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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back.

I hope that you had a great half term, despite the blustery weather! The shift in the weather and the clocks going back have made me realise that Autumn is well and truly here. We try to get out for break time and lunchtime as much as we can, even when it is cold and wet, as we can use the space under the canopies. I'm always surprised when children don't have warm outdoor clothing at this time of year and would be grateful if you could make sure that they are dressed for the weather that day.

I am over the moon (again) that we have seen an increase in the number of children who read with an adult five times or more the week before half term. We hit an all time high of 302 children which is 72% of the school. This doesn't include children who were away or didn't have their reading diary in school so the percentage might be higher. Well done and thank you to everyone who managed this. I feel that we are turning a corner and hope that it is a sign of things yet to come.

Simon Eardley – Head Teacher

This Morning's Assembly Theme:
As part of our ongoing theme of Wellbeing, this morning we thought about being Active.

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



Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 96.80%

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



MACAWS

Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Sasha Hrynko	Magpies: Finley Neale
Elephants: Benjamin Vaughan	Iguanas: Isabel Hall
Giraffes: Ava Cole	Caterpillars: Edward Mutendi
Macaws: Mia Marchbank	Nightingales: Lily Read
Cobras: Zain Dar	Flamingoes: Olivia Jones
Wombats: Tiana Emmins	Armadillos: Finley Robertson
Sharks: Jacob Ford-Large	Toucans: Santiago Pombo Regojo

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: 9.3 ★	Magpies: 6.6	Elephants: 529	Iguanas: 485
Elephants: 6.3	Iguanas: 5.6	Giraffes: 348	Caterpillars: 643 ★
Giraffes: 6.9	Caterpillars: 7.0	Macaws: 376	Nightingales: 367
Macaws: 5.5	Nightingales: 5.7	Cobras: 333	Flamingoes: 424
Flamingoes: 6.5	Cobras: 7.7	Wombats: 223	Armadillos: 205
Armadillos: 5.0	Wombats: 4.8	Sharks: 486	Toucans: 342
Sharks: 6.9	Toucans: 6.0		



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Cadence Edwards (39)

LKS2: Ethan Moody (28)

UKS2: Paulo Beltrame (25)



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: Samuel Hales
Sharks: David Hammond
Wombats: Ollie Cole
Armadillos: Noah Barrie
Cobras: George Dalton
Flamingoes: Amelie Stevenson
Macaws: Poppy Gash
Nightingales: Avantika Gopan

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY 85	MALLARD 72	NENE 72	FENS 72
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Poppy Appeal

By Mrs Nalton

Every year, the Legion organises a countrywide network of Poppy Appeals, the nation's symbol of Remembrance. The Poppy Appeal raises about half of the funds needed for their welfare work every year.



This year we will again be selling poppies throughout the school day starting tomorrow, for any donation, and the following products adjacent can be purchased as well. Please send your child in with the appropriate money from tomorrow Tuesday 29th October onwards. Thankyou.

The poppies will be on sale until 12th November.



School Day Trips/Events

By Mr Eardley

When I became Head and analysed the school budget, I discovered that the school had been subsidising day trips and events with thousands of pounds from the school budget. I explained to governors and parents at the time that this was not a suitable solution and governors agreed that trips/events would only go ahead if 90% of parents were able and willing to make a voluntary contribution.

Fortunately, there have only been one or two occasions where we have had to cancel a trip/event and one of these has happened recently. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents of our policy. A voluntary contribution is, as the names suggest, voluntary. However, our budget is not strong enough to subsidise school trips and therefore the 90% rule was put in place.

Thank you!

By Mr Eardley

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mr and Mrs Hales for running the Bible Story Tree Club for the last eight years. I know that in that time many children have enjoyed attending the club and finding out about stories from the Bible.

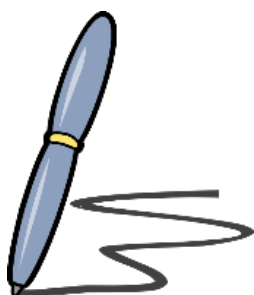
Unfortunately, a change in circumstances mean that the club is no longer available but Mr and Mrs Hales have made the resources available to us and have donated the Jesus Storybook Bible to the school library for other children to enjoy.

Student Update Form Secondary School Sept 2020

By Mrs Nalton

Please can you send your signed Student Update forms as soon as possible to the School Office, even if there are no amendments.

Thank you very much.



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 this Thursday 31st October 2019.

Wellbeing - Being Active

By Mr Eardley

This year, I have chosen wellbeing as one of the reoccurring themes for my assemblies. Today we thought about 'Being Active'. I wanted to make sure that I was telling the children the right advice so looked on the NHS website for up to date guidance. What I found surprised and shocked me. It's make me wonder how many of our children are getting enough exercise and being active enough. I wanted to share with you what the guidance says.

To stay healthy, children need to do:

At least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. This could be:

Moderate:

- walking to school
- playing in the playground
- riding a scooter
- skateboarding
- rollerblading
- walking the dog
- cycling on level ground or small hills

Vigorous:

- playing chase
- energetic dancing
- swimming
- running
- gymnastics
- football
- rugby
- martial arts, such as karate
- Cycling fast or on hilly terrain

On three days a week these should include exercises to build strong bones and muscles

Exercise that build strong bones:

- jumping and climbing activities, combined with the use of playground equipment and toys
- games such as hopscotch
- skipping with a rope
- walking
- running
- gymnastics
- dance
- football
- basketball
- martial arts

Exercise that build strong muscles:

- games such as tug of war
- swinging on playground equipment bars
- gymnastics
- rope or tree climbing
- sit-ups, press-ups and other similar exercises
- gymnastics
- football
- rugby
- tennis

This year, as a school, we have made being active and wellbeing a priority. We are part of a new sport partnership with the other schools in the OWN Trust, having introduced new sporting activities at lunchtimes and have begun the Golden Mile.

Although all of this helps your child, it doesn't make up everything on the list above.

Parent Consultations

By Mr Marks

It was great seeing so many of you on the Tuesday and Thursday of the last week of half term for the first of this year's parent consultations. As per usual, both evenings ran very smoothly and the appointments all ran to time.



The online booking system we have used for a few years now also works well and any parents/carers that don't make an appointment are contacted by the school office. As you can imagine, these evenings take time to organise and all the teachers spend a lot of time preparing for the meetings, making sure they make the most of the ten minutes.

Unfortunately, we had a number of parents, who had made appointments, not show up on the evening. In some cases, this is unavoidable and we understand that things can happen last minute and we are always happy to find an alternative date and time for the meeting to take place. However, some appointments were missed and the school had not been contacted.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you cannot make the appointment you have arranged and we can organise another time. Thank you for your support.

Operation Christmas Child

By Mr Eardley

Last term we sent home leaflets for the Samaritans Purse charity, who forward Christmas gifts to underprivileged children around the world. If you would like to find out more about this Christian charity and Operation Christmas Child, you can find their website at: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

STEP 1 Find a Shoebox: Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper or order pre-printed shoeboxes online. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label, marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox. (Some shoeboxes are available in school)

STEP 2 Fill with gifts: "WOW" ITEM: Include a toy that a child will immediately love as soon as they open the box. Ideas include: Stuffed animal, deflated football & pump, toy truck, doll (baby, Barbie etc.), musical instruments.

TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

OTHER ITEMS: Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above. **Unfortunately, due to customs limitations to some countries we are not allowed to pack toothpaste or sweets in the boxes this year. Please check the leaflets for exact recommendations.**

If you cannot manage a whole shoebox, please drop off any items and we will make up some shoeboxes.

STEP 3 Make your project donation: A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. Or you can enclose cash or cheque (to Samaritan's Purse) and place it in an envelope inside your shoebox on top of the contents.

STEP 4 Drop Off Your Shoebox: Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox and bring into school.

Closing date for the Shoeboxes is Wednesday 13th November.

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.



FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

Autumn Term Upcoming Events

- Friday 1st November – Donation Friday (trainers for sweets)
- Wednesday 6th November 9am – Bag2school clothing collection
- Friday 29th November – Donation Friday (jumpers for bottles)
- Friday 6th December – Christmas Fayre
- Friday 13th December – Children's Christmas Sale

School Lottery

Congratulations to Paula Coates on winning £12.90 this week! Please help to boost our weekly jackpot by taking a moment to sign up by visiting www.yourschoollottery.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!

Fens Cake Sale-thank you

Thank you to the Fen families who donated cakes for the sale prior to half term and to all of you that bought a treat or two, helping us to raise £130!

Donation Friday-Friday 1st November

This Friday is our second Donation Friday of the Autumn term. This time we are inviting children to wear their trainers to school, in exchange for any sealed sweet or chocolate donation. These donations will be put to very good use as game prizes at the Christmas Fayre, used to stock the sweet and chocolate tombola or sold on as presents at our Christmas Sale. We aim to use every single donation in some way and are very grateful for your participation!

Bags2school-Wednesday 6th November

Collection bags were sent home with the children prior to half term. We ask that you fill these bags with any unwanted clothing and return to the school office prior to the collection date of Wednesday 6th November-further details of what can be donated will be on the bags themselves. This is a great way of having a clear out whilst helping to raise money for the school, your support is greatly appreciated!

Children's Christmas Sale

Plans are now well underway for our Children's Christmas Sale on the 13th December. In order to run this event successfully we have relied on the generosity of some parents and grandparents who, unfortunately no longer have children at OWPS. Are you, or do you know anyone who would be willing to donate some small handmade items that the children can purchase for their family? Previously we have had lots of knitted, crochet and embroidered items donated to us that the children always love to purchase. If you think you might be able to help or would like some further information then please do drop us a message on our Facebook page or email fows@owps.org.uk.

DONATION FRIDAY
1st November 2019



**WEAR YOUR TRAINERS
TO SCHOOL!**

**IN RETURN FOR ANY UNOPENED SWEET OR
CHOCOLATE DONATION THAT WE CAN USE FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS EVENTS**



Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 28th October 2019

Giraffes Lunch Week

Monday

FLU VACCINATIONS

Tuesday

Poppies will be on sale starting today

Thursday

Honours Award 2 Assembly 9am

Halloween Lunch

Foundation Stage Tour 3: 1.30-2.30pm

Friday

FOWS Donation Friday (Trainers for sweets

Year 6 to Peterborough Cathedral 10-12.30pm -
cancelled



Next Week: WB 4th November 2019

Wombats Lunch Week

Monday

Year 5 / 6 Badminton Festival OBA 1.30-2.45pm
selected children

Tuesday

Bonfire Lunch

Wednesday – Friday

London Trip – Year 6

Wednesday

Bag2school clothing collection

Foundation Stage Tour 4: 1.30-2.30pm

In Two Weeks: WB 11th November 2019

Iguanas Lunch Week

Monday

KS1 Reading Café 2.30-3.15pm

Tuesday

Year 3 Assembly 9am

Wednesday

FS trip to Museum 9.30am – 1pm

Football Match against Woodston Home 3-4pm

Thursday

Year 5 Family Learning 9.10am

Friday

Children In Need

In Three Weeks: WB 4th November 2019

Grandparents Lunch Week 1

Online Safety Tour 2

Monday

Foundation Stage Tour 5: 1.30-2.30pm

Football Match Away St Michaels 3-4.30pm

Wednesday

Year 2 Planetarium Event

Thursday

Year 1 2 Can Learn 9.10am