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Believe and Achieve

The Beginning of the School Day

As the mornings become lighter and warmer, we are aware of a growing number of pupils arriving at school, very early.

Please refer to Newsletter 5 which was issued earlier in the year. It does provoke some interesting observations including.

“At Wembrook we endeavour to have at least one member of Senior Management out walking the playgrounds by 8:40am but that does not mean that they will be at the right place, at the right time, if there is an emergency. If you know your child is arriving on their own before 8:50am, what confidence do you have that their safety is guaranteed? Would they be seen if they fell? Would they be protected if they were approached by a stranger?”

Some schools do not unlock their gates until 5 minutes before the beginning of the school day! Please do not abuse our responsibility by allowing your child to come to school before 8:30am.

New data published earlier this year, showed that pupils that regularly read at home to their parents (at least three times a week), have a 56% higher chance of gaining at least 5 GCSE's. Wouldn't we all want that for our children?

Our lost property box is presently overflowing with school uniform and **many expensive coats!** Please double check that your child has all their property at home. You may be interested to know that of the 29 jumpers in the box, not one has a name label on them!

School Meal Costs

A reminder that schools meals have increased by 16 pence to £2.91 a day.

This means those purchasing a meal every day for the week will now have to pay £14.55. This is obviously linked to external costs beyond their control.



Clubs

Clubs will start next week and as you can see we are offering a range of activities. All clubs finish promptly at 4:15pm If the club has to be cancelled parents will be notified by Parentmail beforehand.

All clubs start the week beginning 27th April and will run until the week beginning the 2nd June.

Some clubs unfortunately have limited numbers. Places will be allocated on a first returned basis.

Your child will only be informed if they do not have a place.

This year we have run over 35 after school clubs.

As always I am indebted to all the staff who have generously given up their own time to allow these clubs to run.

TUESDAY	Yoga Club Years 1 and 2	After School (Main Hall. Dismissed from Year Five door)	Mrs Booton Mrs Hobson
WEDNESDAY	Running Club Years 3 and 4	After School (Dismissed from 3ND)	Miss Nelson Miss Foggin
WEDNESDAY	Games Club Reception	After School (Dismissed from RRH)	Miss Tinsley Miss Holroyd
WEDNESDAY	Cricket Club Years 4 and 5 (Invite only) Summer 2	After School (Dismissed from 4CB)	Mr Brooks Mrs Armstrong
WEDNESDAY	Gardening Club Key Stage Two	After School (Dismissed from 2AK)	Miss Barnes
THURSDAY	Roald Dahl Book Club Years 4 and 5	After School (Dismissed from Kids Club Door)	Mrs Jones

If you would like your child to attend a club, the quickest and easiest way is to complete the relevant form on ParentMail. Using the app is the simplest way to do this. (Main menu-Forms)

Paper copies of forms will only be available for any parents who DO NOT have internet access. These will be kept in the main school office.

Some clubs have limited numbers. If your child is unsuccessful you will be informed if they do not have a place. In an attempt to make this process fair to all families, applications will go live at 4:00pm today. If you can not electronically apply you may put your children name down for a club at the office from Tuesday 21st April.

The form will close on Thursday 23rd April at 12 noon.

The government have issued some very wise advice about screen time and children. It focuses on the younger children but actually it is wise advice for all primary aged children.

Click on the link and it will make you think!



<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-screen-time-guidance-for-parents-of-under-5s>