

Wroxton Governors - Newsletter

Spring 2021

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. Thank you for all you have done to support the school during the past months, both by engaging fully in the home learning and co-operating with all the various measures which have had to be put in place. A particular thank you to those of you who have sent encouraging messages to the staff - it has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all staff in the school. Over the past year the staff at Wroxton have worked tirelessly to provide the best possible education for all our children during all the different scenarios and situations which they have been faced with. The governors are immensely proud of all of the staff and we all owe them a huge debt of gratitude! We know that the education of all children in the country has been disrupted due to the pandemic - as well as the more traditional subjects other activities such as swimming lessons, sports days, leavers services and many, many more, have been missed or had to be put on hold. However, we are convinced that at Wroxton School the staff will continue to go the extra mile, as they always do, to ensure that no child will be left behind and that they will all have the opportunity to reach their full potential. As governors we have been unable to visit the school as we would normally do but have kept in close contact and will visit classes again when it is safe to do so.

Returning to school. As staff busily prepare to open the school for all pupils on Monday 8th March, we are concerned over the return of the traffic and parking problems around the school and village that used to be a part of daily life. We are aware that the children of families who have been home learning have not seen each other for many months and are desperate to see their friends again, this probably goes for parents as well. Bearing in mind the government's continuing rules on social distancing, please don't be tempted to stop at the school for a chat and a catch up. We ask that you make the morning and afternoon pick up times as easy as possible for everyone by moving away from the school drive and gates as soon as you have dropped off or collected your children. The children's safety is paramount and many of the younger ones may not be road fully aware yet. So please drive slowly, park carefully and consider the safety of everyone in the school and village community.

Covid tests. From 1st March these are available for households, childcare and support bubbles of primary and secondary-age pupils. Testing for primary aged children is not being provided at the moment. For details of how you may access these tests visit the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>. We ask that you take the opportunity to access these tests in order to help protect our staff and community.

Contacting governors: The Chair of Governors is Mrs Sue Neal sue.neal@wroxton.oxon.sch.uk. Please remember that the class teacher is always the first port of call for enquiries about the day to day education of your children. A full list of governors and their responsibilities may be found on the school website for your information. It is hoped that when national lockdown regulations permit, governors will soon be back at the start and end of school to assist with the flow of children. If you have any views that you want to share with us please do so either by email or face to face when we are at the school.

Children's stories: Even throughout lock down our children have been active in the community! Mrs Ruffle asked her Year 2 children to devise 'Twenty's Plenty' posters for the village, as speeding traffic through Wroxton is a continuous problem. The posters they produced were gorgeous, colourful and very varied. She asked the Wroxton and Balscote Parish Council to sponsor this scheme, which they willingly did, even to the extent of laminating all the posters. A young Balscote villager, Daisy Powell, prevented by

Covid from undertaking many of her D of E Award activities, offered to fix the posters to every imaginable upright to be found in the village and, as may be seen, she did an excellent job. The important message has been seen by many people and it is hoped that it will make a difference to road safety in the local area.

Music room: You will all be aware by now of the fantastic news that Steven Trembath has very generously offered to build a music room for the school in memory of his parents. This will offer wonderful opportunities for our children and for the school and we are very grateful to him for this proposal.