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# Wistow Ways



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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you and your families had a good break over the Christmas and New Year period. It seemed to fly by and suddenly we were back at school! I led a whole school assembly on Thursday and was amazed by how well the children behaved after a two week break. It was a very positive start to the Spring term.

During the assembly we thought about New Year Resolutions and each class has now chosen the things that they want to work on. I have included them in the newsletter for you to read. I was pleased by the range of things that the classes have chosen and am looking forward to seeing how they achieve them.

I won't be in school next week as I will be leading my first Ofsted Inspection, the final part of my training to become a Lead Inspector. Mr Marks will be in charge for the week that I am away and I know that he will do a great job. I have really enjoyed learning a new skill. Having now been Headteacher for thirteen years, it has been good to do something out of my comfort zone and I can see how OWPS will benefit from what I am learning.

Best wishes,

Simon Eardley  
Headteacher  
(Currently reading 'The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman)

**This week's Assembly Theme:**

Today we thought about generosity and being charitable.

Some of the assemblies this term will focus on people who help us in our communities.

## Reading

Our expectation is that every child reads a minimum of five times per week. Last week's results were:

Class	%	Change from last week
Penguins	60%	Down 16%
Magpies	70% 	Down 13%
Elephants	60%	Down 30%
Iguanas	43%	Down 47%
Giraffes	67%	Down 17%
Caterpillars	23%	Down 33%
Macaws	47%	Same
Armadillos	50%	Up 7%
Flamingoes	33%	Down 7%
Herons	37%	Down 23%
Sharks	37%	Down 27%
Cobras	53%	Down 20%
Nightingales	13%	Down 35%
Wombats	32%	Up 4%
School	43%	Down 19%

Christmas is clearly a busy time for families so I am not surprised that less reading took place.

In my assembly last Thursday we talked about new year resolutions and starting 2019 with a positive attitude. I hope that now we are back at school, we will see more children read 5 times a week at home.

We have lots of exciting new books about to go into the school library and will appoint our new Librarian in the coming weeks!

## Attendance

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **96.7%**

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by these classes who had the highest attendance of 100%:

- ARMADILLOS**
- GIRAFFES**
- NIGHTINGALES**
- PENGUINS**
- SHARKS**



## Shining Stars



There were no Shining Stars this last week due to a short week following the Christmas Holidays.

## House Points by Mr Eardley

**Dempsey**  
21



**Mallard**  
24



**Nene**  
22



**Fens**  
26



## This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

Nightingales Lunch Week

NIGHTINGALE'S LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	W/C Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Fillet in Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding	Wistow Sausage Roll ✓	Margarita Pizza ✓	Beef Burger in a Bun
Main Course 2 (V)	Vegetable Nuggets	Quorn Fillet in Vegetarian Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese Whirl ✓		Quorn Southern Style Burger in a Bun
Main Course 3	Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet (gluten free)		Quorn Sausage Roll ✓	Fishcake	Assorted Rolls ✓
Starchy Food	Potato Wedges Dauphinoise Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes ✓	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes ✓	Potato Smiles New Potatoes ✓	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Chocolate Fudge Brownie ✓	Iced Sponge & Pink Sauce ✓	Chocolate Chip Sponge & Custard ✓	Apple & Blackberry Crunch Pie & Vanilla Sauce ✓	Flapjack ✓
Dessert 2		Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Fromage Frajs & Sponge Finger	Chocolate Chip Cookie ✓	Ice Cream Cone

## School Nurse Drop In

by Mrs Nalton

(Currently reading 'The Man I Think I Know' by Mike Gayle)

The School Nurse, Clare, will be holding Drop In Sessions on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 from 9 - 12pm, and parents are invited to attend. Please can you contact the School Office if you would like to book a 15-minute slot within this time to see the School Nurse.



School Nursing drop-ins offer a confidential and safe environment for parents to discuss issues about their child's health and wellbeing. Information and advice can be accessed and children and young people can be signposted or referred to other services.

## Class New Year's Resolutions

by Mr Eardley

Each class has now chosen their resolutions:

<b>Penguins &amp; Magpies</b>	To respect the new toys and equipment. To independently zip our coats up.
<b>Elephants</b>	<b>To be independent learners and take pride in our work.</b>
<b>Iguanas</b>	To be responsible for our own belongings and to keep our cloakroom tidy.
<b>Giraffes</b>	<b>To be independent in our thinking and to improve our concentration.</b>
<b>Caterpillars</b>	To ensure that we are using the correct recycling bins at all times to make sure we are doing our part to look after our planet.
<b>Macaws</b>	<b>Make sure we look after our classroom and belongings by keeping it tidy. When we are tidying up, we will do it quickly so we don't waste learning time.</b>
<b>Armadillos</b>	Always do our best work and be the kindest we possibly can everyday to everybody.
<b>Flamingoes</b>	<b>To drink a litre of water each day at school, as part of our drive this term to live healthy lifestyles.</b> <b>To reduce our plastic usage by promising to bring in a reusable water bottle every day.</b>
<b>Hérons</b>	To take care of our cloakroom by making sure it is tidy and that our belongings are in the right place.
<b>Sharks</b>	<b>To respect our classroom environment and look after all resources.</b>
<b>Cobras</b>	To transition better between playtime and learning time
<b>Nightingales</b>	<b>Maintain our focus when we're working on a task.</b>
<b>Wombats</b>	We will not waste time chatting during transition periods and get on with our work straight away.
<b>Staff Target</b>	<b>To make sure our classes line up in silence at the end of break and lunchtime and to collect them from the playground on time.</b>

## #OWPS5timesaweek

		1st Half Term Results
<b>Penguins</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	92%
<b>Cobras</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	86%
<b>Elephants</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	85%
<b>Hérons</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	84%
<b>Magpies</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	83%
<b>Giraffes</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	83%
<b>Caterpillars</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	82%
<b>Sharks</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	81%
<b>Iguanas</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	79%
<b>Armadillos</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	75%
<b>Wombats</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	49%
<b>Flamingoes</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	65%
<b>Macaws</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	43%
<b>Nightingales</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	42%

by Mr Eardley

As you know, I have been tracking whether each child is reading five times a week to an adult at home and reporting the results each week. I am now able to reveal the results for the second half term!



I thought it was fair that both the Penguins and Cobras classes won their own pop-up libraries so we have bought two sets of books. They will have the books for half a term and then they will go into the library.



Although I still think we could do more to promote reading, I am delighted that our school percentage of children who read 5 times a week increased from 53% in the first half term to 77% in the second. Well done!

## FOWS

by Sophie Chambers

(Currently reading with her children 'The Wizards Of Once' by Cressida Cowell with Arthur.

Our first FOWS meeting of 2019 is this Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January in the school staffroom from 7pm. New faces and ideas are always welcome. More about what events are planned for this term next week!

### School Lottery

Congratulations to Catherine McEwan on winning £13.80 this week! Please help to boost our weekly jackpot by taking a moment to sign up by visiting [www.ourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.ourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Orton Wistow Primary School. You could be in with a chance of winning the weekly £25,000 prize too!



### easyfundraising

Thank you to all those who are supporting us via easyfundraising! It's a really simple way to raise money for us through your everyday online shopping with 3,300 big name retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you'. It's completely free and over £20million has been raised for causes just like us so far. You can sign up and help us at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofortonwistowprimaryschool/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofortonwistowprimaryschool/)

## Coming Up!

### Week: WB 7 January 2019

#### Nightingales Lunch Week

#### Wednesday

Swimming starts Herons Class

#### Thursday

Year 5 Family Learning 9.10 -10.10am

### Next Week: WB 14 January 2019

### In 2 Weeks: WB 21 January 2019

#### Flamingoes Lunch Week

#### Monday

#### Clubs Start

School Nurse Drop In 9-12pm

#### Thursday

African Mask Drumming Day – Year 3

### In Three Weeks: WB 28 January 2019

#### Wednesday

Year 6 2 Can Learn 9.10-10.10am

#### Thursday

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