

# WEMMS EDUCATION weekly newsletter

Connecting realities, building perspectives

Whilst you are likely to be thinking about Remembrance this weekend, there are a few other occasions approaching including Thanksgiving and Christmas, more about these festivities are included in this newsletter.

Woodstock House and its grounds are looking splendid now, our cleaners are getting used to our premises with the challenges that they faced and are now accessing and servicing all areas of our buildings, the impact of having a clean and fresh environment to work in is positive for students and staff. Our grounds still have pockets of colour at ground level with the Daphnes and Viburnums beginning to flower, the scent from them will fill the air with a sweet fragrance when they are in full bloom. While the trees are shedding their vivid and brightly coloured leaves, Patrick is constantly clearing leaves from the lawns and play area, with yet more to fall providing Patrick with even more work to do.

## Uniform

We would like to ask that all students attend school dressed according to our uniform policy. Appropriate dress is Wemms black sweatshirt/jumper, a purple shirt, black full-length trousers/legging, or a black knee length (or longer) skirt and black low-heeled shoes. Please also remind your student that this is our uniform policy and coats and hoodies are not allowed to be worn around school.

## Email Etiquette

Please note that it may take up to twenty-four hours to respond to an email, as most staff are teaching during the working day, our focus is on providing an education for your student, so emails are sometimes not accessed until the end of the working day or the beginning of the next working day. Should you need to contact the school for immediate attention, please call us on our main number which is 01372 276499. It is also important to remember, that not all staff will access emails over the weekend.

## Mobiles

Could you please remind your student that mobile phones are not allowed to be used during the school day between 8:30 am-4:00 pm, if they are seen in use by a student, the student will be asked to hand their mobile to the teacher. The mobile phone can be collected from Lesley, Head of Student Services at the end of the day (4:00 pm).

Should students want to listen to music during break times, we have suggested that they use an MP3 player with earphones/headphones/ear pods.

## Remembrance Day Assembly

Sharon delivered a moving and memorable assembly today for Remembrance, themed on the Royal British Legion, which included readings, poetry, and music, along with a two-minute silence and wreaths being laid below a cenotaph-like installation. We are immensely proud of all our students and staff who offered their respect, and huge thanks to the students who dressed in uniforms representing their corps and guide groups.

## Thanksgiving

The week commencing Monday, 20th November, we will be following a Wemms tradition, writing thank you notes during each lesson. The notes will be written on pieces of paper that we will hand out at the start of each lesson, this will give students and staff the opportunity to express their thanks for things that are often taken for granted. Should you wish to write a thank you to your own child, please enclose it in an envelope with their name on it and place it into a second envelope for Lesley, when Lesley receives this it will be put with all other thank you notes, which will be handed out to each student on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, 23rd November.

## Friends of Wemms

Mei and Tamara met with us to discuss the Friends of Wemms, there are so many ideas that were shared with us and the opportunities for parents and carers to work together for the benefit of the students seem to have no limits. Please save Wednesday, 6th December, 6:00 pm in your diaries, further details for this will be shared with you at the beginning of next week.

Next week is Anti-bullying week, we have numerous activities that all members of the Wemms community will engage in throughout the week, please see the attached Anti-bullying week information sheet. We are asking students and staff to wear odd socks throughout the whole of next week and have also asked that some odd socks be brought into school for a bunting-inspired display, where we will be placing them on a line and using them to decorate the school. So should you have any odd socks that are taking up unnecessary storage space they could be worn to school to next week or brought in to school for our display.

We do hope that you have found the contents of this newsletter informative, it shows and shares what we are doing at Wemms and how we can continue to work together to make Wemms an even better setting. Continuing with the Christmas countdown, there are only 45 days until Christmas, and only 14 days until our next newsletter, which will be sent on the 24th of November.



## Anti-Bullying Week



We're all a bit ODD...

**NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT!**