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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The last few weeks of the Autumn Term are a whirlwind as there is so much going on. I am grateful that I have such an amazing staff and supportive FOWS who are able to go the extra mile to make Christmas a special occasion in school.

Last Monday evening, staff stayed behind to put up the children's Christmas decorations. Non-alcoholic mulled wine and warm mince pies, courtesy of the school kitchen, helped to make this a lovely occasion and the decorations are beautiful. On Thursday, I enjoyed the Foundation Stage nativity. It was an honour to see our youngest children telling the story of the first Christmas. On Friday we had our annual Christmas Fayre. Once again, the FOWS planned a brilliant Fayre raising an amazing total for school funds. Every pound of profit that the FOWS raise goes back into school to help your children and we would not be able to do a lot of the extras without their support.

Later this week we will see what I am sure will be a spectacular Y2 production and FOWS will be back for the children's Christmas Sale on Friday.

Have another great week everyone!

Simon Eardley – Head Teacher

This Morning's Assembly Theme:

Rev Ingham led this morning's assembly and he reminded us of the origin of the Christmas story.

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



## Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 96.63%

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: Bobby Crockett	Magpies: Annabelle Parmley
Elephants: Charlotte Goose	Iguanas: Imogen Spiller
Giraffes: Skylar McKie	Caterpillars: NA
Macaws: Preston- David Honour	Nightingales: Halima Oliver
Cobras: Evelyn Edwards	Flamingos: Courtney Morton
Wombats: Maddie Powell	Armadillos: Auriol Stronach
Sharks: Charlie Jackson	Toucans: Imogen Brown

## 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: 7.1	Magpies: 6.0
Elephants: 7.3 ★	Iguanas: 5.4
Giraffes: 5.4	Caterpillars: 3.9
Macaws: 3.8	Nightingales: 5.1
Flamingoes: 5.1	Cobras: 6.7
Armadillos: 3.4	Wombats: 4.2
Sharks: 5.2	Toucans: 4.0



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: 279	Iguanas: 392
Giraffes: 276	Caterpillars: 782 ★
Macaws: 312	Nightingales: 393
Cobras: 308	Flamingoes: 157
Wombats: 326	Armadillos: 292
Sharks: 326	Toucans: 266



## Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Luke Barker 40

LKS2: Elissa Smith 20

UKS2: Gracie Ward 19



Children in Years 2-6 are challenged to practise their times tables at [www.trockstars.com](http://www.trockstars.com).

These children are the most improved this week.

Toucans: Cameron White
Sharks: Jack Whittaker-Osborne
Wombats: Antoni Piotrowski
Armadillos: Storm Gallagher
Cobras: Evelyn Edwards
Flamingos: Bethany Byrne
Macaws: Lyla Friend
Nightingales: Charlie Pask

## HOUSE POINTS

<b>DEMPSEY</b> 52	<b>MALLARD</b> 27	<b>NENE</b> 38	<b>FENS</b> 49
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## School Nurse

By Mrs Nalton

Our School Nurse, Clare Harrington, will be holding a Drop In Session on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 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.



## Student Update Form

By Mr Eardley

Please can you send your signed Student Update forms as soon as possible to the School Office, even if there are no amendments. There are still **7** remaining to be collected.



This is a statutory requirement every year to ensure that we have the up to date information for all children. Thank you very much.

## Year 5/6 Gifted and Talented Football Competition

By Mr Cowles

On Tuesday 3rd December the year 5/6 football team travelled to Nene Park Academy to take part in a gifted and talented football tournament.

On arrival the team became very excited as Peterborough United first team were using the facilities to train. Joe Ward and Dan Butler kindly came over to chat to the children and have a photo with them, a great start to the afternoon.

The standard of competition at the tournament was high, we did not progress through our group despite not losing a single game. We drew 3 and won 1.

We only conceded one goal all competition, going forward it wasn't our day in front of goal.

Another great experience for the team, who move into the new year without losing a single game of football.



## Christmas Dinner Day

By Mr Eardley

Next Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, is Christmas Dinner day!

Now that we have 420 children in school, this will be our biggest Christmas dinner ever.



This event is always one of the highlights of the school year and a fantastic example of what Team OWPS can achieve when everyone pulls together.

As in previous years, this will be a non-uniform day as long as the children are wearing a Christmas inspired outfit, preferably a Christmas jumper.

Thankyou for pre- booking your child's food choices for this special day, your children will be reminded of their food choices on the day.

## The Start of the School Day

By Mr Eardley

Over the last week, I have stayed on the playground for longer at the start of the school day and have noticed how many children arrive at school after 8.48am.



As we call the register at 8.50am, there is very little chance that these children are in their classrooms on time, which is why some children get late marks.

Although the school gates are open from 8.40-9.00am, the school day officially starts at 8.50am and children need to have finished in the cloakroom and be in class to be marked on the register.

## Children In Need

By Mrs Nalton

Once again the children, parents and staff of OWPS have shown that everybody matters by raising a total of £591.44!



Thank you to all who supported the event.

## The Golden Mile – Top 5 Classes

By Mr Cowles

Most Miles per week (Class)	Most Miles (Individual)	Total Current Miles Per Class	Whole School Miles
1. Nightingales (40.45) 2. Armadillos (28.71) 3. Macaws (22.18) 4. Magpies (21.76) 5. Sharks (13.18)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>KS1</u></b> Edward Gash</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>LKS2</u></b> Charlie Pask</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>UKS2</u></b> Nathan Hadfield</p>	1. Nightingales (201.89) 2. Caterpillars (160.31) 3. Iguanas (153.14) 4. Cobras (148.18) 5. Armadillos (126.62)	<p style="text-align: center;">1,391</p>

## Applying for a Reception place and Tours 2019 / 20

By Mrs Nalton

The application round for Reception September 2020 will **close on 15th January 2020**.

Please visit the Peterborough City Council website: [www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.

	Date	Time
7	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## Odd Socks Day

By Mrs Nalton

I am pleased to say that we raised **£110.41** for old Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week 2019.

Thank you very much!





# FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

## Autumn Term Upcoming Events

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas Sale (during school hours)

## School Lottery

Congratulations to Stephen Mabbutt 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](http://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! The QR code for our lottery page is also located on this year's raffle tickets.

## Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all the families who supported this year's Christmas Fayre by selling raffle tickets and attending on Friday after school. We are also very thankful to the OWPS staff and parent volunteers who gave up their time to help set up the event, man stalls and assist with tidying the aftermath! We will know the final scores on the doors later this week once expenses have been taken into account but we know the figure will be over the £3,000 mark, which is incredible! BGL are also set to match fund an additional £500 so another big thank you to them.

The raffle was a huge hit this year and the list of winners is below.

The office has all of the unclaimed prizes and will be contacting the winners this week to arrange collection.

- Apple iPad- Tim Francis
- 4 x POSH Home Match Tickets-Shelia Sharpe
- Christmas Turkey Voucher-Caroline Elliott
- £25 Cash- Joanne
- £25 Mulberry Tree Farm Voucher- K Al Samirraie
- £25 M&S Voucher- Sally Hurford
- STARA Photography Voucher- Norman Stone
- Planet Ice Family Skate- Lisa McPherson
- Safari Play Family Pass- Charlotte Francis
- Sunday Lunch or Afternoon Tea @ The Great Northern- M Richardson
- Hollywood Bowl 4 games- Gemma Eward
- Inflatabounce entry for two- Peter Woolason
- Bounce Vouchers- Kate Green
- Activity World Passes- L Riviere
- The Yard entry vouchers- Melody Walling
- Luxury Christmas Pudding gift set- Chris Dawson
- M&Arc Cut & Blow-dry Voucher- R J Bramley
- PURE tranquillity £10 vouchers x 2-Matt Piercy and The Henderson's
- MAC Makeup Experience- Jaymee Heaton
- Yankee Candle Gift Set- Glenn Chapman
- Little Squiggles Gift Voucher- Guy Ricorda
- Handmade by Michelle Light up Gift Bottle- Melody Walling
- Sweets in a jar – Eva Chapman
- Teddy bears name – Adam Mehmed
- Sleepy tepee – Lily Ann Law

We are pleased to let you know that the winner for half the contents of Mr Eardley's £1 in a bag is ticket number 442! Please call in to the school office with your ticket to claim your winnings.

## Children's Christmas Sale-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

This Friday is the final event of 2019! Our Children's Christmas Sale takes place within school hours and gives all of the children an opportunity to purchase a small gift item for members of their family. Children need to come to school with a small amount of money in a named purse/wallet and a carrier bag for their purchases. We have some lovely items on offer this year ranging from 50p to £2.50. In the interest of fairness, we only allow children to purchase a maximum of 3 gifts so there will be enough for each year group to select from.

### Easyfundraising

Don't forget to help raise funds for FOWS whenever you shop online, particularly at this time of year! 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)

## Coming Up!

### This Week: WB: 9th December 2019

No Clubs this week - finished

#### Monday

FS Reading Café 2.30-3.15pm

#### Tuesday

Year 2 Dress Rehearsal

Chloe's Dance performance to CDC parents only 4pm

#### Wednesday

Building Confidence Workshop – selected parents

Year 5 Trip to West Stow, Anglo Saxon Village

Year 2 Production - A King Is Born 2pm

#### Thursday

Honours Award Assembly 3 - 9am

Year 2 Production - A King Is Born 6.30pm

#### Friday

FOWS Christmas sale – 1.15-3pm

### Next Week: WB 16th December 2019

#### Monday

Alwalton Church visit

Year 4 Athletics Festival at Ormiston Bushfield Academy from 1:30pm till 2:45pm- - selected children.

#### Tuesday

Children's Christmas Dinner 12PM

#### Wednesday

### TOY DAY

Last day of term

#### Thursday / Friday

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### In Two Weeks: WB 23rd December 2019

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### In Three Weeks: WB 30th December 2019

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

BACK TO SCHOOL MONDAY JANUARY 6TH