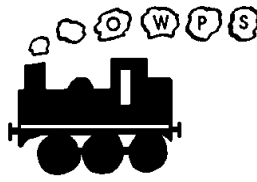


# Wistow ways



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## Happy New Year

### Year 6 SATS

- The Year 6 children will be having a practice SATs week beginning Mon 23rd January.
- KS2 SATs week this year is the week beginning Mon 8th May.
- As this is an important time for the children, holiday leave will NOT be granted in May until the SAT period has finished.

Please help us by ensuring that your child does not wear rings, bracelets, necklaces and nail polish to school.



Our policy allow children to wear one pair of stud earrings.

Welcome to the new style Wistow Ways Newsletter and to the start of a new year. I hope that you had a restful holiday and that you begin the new year in good health.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Simon Eardley and I am very excited to have joined the school as Headteacher. I look forward to working closely with all members of the school community in the coming years.

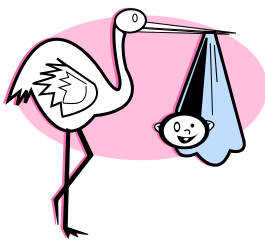
I have been given a very warm welcome by everyone that I have met and I consider myself fortunate to have joined what is clearly a much loved school. In the next newsletter I will give details of a Parents Evening that I will be running to give me an opportunity to meet many of you face-to-face.

It is hard to believe that we have only been back at school for a short while. The children have made a positive start to the new term and have settled quickly to the tasks that they have been set.

I am keen to develop the good relationship that exists between school and home. I would appreciate your comments and feedback on how we are doing and how we could do better.

Happy New Year to you all.

### Congratulations!



We are pleased to announce that Mrs Welham is expecting her first baby, which is due at the start of May. She plans to commence her maternity leave at the end of this term.

We have begun the process of appointing a teacher to take Class 5 for the summer term and I will write to you again when this has been finalised.



## Shining Stars!

Each week up to four children are chosen to have their photographs taken for the Well Done Board.

They are commended for keeping the Golden Rules and for excellent work in class. A letter is sent home to their parents to let them know how proud we are of their achievements.

Congratulations go to the following children:

Daniel Adams - C9  
Georgia Hughes- C8  
Katherine Amps - C8  
Jessica Amps - C6

We also give a certificate to the best behaved class of the week. It is the one with the most beads in their jar. This week Class 9 had an amazing 18 beads.



### Top Tips

We will be repeating our very successful Reading Time training for Reception and Year 1 parents.

Look out for details soon!



### Timestables Challenge

From next week we will be encouraging all children in KS1 and KS2 to practise and learn their timestables.

There will be a weekly test and your child will bring home their results.

Please encourage your child to learn their tables regularly.



### Going for a Song!

The Peterborough Music Festival takes place from the 21st-25th March.

We will be entering a Year 6 choir and a Year 2 choir.

As soon as we receive the specific times and dates we will let you know. We hope that there will be many parents in the audience.



### Water Charges

As many of you are aware, at Orton Wistow we are committed to providing an environment that promotes learning.

Research has found that children who drink water at school suffer less from fatigue, have fewer headaches and their concentration spans are longer. It is recommended that children should be drinking 6-8 glasses a day, a proportionately greater amount than adults.

For these reasons, three years ago we introduced water coolers in all classrooms. Initially we asked for a voluntary contribution of £6 per family and this later became £5 per child, per year.

Since September the school has met the additional costs of maintaining the water fountains and providing water.

Unfortunately we are unable to do this long term and shall be asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child for the period April 06 – March 07.

A letter will be sent to you shortly with a slip for you to return.

Please support us in this venture.



### Diary Dates

16th Jan	Safety Challenge– Keeping Yourself Safe (Y6 ONLY)
19th Jan	Happy Meal Day
25th Jan	History Off the Page Victorian Day for KS1
8th Feb	Captain Carrot – Healthy Eating Roadshow
13th – 17th Feb	Half Term
22nd & 23rd March	Parent Consultations
Fri 31st March	Last Day of Term