



# Naphill and Walters Ash School

## Newsletter Issue 1 19/9/19

### Key Dates

24/9/19 and  
26/9/19 – KS1  
parents' evening  
8/10/19 –  
Reception Open  
Morning for Sept  
2020  
9/10/19 – Yr 4  
Verulanium  
15/10/19 – pm YR  
curriculum meeting  
for parents

### And We're Off!!

So, as many of you will know, the 11+ has caused much consternation across the county. There were errors on the paper but, as we started later than many schools, we already knew about them before the children began. This meant that we had warned our children not to attempt the incorrect questions. As you can imagine this has erupted into quite a major issue and I will keep all parents informed as to what is happening when I find out. I would like to say though that all of our children, those who did and did not sit the 11+, were fantastic on the days and, as always, showed great respect for each other.

I would like to welcome some new teachers to Naphill; Mrs Boston is job-sharing with Mrs Needle in Yr2. Miss Allnutt now joins us as a teacher having completed her training last year.

Mrs Griggs had a baby girl in August, Florence! No doubt we will soon see Mrs Griggs and Florence up at school.

I would like to thank all of you who very kindly gave gifts to the staff and myself at the end of term. I was at a meeting on the last day and so missed seeing many of you. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I still own mugs given to me in my very first job and can remember the children who gave them to me, so they do mean a lot.



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## School Council 2019-2020

School Councilors and their deputies have now been elected for each class. Their main job is to represent the voice of their class, but they also collect house point totals and help with fundraising. One job they are going to do this year is look at our class names and see what other suggestions they can come up with. This will be 'guided' as I have a feeling we might end up with a lot of footballers being put forward!

Year group	Class	Councilor	Deputy
1	Blyton	Tristan Brechon	Penny Eldridge
1	Ahlberg	Phoebe Hunt	Toby Stone
2	Dahl	Summer Taylor	Noah Caine
2	Picasso	Erin McKinstry-Howard	Mark Williams
3	Monet	Rose Keene	William Penney
3	Lowry	Rory Meehan	Katie Bell
4	Handel	Lola Pontin	Clara Goodright
4	Elgar	Connie Morgan	Jacob Munday
5	Mozart	Amelie Gold	Jude McDonald
5	Lovelace	Rowan Copse	Aimee Saunders



### **WANSA**

Thank you to WANSA for purchasing new, 'anti-wobble' chairs for Yrs 5 and 6. Our old chairs were breaking on a daily basis last term and so we are very grateful to have new ones. They are quite hard to lean back on so hopefully will stay in one piece longer!

### **Morning Supervision**

Our school gates do not open until 8.30 a.m. If you drop your child off before then, you are still responsible for their care and supervision. School staff are not on duty until 8.40 a.m. so even though the gates are open, the children are still under your care and supervision.

### **OOSC**

OOSC have paid for the outside 'Green Zone' area to be made. The children love playing on there at break times. We are trying to find a way to keep the sandpits covered that is easy to use but also cat proof. As soon as we have got that sorted the sandpits will be in use. Thank you for the donations of buckets and spades.

### **Mobile Phones**

Thank you for completing the forms we have asked for from those Yr5/6 pupils who are bringing their phones to school. The children are very good at putting their phones in the correct wallets each morning. If during the year your child needs to bring a phone to school then you will need to complete a form that can be found on Parentmail. Some children are just bringing in their phones even though they are not walking home by themselves. We will be keeping an eye on this as it is not permitted.

### **Holidays**

I am already getting holiday requests. Some families have asked for more than one holiday this term. Each request is reviewed: we look to see if a holiday has been requested before and the child's overall attendance. All term time holiday will be unauthorised (POL is different). All holiday requests can be referred to the County Attendance Team and they will decide if a fine should be issued. Time missed off school impacts on your child's education; the way things are taught, a whole unit of work can be missed if away for a week.