



# Newsletter 3

Monday 6th October 2025

Welcome to the third of our newsletters for this academic year. We will publish a newsletter every other week on Monday afternoons (the next newsletter will be published on 20th October).



## Your PTA

The PTA here at Wigginton Primary School, are a valuable part of the school community. Without the PTA we would not have a summer fair, Christmas present room, school disco or film nights. The vast majority of the school trips, such as the KS1 trip to The Deep and the year 5/6 trip to the York attractions, are subsidised by the PTA. If this did not happen, the voluntary contributions from parents would roughly need to double. The money raised by the PTA also goes towards sports equipment, books and the leavers hoodies.

At the next AGM, on 10th November, the PTA Treasurer role and the role of Secretary will need to be filled. As a registered charity, the PTA is not allowed to exist without a treasurer. If you would like to volunteer, either for the role of treasurer or secretary, a combination of both or if you would like to help as and when you can, please come along to the AGM or get in touch with the PTA - [pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com). Many work places will compensate you for volunteer hours.



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

**7 PM AT THE SCHOOL**

**ALL PARENTS  
WELCOME!**

**At our Annual General meeting the PTA are seeking to fill the position of SECRETARY and TREASURER. These can be a shared roles.**

**If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about any of the roles within the PTA - please get in touch with Jessie our current PTA chair on email [pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:pta.wiggintonprimary@gmail.com) or message the PTA Facebook page.**

**YOUR VOTE  
MATTERS**

## Cultural Diversity Celebration Week - We Need You!

As the festive season fast approaches, here at Wiggi we are trying to find lots of ways to celebrate our fantastic and diverse community. When we return after October half term, the whole school will be focusing on a different religion or culture and immersing ourselves in aspects of that culture by replicating a food dish with the fabulous Hannah from Phunky Foods. We will also look at the countries linked to the religions or celebrations we are covering too.

We would really welcome any parents or family members, who would be willing to come into school and share something significant to their own cultural identity – this could be a whole school assembly or just sharing something meaningful with your child's class, like a traditional dish, dance, song – anything!

EYFS will be looking at Hinduism and the festival of Diwali, Y1/2 are looking at Judaism, Y3/4 are looking at South America and Y5/6 will be celebrating Hannukah. Please get in touch if you would like to and are able to share something. We will be celebrating all week between 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you!



## Bikeability

All pupils in year 6 should have received a letter regarding bikeability with a QR code for booking on. The deadline for booking is 15th October 2025



## PTA News

The PTA held their first meeting of the academic year welcoming back old faces and saying hello to new parents. We have lots planned for this year and great projects to fundraise for!

The pupils Halloween disco will be on Monday 20 October. Please see the poster for timings. We would like to thank our teacher DJ's Mrs Fox and Mr Frank as we wouldn't be able to run this event without their help! Children can come in fancy dress but it is optional. We request props are kept to a minimum and no flashing light accessories please. Entry is £3 cash donation per child which includes sweets and drink and no pre booking is required. As this is the first disco for reception children if you do have any questions please do get in touch.

There will be no sweets and treats sale at the end of half term as we can not find enough helpers to facilitate the stall but we hope it will return at the end of next term.

The MOST important date of the PTA calendar is coming soon. The annual general meeting (AGM) is at 7pm on Monday 10 November at the school.

As a registered accountable charity the PTA can only operate with a committee that is voted in. All positions will be re-elected. Some committee members will be standing for their existing roles but there are vacancies to fill and any parent can stand for any position. For the vote to be recorded and stand we need to meet our quorum so we need parents to physically attend the school to vote. The AGM lasts about 15 minutes and the vote is a show of hands. Please pop down to the school to vote if you can.

The PTA need to fill two roles.

### 1. TREASURER.

Without this position being filled the PTA will not be able to carry on and the charity will fold!

The treasurer will complete the PTA's financial records and completes an annual return for the charity commission. The treasurer manages the PTA bank account. We know this sounds a lot but where we can we work as team for example pitching in to count all those 20p's from the tombola!

### 2. SECRETARY

This can be a shared role. The secretary is responsible for the minutes at meetings and helps maintain the PTA records and external correspondence.

Formal letters with nominations for all positions will be circulated soon. ALL parents are welcome at the AGM. We hope to see you there so we can continue fundraising for our school and pupils and so we can put on events for the children to enjoy.

## Sleep, Screens and Stressed-Out Kids

If you attended the online workshop, Sleep, Screens and Stressed-Out Kids on Tuesday 30th September, we would really appreciate you taking 2 minutes to complete this [survey](#). All we want to know is how many families attended and whether it was useful. We will hopefully be able to offer further webinars in the near future.

### Big on Books? Buy a Bracelet!

Two of our pupils, Abigail and Lilly, are looking to raise funds for Haxby and Wigginton Library as part of Guides. They have been busily making bracelets, which they will sell after school on the final Thursday and Friday of this half term (23rd and 24th October). Bracelets will be £1-£2 each. Please do support them if you can and bring change!



### Trauma Informed Practice and attachment Training

As part of our training day on 26th September, we focused on how trauma can affect pupils and how we can support all pupils to feel safe and ready to learn. Our approaches in school very much align with this

practice and are reflected in our [behaviour policy](#). We will continue to provide a supportive environment and work with families to ensure success for all our pupils.

### Therapeutic Support training programme – Strong Foundations

Strong Foundations, building healthy brains together, is a therapeutic parenting programme led by an experienced Trauma and Attachment therapist to parents and carers.

The course focuses on how early trauma and loss (including trauma in the womb) affects children's brains, behaviour and self-confidence; and how as parents and carers you can learn new ways to parent a child affected by early trauma while taking care of your own body and brain.

The programme involves:

- A pre-group half-hour meeting with a psychologist from Chrysalis where you can ask questions and explore your goals for the group
- 8 x 2-hour group sessions alongside a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 other families

- A half-hour post-group meeting either with your group leader or with one of our Clinical Psychologists to talk through what you've learned from the group and the next steps for you and your child
- A paper and online programme workbook
- Access to additional video recordings and resources

You are eligible for this group if:

- You are parenting a child aged 5-12, who is adopted or living with you under a Special Guardianship Order, or Child Arrangement Order.
- The cost of the programme can be funded via the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund (ASGSF).

Please contact us on 0345 305 2576, selecting the Local Authority in which you reside, to speak to a member of the duty team, if you wish to find out more.

## **\*\*NUT FREE SCHOOL\*\***

Please can we ensure that any food brought into school does not contain ANY nut products. This includes hazelnut spreads and obviously peanut butter. We have a number of children in school who have a severe nut allergy. Thank you.

All school dinners provided are guaranteed nut free by Hutchison, our school catering provider.

### **Collection Arrangements**

Please contact the office if you need to make changes to your child's pick up arrangements from school or afterschool clubs. The office is very busy towards the end of the day so it is best if you can let us know earlier in the day if you a different adult is collecting or your child is not attending their usual club. It's incredibly helpful if you include your child's name and class in any email!

### **Parent Governor Ballot**

The parent governor ballot information will have been sent to all parents for whom we hold an email address by the end of today. The letter contains the candidate statements, a link to the voting form and a unique voter number which you will need to enable you to vote. The ballot closes at 1pm on Wednesday 15th October. Each parent/carer has one vote. Please email the school office if you have not received a letter by the end of today and would like to vote.

## Lunchtimes Update

As well as introducing our play charter (as explained in the newsletter issued on 8th September), we have also established a suggestions box so that the children can communicate their ideas for new resources, ideas and improvements to existing provision. There have been some fantastic suggestions already including -

- a zip line
- more bean bags
- an area for fidget toys
- a seesaw
- a pirate ship
- another pogo stick
- a climbing wall

Clearly, some ideas are larger projects than others! The ideas are always discussed in our regular play assemblies and a number of the smaller ones have already been implemented - we now have an area for children to play with fidget toys and we have kindly been donated a seesaw. During assemblies, we have also looked at how the children can make a seesaw for themselves from our loose parts.



We are still in need of a parent representative to join our OPAL working party. There is a bit more information about this role below so if you think this is something you might be interested in supporting us with please email [l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk](mailto:l.ackrel1@wiggintonprimary.co.uk) to arrange a chat or to find out more.

The parent play champions will:

- Observe and assess playtime within the school at least once a year.
- Sit on the OPAL working party and attend development meetings.
- Support other parents to understand the school's approach to play.
- Advocate OPAL's approach and for children's play within the PTA and school community.
- Share contributions and ideas from parents and the wider community.
- Support the ongoing resourcing of loose parts from parents and the wider community.

Parent Play!

We are looking forward to seeing parents/carers coming to play on Tuesday 14th October! Please make sure you have completed the Google form to let us know you are coming and for information on when your child will be eating their lunch so you know which times to try and avoid. This event will go ahead even if the weather isn't good so please come dressed accordingly!

# HALLOWEEN Disco

MONDAY  
20 OCTOBER

£3  
ENTRY

SWEETS &  
DRINK  
INCLUDED



R & KS1  
17:30PM  
TO 18:30PM

KS2  
18:45PM  
TO 19:45PM

FANCY DRESS (SPOOKY OR NOT) IS OPTIONAL  
NO MOBILE PHONES PLEASE

## **The Pupil Premium**

Did you know that there are **many more benefits** to the Pupil Premium other than free school meals?

- ✓ Additional school funding to support learning
- ✓ Support with the cost of educational visits and residentials
- ✓ Support with uniform costs
- ✓ Free school milk
- ✓ Free school meals beyond year 2

If parent/carers of children receive one of the qualifying benefits listed below, school may benefit from additional funding called the **Pupil Premium**. This enables the school to provide further support in school and beyond.

Qualifying benefits include:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance

You may also be entitled if you receive Universal Credit or Child Tax Credits.

All applications must be made via the City of York Council website. If you think you may be eligible, you will need to visit [www.york.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.york.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). If you are unable to access the internet contact the school office for assistance.

## **Healthy Child Screening**

If you have a child in Year 6 or Reception you will have received an email regarding the Healthy Child Service. If you would like to opt out of the Child Health Screening there is an email address in the letter for you to let them know.

## **Secondary School Open Days & Applications**

If your child is in year 6 currently you need to apply for their secondary school place by 31st October. A letter from CYC detailing the open evenings for secondary school is on the year 5/6 class page on our website.

## Social Media Update



Based on parental feedback, we will be making changes to our social media use. As a school, we will be moving to Facebook as our chosen social media platform. We will soon be sharing our Facebook page called 'Wigginton Primary School' with you all. On this page, we will be sharing updates from within school in addition to links that you may find useful. If you don't believe that your child currently has permission to be posted on social media, please consider checking this. Thank you for your ongoing support and we can't wait to share more updates of what is happening in school.

Mr Frank

## Coming up.....

Day	Date	Time	Event	Details on Website?
Tues	14th October	12-1pm	Lunchtime Play Session for Parents/Carers	Letter sent 30th September  <a href="#">Lunchtime Play</a>
Mon	20th October	R&KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm  KS2 6.45pm-7.45pm	Halloween Disco	Newsletter 3
Mon- Thurs	20th - 23rd October	Bikeability for Year 6		Letter sent 22nd September
Fri	24th Oct	<b>School closes at normal time for October half-term holiday</b>		
Mon	3rd Nov	<b>Pupils return to school after half-term holiday</b>		
Mon	3rd Nov	9.15am - 3.15pm	Year 5/6 Trip to York Minster	Letter sent 6th October
Tues - Mon	4th-10th Nov	Book Fair		



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# OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL FUN




**4 DAY HOLIDAY COURSE  
10AM-3PM**

**MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> -  
THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
AT HUNTINGTON  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> -  
FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER  
AT LNER COMMUNITY  
STADIUM**

**ONLY £56**

Huntington Secondary  
School YO32 9WT  
LNER Community  
Stadium YO32 9AE

    
Ages 5-13  
All Abilities Welcome

**BOOK VIA THE WEBSITE:**

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or scan the QR code



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THE WONDER YEARS IS HOSTING A  
SPOOKTACULAR  
**HALLOWEEN  
MAGIC PARTY**  
THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1 - 3PM  
WIGGINTON RECREATION HALL

Join us for a special magic show  
with Wizard Dumbledore  
Mini disco, crafts & much more

Tickets:  
Children £5, adults 50p  
available from The Wonder Years





*Play - Grow - Belong*



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN

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MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> & TUESDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER AT  
MILLTHORPE SCHOOL 3G

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> & TUESDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER AT LNER  
COMMUNITY STADIUM

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY AT  
MILLTHORPE SCHOOL 3G

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY  
AT LNER COMMUNITY  
STADIUM

£14  
PER DAY

Millthorpe School  
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LNER Community  
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## CORE NETBALL



# OCTOBER NETBALL CAMP

AGES 7-16



TUE 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

MILTHORPE SCHOOL, YO23 1WF

10AM - 3PM

Take advantage of our Early  
Bird Offer – just £30 if you  
book by Friday 3rd October.  
After this date, the price will be  
£35.

More Information



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RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS



# Half-Term Holiday Club!

Games, stories, scenes, costumes,  
drama skills, making friends... and more!

AT FRIARGATE THEATRE, YORK

October 2025

# Half-Term Holiday Club!

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>  
8.30am - 5.30pm  
For ages 8 - 14

Join us in October at **Friargate Theatre** for our super fun **Half-Term Holiday Club**, packed with imagination, laughter, and adventure! Led by real-life theatre professionals, each day has a brand-new awesome theme - so no two days are the same!

**COME FOR ONE DAY OR ALL OF THEM - IT'S TOTALLY UP TO YOU!**

- You'll play silly games, create cool scenes, and dress up in fabulous costumes.
- Build your own stories, learn new drama skills, and make loads of new friends!
- Whether you're a born performer or just want to have a blast, there's something here for everyone!

Get ready to act, laugh, play, and shine on stage like a superstar!

**ONLY £40 PER DAY!**

**BOOK NOW!**



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