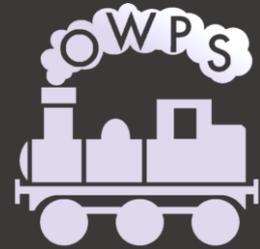


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# Wistow Ways



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**This week's Assembly Theme:**

This morning we thought about what it means to be a good neighbour and how we should all follow the PRIDE Code on the way to and from school as each child is representing our school.

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term. The weather certainly helped and I am keeping my fingers crossed that we have seen the worst of the wintery weather. It seems to give everyone a welcome pick me up when the sun is shining and the evenings are lighter.

I was very pleased with the children's behavior in assembly this morning. They came in beautifully and listened attentively to the theme of being a good neighbour. My assembly followed on from one Mr Marks did last term on Community and was necessary because we sometimes receive complaints about how our children behave around neighbouring properties. I used the assembly as a chance to remind the children that if their parents trust them enough to be unsupervised, they need to behave well and live up to that trust.

We are looking forward to seeing most of you this week at the parent consultation appointments. It is always a positive week and a good opportunity to let you know how your child is getting on. This is a very short half term with only six weeks until the Easter holidays. As you would expect, we will pack in a huge amount and have the Year 3 residential trip to Burwell and the Year 4 production, as well as much, much more.

Best wishes,

Simon Eardley  
Headteacher

(Currently reading 'The Book of Dust' by Philip Pullman.)

## Reading

	11/02/2019		Half term 3 results	
Penguins	21	70	77	
Magpies	21	70	76	
Elephants	21	70	68	
Iguanas	16	53	50	
Giraffes	22	73	59	
Caterpillars	21	70	71	
Macaws	10	33	49	
Armadillos	11	37	58	
Flamingoes	13	43	50	
Hérons	20	67	72	
Sharks	21	70	70	
Cobras	16	53	67	
Nightingales	10	43	43	
Wombats	7	32	43	
Percentage	R	%	R	%
		56	61	

Well done to the Giraffes class who had the highest percentage of children who had read 5 times a week at home in the week before half term.

Once again, the FS children were the classes with the highest number of regular readers, closely followed by the Herons class. They will each receive a pop up library as their reward.

## Attendance

Before Half Term, our Whole School Attendance was: **98.18%**

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



**ARMADILLOS**  
**CATERPILLARS**

## Shining Stars



Well done to the following children who all received a Shining Star last week!

**Penguins:** Noah Wade

**Magpies:** Alfie Coates

**Elephants:** Archie Pywell

**Iguanas:** Dominic Clements

**Giraffes:** Michael Williamson

**Caterpillars:** Eden Jeal-Dunkling

**Macaws:** George Dalton

**Armadillos:** Bethany Byrne

**Flamingoes:** Hollie Normington

**Hérons:** Auriol Stronach

**Sharks:** Nathaniel Readfern-Grey

**Cobras:** Ella Morby

**Nightingales:** Isobel Thomas

**Wombats:** Samuel Jinks

## House Points by Mr Eardley

**Dempsey**  
**35**



**Mallard**  
**56**



**Nene**  
**43**



**Fens**  
**35**



## This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

Penguins Lunch Week

PENGUINS LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	W/C Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Sausages & Gravy (optional) ✓	Chicken Fillet in Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding	Spanish Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Wistow Sausage Roll ✓	Chicken Nuggets
Main Course 2 (V)	Quorn Sausage & Vegetarian Gravy (optional)	Quorn Fillet in Vegetarian Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Balls in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Quorn Sausage Roll ✓	Vegetable Nuggets
Main Course 3	Battered Fish		Cheese Whirl ✓		Assorted Rolls ✓
Starchy Food	Mashed Potatoes Hash Brown	Roast Potatoes New Potatoes ✓	Pasta Potato Smiles	Mashed Potatoes Waffles	Oven Jacket Wedges
Dessert 1	Apple Strudel & Custard ✓	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard ✓	Raspberry Sponge & Pink Sauce ✓	Chocolate Fudge Brownie ✓	Fairy Cake ✓
Dessert 2	Honey & Oat Biscuit ✓	Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Flapjack ✓		Fruit Smoothie

## MAT Update

by Mr Eardley

I am delighted to inform you that we are still on course to become an Academy and founding member of the OWN Trust on Friday 1 March, 2019. Many of you know that this has been a lengthy process as there have been several stages to the process. This heralds an exciting new chapter in the life of the school and I look forward to writing to you in the future as this new partnership develops.

## Year 4 Reading Cafe

by Mrs Edwards

Before half term Year 4 welcomed parents to our Reading Café. It was another full session and the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Willow Pattern' and watching the animation to support this.

I'm not sure who enjoyed creating the willow pattern plates more, the children or the adults!

Thank you to Mrs Marks for leading the session and to all of the parents who attended.

## School Nurse Drop In

by Mrs Nalton

(Currently reading 'The LightKeepers Daughter' by Jean E. Pendziwol)

Our new School Nurse, Mr Sam Davies, will be holding a Drop In Session on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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.



## Parent Consultations

by Mr Marks

(Currently reading 'Practical Mindfulness' by Ken A. Verni)

This term's Parent Consultations will take place tomorrow **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** (3.30 – 7.30) and this **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** (3.30 – 6.00).

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Please arrive in plenty of time to look through your child's books, which will be available in the Music Room. There will be arrows to direct you to the Music Room. Mr Eardley and I will then call you through from the Music Room just before your appointment is due to start so that you can be ready on time.

Our Parent Consultations are slick and we know of other schools who have copied our system. It works well because we keep to the ten-minute time slots. If you arrive late, I am afraid you will have less time with your child's teacher. Most parents find that ten minutes is long enough, but if this time is not sufficient please make a further appointment with your child's teacher (this will have to be outside of this week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> February). Mr Eardley and I will be available during the evenings should you have any questions.

At this appointment, your child's class teacher will talk to you about the academic and personal progress that your child has made in the first two months of the term. They will also discuss any areas that your child needs to address and what we plan to do as a school to support them. We will also discuss how you can support your child at home.

**Just a reminder that there will no clubs this week due to parents evening.**



## FOWS

**by** Sophie Chambers

(Currently reading with her children 'The Wizards of Once' by Cressida Cowell with her son Arthur).

### Upcoming Events

Friday 15th March @7pm –  
Quiz Night

Monday 18th March –  
Mallard Cake Sale

Friday 5th April –  
Break the Rules Day!

### Quiz Night-Friday 15th March 7pm

Bookings will be taken via the school office from today up until Thursday 7th March for our Quiz Night!

Teams of up to six people-forms are available from the office or by printing from the OWPS website. Places will be £10 per head (payable upon booking), which will include a fish and chip supper. Hot drinks will be available on the night but please bring your own soft or alcoholic drink.

Our Quizmaster for the evening will be our very own Mrs Ironside, who we know will make it fun for all!

(Please note, this is intended to be an adults only evening so no under 14's please.)

### School Lottery

Congratulations to Carly Pask on winning £14.70 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. Everyone should have received a leaflet home with further details on how to sign up. You could be in with a chance of winning the weekly £25,000 prize too!

### Easyfundraising

Don't forget to help raise funds for FOWS whenever you shop online. Use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,500 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS and Booking.com-and when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for us every time. It's that easy! Help support us:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofortonwistowprimaryschool/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofortonwistowprimaryschool/)

If you do your shopping on your mobile or tablet, get the free easyfundraising app on iOS or Android and you'll never miss a donation for FOWS. The easyfundraising app makes it easier to raise donations with over 3,500 retailers every time you shop online: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/easyfundraising.app](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/easyfundraising.app)

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# QUIZ NIGHT

*£10 entry-includes Fish & Chip supper!*

*Teams of 6-pre booking and payment essential via OWPS school office*

*Bring your own drinks!*

*Raffle and games!*

*Please join our Facebook event for more details - <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofwistowschool>*

**FRIDAY 15TH MARCH @ 7PM FOR 7.30PM START**

## New College Student Starting

**by** Mrs Granville  
(currently reading Mary Berry's Complete Cookbook)

We welcome back Miss Locke and Miss McFarlane, our Teach East trainees, for the remainder of their training in the Giraffe and Iguana classes. Miss Oliver, a New College Stamford student, will be working in the Elephants class on Thursdays and Fridays, and Mr Ward, a visiting teacher from a school in Cambridgeshire, will be working in Year 2 and 5 on Thursdays.

We hope everyone enjoys their time with us.

## Lost Property Parents Evening

**by** Mrs Nalton  
(Currently reading 'The LightKeepers Daughter' by Jean E. Pendziwol)

Lost Property will be on display outside the School Office on Parent Consultation days.

We will dispose of any unclaimed items on Friday.



## Coming Up!

### Week: WB 25 February 2019

**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

**Penguins Lunch Week**

**Monday**

**Back to School**

Year 6 Reading Café – 2.30-3.15pm

**Tuesday**

Long Parents Evening (3.30 – 7.30pm)

**Wednesday**

Year 5 Math's Masterclass OBA selected children only  
1-3pm

**Thursday**

Honours Award Assembly 5 - 9am

Short Parents Evening (3.30 – 6.00pm)

### Next Week: WB 4 March 2019

**Sharks Lunch Week**

**Tuesday**

**Shrove Tuesday Lunch (Fully Booked)**

Year 2 Warwick Castle Trip

**Wednesday**

Year 1 Grow Your Own Potatoes Event

Year 5 Math's Masterclass OBA selected children only  
1-3pm

Whole School Music Event BBC Ten Pieces pm

**Thursday**

Year 5 Assembly 9am

**Friday**

Year 5 Trip to National Space Centre

### In 2 Weeks: WB 11 March 2019

**Monday to Wednesday**

Year 3 Burwell Trip

**Wednesday**

School Nursing Team – rechecks selected children  
Year 5 Math's Masterclass OBA selected children  
only 1-3pm

**Thursday**

School Nurse Drop In 9-12pm

**Friday**

Comic Relief Day – Red Nose Day  
FOWS Quiz Night 7pm

### In Three Weeks: WB 18 March 2019

**Mother's Day Lunch Week 1**

**Monday**

Mallard Cake Sale

**Thursday**

Year 2 - 2 Can Learn 9.15-10.15am