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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Last week I came back from leading an Ofsted inspection and my first feeling as I came back into OWPS was, 'It's good to be home'. I am learning a lot from inspecting other schools and there are changes that we have made and are making that have come from this new experience. However, there really is something very special about our school.

This term I have made a commitment to regularly help out in classes as a TA. It has quickly become one of the highlights of my week. It is a wonderful reminder of how lovely our children are and it is great to see the exciting lessons they take part in.

It was a shame that last week's weather meant that quite a few parents didn't make it to the Curriculum Evening. We estimate that we were missing about fifty parents who had booked online. We will share the slides via ParentMail and hope that you will take the time to read them.

Best wishes,

Simon Eardley – Head Teacher

This Morning's Assembly Theme:

This year there will be a series of assemblies to look at Wellbeing. As you know, one of our Working Parties is looking at staff and pupil wellbeing. The focus for this week is :- Being Safe

Polite • Respect • Independent • Do your best • Everybody matters



Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 97.47%

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



ARMADILLOS
FLAMINGOES
MACAWS

Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Arimai-Mya Jayne	Magpies: Mylo Wan
Elephants: Emma Granville	Iguanas: Darcie Hodgson
Giraffes: Eireann Connor	Caterpillars: Cadence Edwards
Macaws: Avie Crockett	Nightingales: Jake Piercy
Cobras: Frances Woolford	Flamingoes: Halim Oliver
Wombats: Ronnie McIntyre	Armadillos: Sammy Merry
Sharks: Ria Hastie	Toucans: Tilly Tuccillo

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:



Penguins: 8.1 ★	Magpies: 5.1
Elephants: 5.6	Iguanas: 5.3
Giraffes: 5.8	Caterpillars: 6.2
Macaws: 5	Nightingales: 6
Flamingoes: 5.7	Cobras: 6.9
Armadillos: 4.7	Wombats: 4.6
Sharks: 4.1	Toucans: 5.7

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:

Elephants: 421	Iguanas: 391
Giraffes: 421	Caterpillars: 509
Macaws: 274	Nightingales: 338
Cobras: 485	Flamingoes: 510 ★
Wombats: 352	Armadillos: 430
Sharks: 341	Toucans: 406



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Emma Granville (28)

LKS2: Alex Francis (32)

UKS2: Martyna Blazejewska (31)



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

These children are the most improved this week.

Toucans: Ilona Steenkamp
Sharks: Bella Cleworth
Wombats: Thomas Barham
Armadillos: Archie May
Cobras: Lily Carter
Flamingos: Bethany Byrne
Macaws: Elissa Smith
Nightingales: Toby Hatton

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY
65

MALLARD
66

NENE
82



FENS
59

Positive Behaviour Policy Update

By Mr Marks



We have been really pleased with how the recent changes to the behaviour policy have impacted on daily life at Orton Wistow. Popping into classrooms, you can see children working hard to achieve the recognition board targets and whilst walking through the school you can see the positive impact the new golden rules are having.

We always planned to monitor, discuss and adapt the policy throughout this year in response to any elements that aren't working as well as we intended.

Previously, we didn't inform parents about the old Stage One forms and now we have adapted our expectations to fit in with the new Steps system, contact with parents about children making poor choices has become more regular. We don't feel this is a sign of behaviour overall being worse, we felt it was important to let parents and carers know earlier if children were not following the PRIDE code.

We know that some parents are feeling anxious at the end of the school day if their child's class teacher asks to speak with them, especially if this is happening regularly. Alongside this, teachers are sometimes spending a long time speaking to parents and carers face to face or on the phone at the end of the day.

We do not want to stop informing you of children receiving a Step form (and going to break/lunch POT) but have quickly realised that there is a way to do this which can avoid the issues above. From after half term, when a child receives a Step 2 form, we will send you an email letting you know. This email will come from an account called 'OWPSteacher@owps.org.uk' and will look like this:

Dear ??
Unfortunately, today ?? has made a choice that is at step 2 on our behaviour system. They will spend 15 minutes in break POT (Place of Thought).

The completed Step form has been sent home with them but we have highlighted below what they did.

Step 2

- Repeated incidence of Step 1 behaviour in the same session
- Unwillingness to co-operate/follow instructions
- Minor challenge to authority
- Persistent problems with homework
- Deliberate disruption of lesson
- Rudeness to any pupil in school
- Deliberate misuse of property/resources incl IT equipment *
- Persistently breaking the same rule
- Impulsive fighting/hurting others
- Spitting e.g. on the floor
- Telling lies
- Use of inappropriate language



An adult has already spoken with them about their choices and this email is just to keep you informed. If you wish to discuss this with the class teacher, please make an appointment to see them via the school office. office@owps.org.uk

We will not monitor replies to this email. If you wish to speak to the teacher about the Step form, you can make an appointment via the school office.

These emails will only be for Step 2 forms. If at any point a child receives a Step 3 or 4 form, the class teacher or member of the Senior Leadership Team will still contact you directly.

We have also reflected on the fact that, although we are telling you about poor choices the children are making, it is equally important to tell you about the good choices, especially when they go 'above and beyond' our expectations. We are working on the best way to address this imbalance. Watch this space!

Food Bank Harvest Collection

By Mrs Nalton

Last week The Reverend Ingham undertook an Assembly about Harvest and this year we are again collecting for the Peterborough Foodbank, as it relies on your goodwill and support.



Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that’s why our food donations are absolutely vital to their ability to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.

Last year they collected over 10 tons of donations and we are hoping that we are hoping to help them beat that target this year.

The shopping list below shows the food items that they need right now:

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- JARS OF PASTA SAUCE
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE/MILK
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED TOMATOES
- BISCUITS AND SWEET TREATS
- TINNED FRUIT
- TEA - 40 TEA BAGS

THEY HAVE GOT PLENTY OF:

- BEANS
- PASTA
- CEREALS



We will be collecting donations in school from today until Friday 18th October.

The Foodbank always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in crisis.

Flu Immunisation - URGENT

By Mrs Nalton

The Flu Immunisation team have asked us to send out an **URGENT** reminder about the next Flu Immunisation session on 28th October.

Please can parents / carers that have NOT already done so **CONSENT** or **DECLINE** for their children to have / or not have their flu vaccination.

Please consent or decline by clicking on the link below

<https://tinyurl.com/yyvhmopy>

Session Date: 28th October 2019

The link will close on: 16th October 2019

If you need any further information, please call the flu team directly on 0300 555 5055.

Thank you very much.

CHUMS Charity

By Mrs Attwood



Chums Charity

5 hrs · 🌐

Our team in Cambridge and Peterborough are delivering drop-in sessions for any child, young person or parent/carer in our community who would like to access advice and guidance with regards to emotional wellbeing. You do not have to be registered with CHUMS to access this service. Sessions are confidential and last for 20 minutes.



<http://chums.uk.com/>

Tag Rugby Tournament at OBA – Year 6

By Mrs Simmons

On Monday 30th September, a group of Year Five and Six children took part in a Tag Rugby Festival at OBA, being joined by other local primary schools.

The event was run by OBA's sports leaders and was a lovely example of resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship.

We came fifth but scored many tries that wouldn't be amiss at the Rugby World Cup!



Slavery Workshop

By Tilly Tuccillo and Santiago Pombo Regojo

Year 6 were visited by a slavery workshop, which was good for our learning because we learnt that slavery does still happen today, even though it is illegal.



We found out that one person can make a difference if they put their mind to it. If you spot a slave you can help them, but you shouldn't approach them as it could put you in danger. You should tell someone you know or just report it.

We learnt this code:



- Suspicious person guarding them
- Local language is a struggle
- Any gender, any age, any nationality
- Valid travel documents
- Emotional and abused

Secondary School Sept 2020

By Mrs Nalton

Online applications opened for your child's **Secondary School places** for September 2020 for children born between:

1 September 2008 - 31 August 2009 who are due to join Year 7 in 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.

Applications will close on 31st October 2019.

Family Learning

By Mr Eardley



We are so grateful that so many parents are able to join us for Family Learning, Reading Cafes and 2 Can Learn sessions. Sometimes, parents book onto these sessions but do not turn up, without letting us know. This can mean that we then have to deal with some very upset children.

Please try your best to attend the events you have booked on to. We know that sometimes the unexpected happens. When it does, let us know that day and we will explain it to your child. Thank you.

Foundation Stage

By Mrs Porter

The Foundation Stage have settled well into school and are enjoying learning through play and making new friends.

MAGPIES CLASS



PENGUINS CLASS



Golden Mile

By Mr Cowles

The Golden Mile is a scheme used nationally to help increase the physical activity levels of children. It differs slightly from 'The daily mile' which requires children to run, jog or walk a mile per day. The Golden Mile can be completed at any time during the day, this flexibility is why Orton Wistow has adopted the scheme.

As well as increasing the physical activity levels, children will be rewarded with a certificate based on how many miles they achieve. From Foundation to Year 6, every class will be taking part in the Golden Mile.

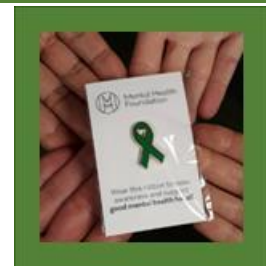
World Mental Health Day

By Mrs Attwood PSHE Subject Lead

In recognition of World Mental Health Day on 10th October, pupils will have some time in their classes to discuss well-being, how to share emotions and the importance of building resilience. In KS2, pupils will be able to watch a live broadcast on BBC Teach sharing different ways in which we can all support our own and others mental health. Further lessons across the year will re-visit this important area for our health and well-being.



Mrs Kempster has arranged for staff to wear an item of green clothing on Thursday to show their support of mental health issues and she has arranged to display posters and other information around school too.



Further information about World Mental Health Day can be found at:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

Applying for a Reception place and Tours 2019 / 20

By Mrs Nalton

The application round for Reception September 2020 is now open and will **close on 15th January 2020**. Please visit the Peterborough City Council website: www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions to apply.

Date of Birth applicable for September 2020 start:

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

New reception tours for entry to Orton Wistow Primary School September 2020.

	Date	Time
1	Tuesday 8th October 2019 - TOMORROW	9.30-10.30am
2	Thursday 17th October 2019	9.30-10.30am
3	Thursday 31st October 2019	1.30-2.30pm
4	Wednesday 6th November 2019	1.30-2.30pm
5	Monday 18th November 2019	1.30-2.30pm
6	Wednesday 27th 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.

Census

By Mr Eardley

Thank you very much to every child who had a school dinner last Thursday, which was Census day.

Every meal FS/KS1 meal taken helps us to secure funding for the following year.

We are very grateful, thank you very much.



School Nurse Drop In

By Mrs Nalton

We have a new School Nurse, Clare Harrington, who will be holding Drop In Sessions on **Tuesday 3rd December 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.



Aldi Stickers

By Mr Cowles

Orton Wistow Primary School is taking part in Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion, one of 20 primary schools given the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school.



Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker.

Please bring your stickers to school to help complete our poster.

Once complete with 300 stickers we can send the poster back to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for our school.

Parent Consultations

By Mr Marks

This term's Parent Consultations take place on **Tuesday 15th October (3.30 – 7.30)** and **Thursday 17th October (3.30 – 6.00)**.

All appointments are for 10 minutes only to allow us time to see everyone over the two evenings. 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 the week beginning 14th October). Mr Eardley and I will be available during both evenings should you wish to speak to one of us.

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. Appointments can be booked through Parent Mail.

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 or 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.

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

Lost Property:

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

We will dispose of any unclaimed items on Friday.



FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

Autumn Term Upcoming Events

Thursday 10th October- School Disco
Monday 14th October – Fens Cake Sale
Wednesday 6th November – Bag2school clothing collection

School Lottery

Congratulations to Lucy Braines on winning £12.90 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. For any parents new to the OWPS, this is such an easy way to support your school- please do sign up if you can and also let your friends and family know, as anyone can play!

Donation Friday-Wacky Socks for Gifts or Toiletries

Thank you very much to all the families who participated in the wacky sock day on Friday and donated a gift item. We now have a healthy stash ready for the Christmas Sale and Fayre in December!

School Disco-Thursday 10th October

THIS Thursday is our Autumn Term School Disco. Timings are as follows:

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2) 4.30pm-5.30pm
Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) 5.45pm-7pm

Entrance to the disco will be through the main school doors. May we politely remind parents to filter through and pay the £3 entry (which includes a drink and snack) and then drop children off swiftly so that we can get the front doors locked promptly, in the interests of safety. For any Foundation Stage parents that are new to the school, please be reassured that there is always plenty of staff (teachers and TAs) and at least one First Aider that attend the discos as well as FOWS volunteers. There will be FS staff present at the doors to take your children through to the hall. We do appreciate that this is early in the term for the little ones, so if you feel that they may be too tired or upset by the loud music and the dark then perhaps consider holding off until the Spring term disco in February; when they may cope a little better.

Collection from the school disco is from the rear of the school hall, please use the platform one/side gate to gain entry to the school site. We will open the doors to the hall and allow parents to filter through and collect their children once they are all sitting in their class groups. We have found this system works very well for everyone and allows children to be collected in a calm and safe manner.

Fens Cake Sale-Monday 14th October

Next Monday sees the first cake sale of the year and it is the Fen families who are due to bake! (or fake-perfectly acceptable!!) For the families that are new to OWPS that have children in the Fen (red) house then you will have a paper plate with some information on sent home with your child on Thursday this week. We politely ask for a cake donation on Monday morning, ready for the sale after school. (Individual cakes always sell better and are less messy for everyone, but any donation is gratefully received!) There will be a couple of volunteer parents standing with a trolley under the canopy on the playground ready to receive donations. Please label any tins or boxes that you would like returning and we will send these to the school office following the sale.

Everyone is then welcome to purchase cakes after school, which are priced from 30p-50p. If your child/children attend Platform One then just pop their money into an envelope ready for them as staff always bring children over to participate too. The sale tables are located under the canopy and will be ready from when the gates open at 3pm, usually finishing around 3.30pm. For those children with food allergies we endeavour to keep some of the shop bought cakes aside with packaging so that they also get the chance to enjoy a treat!

New Parents

We hope that the new families are settling in well to life at OWPS, this first term is a busy one! As well as the weekly update in the newsletter we also use posters in the playground and social media to communicate. Please remember to like us on Facebook ([fows-friends of orton wistow primary school](https://www.facebook.com/fows-friends-of-orton-wistow-primary-school)) and follow us on Twitter ([OWPSfows](https://twitter.com/OWPSfows)) for event and fundraising updates.



Halloween Lunch!

By Mrs Nalton

Please look out for a special Halloween lunch invitation which will take place on Thursday 31st October. This will be sent to all parents / carers via a form on ParentmailX.

There will be limited availability.



Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 7th October 2019

Cobras Lunch Week

Online Safety Week 1

Tuesday

New Foundation Tour 1: 9.30-10.30am

Thursday

World Mental Health Awareness day

Girls 4Tech – Selected children

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

Next Week: WB 14th October 2019

Bikeability Week Mon – Thursday Year 5

Monday

FOWS FENS Cake Sale

UKS2 Reading Café 2.30-3.15pm

Tuesday

Long Parents Evening 3.30-7.30pm

Thursday

New Foundation Tour 2: 9.30-10.30am

Short Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday

Sponsor Day

Year 5 / 6 Football Match 3.30-4.15pm selected children

In Two Weeks: WB 21st October 2019

HALF TERM

In Three Weeks: WB 28th October 2019

Monday

Giraffes Lunch Week

FLU VACCINATIONS

Thursday

Honours Award Assembly 9am

Foundation Stage Tour 3: 1.30-2.30pm

Halloween Lunch 12pm

Friday

FOWS Donation Friday

Year 6 to Peterborough Cathedral 10-12.30pm

