

Newsletter

Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so proud of our children since they returned to school in March. The attendance has been amazing, and they are all working hard in school. Children have also enjoyed the social element of school again and it is wonderful to hear all their voices. As we approach the end of the term, we are seeing lots of tired faces; we know the children and staff are ready for a rest.

We wish you all a relaxing and restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming you all back in the new term.



Staff Changes

Ms Dagmar will be leaving Wilnecote Junior Academy on Thursday 29th April, to take up another position within the Fierte Multi Academy Trust. We wish her every success in her new position.

We are saying farewell to Mrs Clarke (Year 1) who has made the decision to spend more time with her family. We wish you all the Best!

School Covid Guidelines

Thank you for your support so far however, next term please can we ask you to continue to:

- Follow the one-way system (Heathfields) & keep a 2m distance.
- Please wear face masks unless exempt.
- Can parents not use mobile phones on the school grounds.
- Only one person to drop off/collect your child from school.



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To anyone with children old enough to have a mobile phone.

Download the HOLLIE Guard App for them.

If they are walking home late or alone they can switch it on and you can track them. If someone approaches and they feel unsafe your child can shake their phone, it set's off a high pitched alarm from the phone and also messages an alert to you (or whoever's number is entered in as a guardian).

This app is for anyone to use, please do not think it's only for children.

Message Sent By

John Horton (Police, PCSO, Tamworth)

Procedure for School Closures

During polling days, snow days or any unforeseen emergency closures we will be able to continue your child's education through our online provision (Microsoft TEAMS). If you need access to a device in order to complete remote learning you must contact the school, who will then provide a suitable device. There is a polling day on 6th May 2021. If you require a device for that day, then please contact Ms Dagmar: mdagmar@wilnecote.fierte.org by midday **Monday 19th April 2021** to arrange for a device to be sent home on Wednesday 5th May.

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ParentPay

Announcement

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash payments at one of 33,000 PayPoint stores
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

How to get started with ParentPay



We will shortly be sending you your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/>



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