



ORTON WISTOW
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

As this is the first newsletter I have written since starting back, hello! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. The first two weeks in school have been great and the children should feel very proud of how they have settled into their new year groups and classes.

Last Wednesday we had a joint staff and governors meeting and the subject leaders shared their plans for the coming year. There are some really exciting new projects, days and experiences being planned and the teachers are working tirelessly to improve all areas of the curriculum at Orton Wistow.

Jeans 4 Genes is a charity close to our hearts at OWPS and the money we raise goes to a very worthy cause, supporting children and their families who live with genetic disorders. All children and staff can wear jeans on Friday for donating £1.

Yesterday I spent some time packing my bag ready for the Year Five residential at Hilltop. I think this will be my 4th time on this trip and I can't wait. Wish me luck for surviving the 'High Ropes' at Hilltop!

Colin Marks – Deputy Head Teacher

This Morning's Assembly Theme:

International Day of
Peace



Polite • **R**espect • **I**ndependent • **D**o your best • **E**verybody matters



Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 98.53%

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



GIRAFFES, IGUANAS & MAGPIES

Shining Stars



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

Penguins: N/A	Magpies: N/A
Elephants: Alissa Machin	Iguanas: Millie Warren
Giraffes: Arnav Jain	Caterpillars: Jaiden White
Macaws: Ruby Warren	Nightingales: Bianca Al-Samirraie
Cobras: George Dalton	Flamingoes: Phoebe Beckett
Wombats: Lucy Measures	Armadillos: Holly Billington
Sharks: Jack Whittaker-Osborne	Toucans: Kurtis Simmons

Reading Champions

Every time a child reads with an adult at home, they earn a Dojo point towards their class reward.

Our target is that every child reads WITH an adult at home, 5 times a week. This week's class averages were:



Children in Years 1-6 earn Dojo Points for their class by reading with an adult at home, demonstrating the PRIDE Code and our Learning Toolkit and for gaining House Points.



ClassDojo

This week's Dojo Scores were:

Penguins: NA	Magpies: NA	Elephants: 457 ★	Iguanas: 462
Elephants: 6.4	Iguanas: 7	Giraffes: 442	Caterpillars: 368
Giraffes: 7.3 ★	Caterpillars: 4.7	Macaws: 200	Nightingales: 276
Macaws: 4.6	Nightingales: 5.4	Cobras: 380	Flamingoes: 315
Flamingoes: 4.6	Cobras: 4.6	Wombats: 329	Armadillos: 450
Armadillos: 3.6	Wombats: 5	Sharks: 382	Toucans: 412
Sharks: 5.4	Toucans: 6.3		



Dojo Masters

Our Top 5 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Emma Granville (29)

LKS2: Jessica Wharton (21)

UKS2: Tara Singh (33)



Children in Years 2-6 are challenged to practise their times tables. www.ttrockstars.com

This week's Rock Stars were:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Coming Soon!

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY
106

MALLARD
108

NENE
89

FENS
92

Playground Buddies

By Mrs Johnson

Playground Buddies



One of the ways we encourage our children to be involved in the life of the school is by giving them the opportunity to be a [Playground Buddy](#).

We will soon be looking for volunteers from our new Year 5 to be our [Buddy Bus Stop Monitors](#).

These are children who are prepared to give up some of their free time to try and help make playtimes happy times for all children.

When children are sitting on the [Buddy Bus Stop Bench](#), one of the monitors will check to see if they would like someone to talk to or play with, we have benches on both playgrounds.

If they feel it is a situation they aren't able to deal with they will tell me or an adult on duty. They will also be supported by our [Wellbeing Ambassadors](#).

Playground Buddies walk around the playground and field too as not all children who need a "friend" want to use the [Buddy Bus Stop Bench](#).

Children from Year 4 and 5 will be asked soon to let me know if they would like to be a [Buddy Bus Stop Monitor](#).

New Reception Tours 2019 / 20

By Mrs Nalton

Just as one new group of children join the Foundation Stage, we start preparing for the coming year! New reception tours for entry to Orton Wistow Primary School September 2020

	Date	Time
1	Tuesday 8 th October 2019	9.30-10.30am
2	Thursday 17 th October 2019	9.30-10.30am
3	Thursday 31 st October 2019	1.30-2.30pm
4	Wednesday 6 th November 2019	1.30-2.30pm
5	Monday 18 th November 2019	1.30-2.30pm
6	Wednesday 27 ^h November 2019	9.45-10.45am
7	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	9.30-10.30am

If you would like to book a place on one of the tours, please call the School Office on 01733 370646:

Date of Birth applicable for September 2020 start:

1 September 2015 - 31 August 2016 start school in September 2020

FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

Autumn Term Upcoming Events

Thursday 19th September-FOWS Annual General Meeting
Friday 4th October-Donation Friday (Wacky Socks for Gifts)
Friday 4th October @ 7pm-Bingo Night!
Thursday 10th October- School Disco

School Lottery

Congratulations to Sarita Revell on winning £12.60 this week! Please help to boost our weekly jackpot by taking a moment to sign up by visiting www.ourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Orton Wistow Primary School.

AGM

A reminder that our Annual General Meeting is being held next Thursday in the school staffroom, at 7pm.

This is a very informal meeting where we decide on the new committee and confirm dates and events for the coming year, everyone is always very welcome to attend.

Bingo Night-Friday 4th October 7pm

Following the success of the Quiz Night during the Summer term, we will be holding a Bingo Night at school!

The cost for this will be £10 per person, which includes a game card and a portion of Fish & Chips (alternatives available).

We will provide hot drinks on the night but you are welcome to bring your own cold refreshments, soft or alcoholic! The feedback we received from the Quiz Night was that people enjoyed a child-free evening, so this event will be for adults only also.

Booking is essential to allow us to pre order from Fishtastic-forms are now available from the school office.

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/

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



Secondary School places for September 2020 – Year 6

By Mrs Nalton

Last Thursday online applications opened for your child's Secondary School places for September 2020.

Please can you ensure that you visit the Peterborough City Council website www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions

Here you will be able to:-

- access the Secondary Admissions Booklet 2020
- find advice on which schools require a SIF and availability to download them (Supplementary Information Forms)
- access the Parent Portal page where you will be able to log in or create an account if you have not used the system before to apply for their child's school place
- and find information on each secondary schools open evening.

Jeans for Genes

By Mr Marks

Jeans for Genes Day is a great way to bring the whole school together and raise money for children with genetic disorders.

As a result, this **Friday 20th September** all children will be able to wear jeans for a donation of **£1** per child in order to save lives. Your child will still need to wear their normal school uniform, jumper or cardigan on their top halves.

Biscuits will also be on sale for **50p** at break time.

There are between 4,000 and 6,000 diagnosed genetic disorders.

It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder and therefore 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year.

Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adulthood.

We look forward to all children taking part in this worthwhile charity.



STEM Festival

By Mrs Simmons



[Peterborough STEM Festival - A free, family friendly event](https://www.peterboroughstemfestival.co.uk/)

Bring the whole family along and experience a FREE full day of STEM based exhibits and workshops all aimed to engage and inspire the next generation into STEM learning and careers all through hands-on play and interaction.

Please see link below:

<https://www.peterboroughstemfestival.co.uk/>

What's wrong with these photographs?

By Ms Porter



The three bins in the playgrounds are for compost, recyclable waste and 'everything else' (the 'last resort' bin).

You will see from these photographs that we need to continue to work on reminding the children where to put their rubbish at playtimes.

More worrying is the amount of crisp packets, chocolate wrappers, cereal bar packaging that we have found.



You will be aware from your child's activities in school that we spend time talking to them about a healthy mind and healthy body and the nutritional value of food.

Please continue to help us to promote eating healthily by sending your child into school with a **non packaged healthy snack**.

Let's start the year as we mean to go on!

School Nurse Drop In

By Mrs Nalton

We have a new School Nurse, Clare Harrington, who will be holding Drop In Sessions on Tuesday 1st October 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.



Individual School Photographs 2019

By Mrs Russell

Our school photographer, Tempest will be in school on Thursday 26th September 2019 to take individual photographs of your children.

If any parent requires a further proof for whatever reason, please contact the School Office by Wednesday 25th September 2019.

If you would like your child to have their photograph taken with a pre-school sibling, please bring them to the Music Room between 8.05am and 8.25am.



All siblings in school will be taken together unless otherwise requested.

Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 16th September

National Coding Week

Toucans Lunch Week

Monday to Wednesday

Hilltop School Trip – Year 5

Monday

LKS2 Reading Café - 2.30-3.15pm (Pre-allocated))

Wednesday

Year 1 Toy Experience Day

Thursday

Family Learning Year 6 - 9.10am – 10.10am

KS1 Come and Code Session 3.30-4.30pm

FOWS Annual General Meeting 7pm

Friday

Jeans 4 Genes Day

Next Week: WB 23 September 2019

Monday

FS start full time

Clubs start

Thursday

Individual School Photos

LKS2 Come and Code Session - 3.30-4.30pm

In Two Weeks: WB 30th September 2019

Monday

UKS2 Come and Code Session 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday

School Nurse Drop In session 9-12pm

Wednesday

Curriculum Evening

Thursday

School Census

Year 2 Family Learning 9.10-10.10am

Friday

FOWS Donation Friday (Wacky socks for gifts)

FOWS Bingo Night – 7pm

In Three Weeks: WB 7th October 2019

Cobras Lunch Week

Online Safety Week 1

Tuesday

New Foundation Tour 1: 9.30-10.30am

Thursday

Honours Award Assembly 1 - 9-9.30am

School Disco:

KS1 / FS 4.30-5.30pm KS2 5.45-7.00pm

Friday

Year 3 Flag Fen Trip