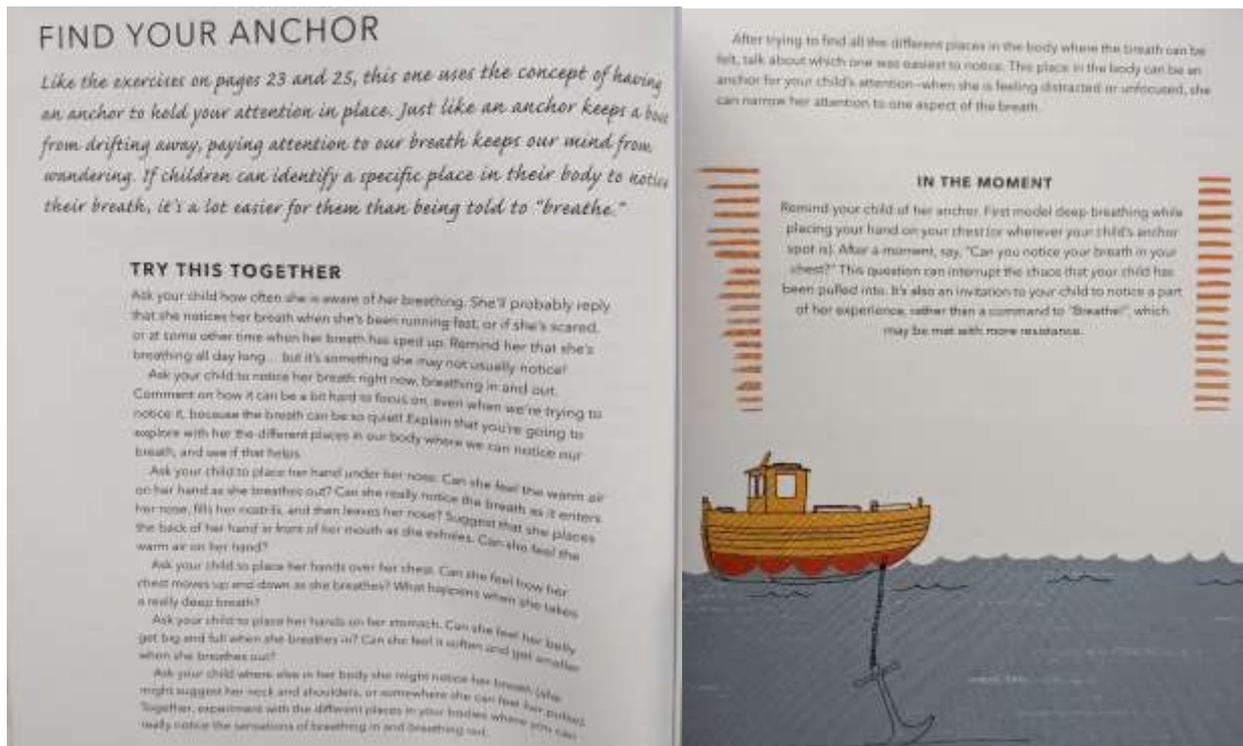


Mindfulness

We've started our journey into mindfulness at school with some simple breathing exercises. One that's caught my attention is asking the children to hold a cuddly toy (e.g. our hedgehogs – see their class video this week) on their tummy and watch it move up and down as they breathe in and out three times.

For the next two weeks our focus is on...focus! Mindfulness is, fundamentally, paying attention. Once we are able to relax our bodies, we have a stronger ability to direct our attention. This is one of the most important skills children need in order to do well at school, or to do anything that requires focus and careful attending.

Here's an exercise from Sarah Beach's book you might like to try at home with your child.



Anti-Bullying Week

This half-term, classes in school are learning about respectful relationships and caring friendships. Last week, we introduced our 'Peace Path', which provides children with a structure and steps to take to try and sort out times when they might fall out with their friends. This week and next, we learn about what bullying is and its impact, and what we should do about it. Look out for our new anti-bullying policy, which will be shared with you this week, and clearer information about how to report allegations of bullying. Children will be getting the same information at school too.



Keep Warm!

As part of our Covid control measures, we are required to keep fresh air flowing through classrooms. Unfortunately at this time of year that is rather chilly! So thick socks, jumpers and fleeces are probably a good idea.



2020

It's not that far away! Whilst we all hope we can see our loved ones over Christmas itself, there are some plans involving the school to share with you.

Nativity and Carol Concert

We can't hold our usual performances and services but each Key Stage Bubble will be creating special Nativity and Carol videos to share with you to help celebrate the occasion.

Follow that Star

St Peter's Church and Wilburton Baptist Church are organising a 'Follow the Star' village window trail. Children will be provided with a star template to decorate at home and display with this sticker in their windows. Just as the star was a symbol of hope for the biblical Wise Men, we hope that the decorated stars in windows around the village will give us all a sense of hope and love at this dark time of year.



Christingle Service

St Peter's Church will be holding their annual Christingle Service but virtually this time! The school community will have a 'Christingle Day' on Wednesday 16th December. Children will make Christingles in school provided by the church and learn about the work of the Children's Society. We will collect on behalf of St Peter's that day for this charity too. At 2:15pm, we will link up for a virtual Christingle Service and we hope that we'll be able to share this link with parents at home too.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December we are collecting for Save the Children and encouraging everyone to wear their Christmas jumpers, hats, tinsel etc. Let's have a jolly time!

Oh yes it is! (Panto!)

This is the year that the WSA normally fund the whole school to attend the pantomime in Ely. As we can't do that this year, instead the WSA are bringing the panto to us! On Friday 4th December there will be separate panto performances of Cinderella in our school hall for each bubble. The performing company and the school have put in place all the required Covid measures to ensure it can go ahead safely.



The WSA are also giving us a special Zoom Disco and Quiz to look forward to in December ☺

Library Fundraising

One of our WSA committee's mothers has very kindly chosen to donate to our WSA library fund rather than sending Christmas cards this year. Whilst many people enjoy writing and sending cards, the choice to donate to charity is becoming increasingly popular. We don't mean to encourage people not to send

Christmas cards but if the decision has already been made and people are thinking about a chosen charity please also consider the WSA this year. Here is the [GoFundMe](#) link.

And, remember that, If you are doing online shopping for Christmas, please use the Easy Fundraising Website link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wilburtonprim> When you sign up as a supporter, 4,300 shops and sites will donate for free, every time you shop online. This includes all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat and many more!

WSA Christmas Raffle

The WSA are holding a Christmas Hamper Raffle, and next week you will receive a letter with your raffle tickets, and also asking for donations for each class hamper. Please don't send anything in yet, but for those of you that like to start thinking ahead, here are the themes for each class:

- **Fieldmice:** Baking Hamper - flour, icing, decorations, cake cases, equipment etc.
- **Squirrels:** Afternoon Tea Hamper - teas, coffees, cakes, jams, biscuits etc.
- **Foxes:** Chocolate Hamper - anything chocolatey!!!
- **Owls:** Entertainment Hamper - bubbles, toys, colouring, puzzle books etc.
- **Hedgehogs:** Christmas Hamper - anything Christmassy!!!

 Stars of the Week 						
Date	Fieldmice	Squirrels	Foxes	Owls	Hedgehogs	Lunchtime Stars
13/11/2020	Escala	George	Oscar	Maisy	Luca	Florrie Oscar
20/11/2020	Autilia	Evelyn	Callum	Tia-Marie	Bailey	Madeleine Jacob

Birthday List

for the next the next 2 weeks

George	Class 2	27/11/20
Frankie	Class 2	28/11/20
Ava	Class 3	03/12/20
Jack T	Class 3	04/12/20



Dates for your diary:

23/11/20–27/11/20: Anti-Bullying Week

23/11/20: WSA Clothing Collection
10am

04/12/20: Cinderella Panto
Performances 9am-3pm