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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

In my last newsletter before Christmas, I listed all of the exciting things that we had lined up at the end of term. Unfortunately, I came down with the flu and wasn't in school for the last four days. It felt very strange to miss out on this special time in school and I want to thank my amazing staff, particularly Mr Marks, for making sure that everything ran smoothly in my absence. Thankfully, I am now feeling back to normal and looking forward to the next two terms.

Last Friday we had our first joint training day with the other two schools in the OWN Trust. We wanted to start 2020 with two brilliant speakers and we were lucky enough to be able to book Paul McGee (the SUMO Guy <https://www.thesumoguy.com>) and leading educational speaker, Mary Myatt (<https://marymyatt.com>). One of Mary's passions is to promote reading in schools; teachers reading to their classes and children reading with parents at home. I am grateful that so many of you have risen to our challenge of reading with your child at least 5 times a week. You are making a difference to your child's progress. It was an inspiring day and a fantastic way to bring the three schools together.

As always, we have a busy term ahead of us. I am thankful that so many of you are able to join us for events in school. We are in the process of introducing a new reading system called Accelerated Reader and there is an information evening for parents at 6pm on [Wednesday 22 January](#). (Further details to be sent out soon.)

Simon Eardley – Head Teacher

This Morning's Assembly Theme:

This morning's Assembly was all about World Brail Day which took place on 4th January.

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



Attendance

A King Is Born Raffle Money



The last week of term our Whole School Attendance was: 97.02%

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by these two classes who had the highest attendance of 98.71%:

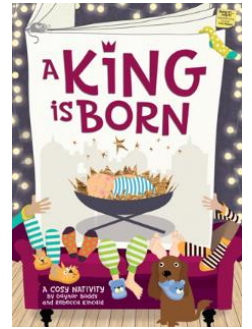
GIRAFFES & PENGUINS

By Mrs Nalton

We are pleased to inform you that we raised £233.80 from the Year 2 play 'A King Is Born.'

About half of the collection will go towards license and scenery costs and any remaining money will go into the Library Budget.

Thank you very much.



School Census

By Mrs Nalton

Next Thursday 16th January is Census Day. This is an important day for schools across the country as we have to submit data to the government. This data helps them to decide how much funding we should have next financial year. We are one of the lowest funded schools in Peterborough and so we need to make sure we get as much funding as possible.

For every Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 child having a school meal on that day, the school receives a year's worth of school meals funding, which is £465 per child. If your child misses the dinner on that day, we don't receive the funding.

We would like each child to have a school dinner on this day if at all possible, as it would assist the school with gaining this important funding.

Thursday 16th January Menu

Chicken Nuggets

Margarita Pizza

Served with new potatoes or potato smiles.

Pudding: Chocolate brownies ☺

Margarita pizza



Thank you very much for your support. Please contact the School Office if you have any questions or any concerns with the menu, and we will see if we can resolve.

Applying for a Reception place and Final Tour 2020

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 to apply.

Date of Birth applicable for September 2020 start: 1 September 2015 - 31 August 2016 start school in September 2020.

	Date	Time
LAST TOUR	Tuesday 7th January 2020	9.30-10.30am

If you would like to book a place on this final tour, please call the School Office on 01733 370646.

Napier Place Car Park

By Cllr Julie Howell

Orton Waterville City Councillor

Orton Waterville Parish Councillor

Leader of the Green Group on Peterborough City Council

01733 233960

I just wanted to let you know that we've made some changes to the Napier Place car park in the interests of safety.

When parents drive into the car park they will now notice that the first turning into the car park is 'no entry' with two no entry signs indicating this. They should enter the car park via the second turning and leave it via the first.

This is to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians, especially children.

School Nurse

By Mrs Nalton

Our School Nurse, Clare Harrington, will be holding a Drop In Session on **Wednesday 12th 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 send your signed Student Update forms as soon as possible to the School Office, even if there are no amendments. There are still 4 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.



FOWS Update

By Sophie Chambers (Chair)

Spring Term events

Below is a list of the events that we will be running over the Spring term-

- Friday 17th January-Donation Friday (Trainers for Gifts & Toiletries)
- Monday 27th January-Mallard Cake Sale
- Thursday 6th February-School Disco

-Half Term-

- Friday 6th March-Bag2School Collection
- Monday 16th March-Nene Cake Sale
- Friday 20th March – Quiz Night!
- Friday 3rd April – Break the Rules Day

Donation Friday-NEXT Friday 17th January-Trainers for gifts or toiletries

If you received any gifts or toiletries over Christmas that you would rather went to a new home then please send them in with your children next Friday 17th January!

Any children bringing in donations may wear trainers alongside their normal school uniform.

School Lottery

Congratulations to Emma Stevenson on winning £13.50 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!

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/friendsfortonwistowprimaryschool/

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

DONATION FRIDAY 17th January



WEAR YOUR TRAINERS TO SCHOOL

IN RETURN FOR ANY UNUSED GIFTS OR TOILETRIES.



Good News

By Mr Eardley

Last term I introduced a Good News board in the staffroom for us to log all of the positive comments we receive from parents, visitors and people we meet when we take groups out of school. The board was full by the end of the term and contained some lovely comments that made us smile. The board has now been cleared ready for the new term and new news.

It is hard to put into words just how much staff appreciate positive feedback. At the end of the last term, I received a wonderful email from a parent who had taken the time to let us know how much she appreciates what we do. I read the email at home when I was feeling poorly and it was the best medicine.

The email contained this sentence which really struck a chord with me.

People can be very quick to find fault and complain. I have so much admiration and respect for what yourself and your team do, it's important to me that you know that the amazing job that you all do does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Last year I noticed an increase in the number of 'niggling' emails me and my staff received from parents, sometimes over quite minor things or based on things their child had said that weren't actually true.

I tell all of you on your FS tour that we are a school that wants to work proactively with parents and that we have an open-door policy. Staff will always be happy to make time to see you to discuss any concerns. A face to face meeting is often preferable to an email as emails are sometimes written in the heat of the moment when emotions are raw.

We are always happy and willing to look into things that have happened at school and will spend as much time as necessary to find out what actually happened. There will be times when your child tells you something that they haven't told a member of staff. When this happens, please get in touch and we will do our best to investigate and to resolve any issues.

I know we don't always get it right, (who does?) but I would prefer a message that said,

"My child has told me that X has happened. I'm not sure if it did or not. I would be grateful if you could look into it and let me know what happened."

Instead of;
'X happened to my child. I am appalled/angry/upset and want you to do this.'

I have always felt that it is in every child's best interests for home and school to work closely together. This works best when it is based on mutual trust and respect.

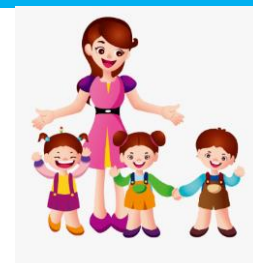
Trainee Teachers

By Mrs Granville

We would like to welcome the Teach East trainees who are joining us this half term.

Mr Rouse will be in the Elephants, **Mrs Scarff** in the Giraffes, **Mrs Wade** in the Flamingoes.

We hope they enjoy their time with us.



Curriculum Newsletter

By Mr Marks

One of our biggest focuses this year is the continued development of the OWPS curriculum. You have already received two half termly updates sharing with you the headline information and events linked with each subject area and we will continue to provide these for you each half term.

On **Thursday 9th January** we will send home our first termly Curriculum Newsletters. Each year group in school have put together a detailed overview of each curriculum subject and outlined what will be taught over the next 12 weeks in school. Our aim is to keep parents and carers more informed of the OWPS curriculum and what your children will be covering and experiencing in school each term. These newsletters are also available on the school website in each year group area under 'Curriculum'.

ORTON WISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM PLAN

Academic Year: 2019/20

Term: Spring

Year Group: 1

Topic Title: Here, There and Everywhere

Subject	Learning
English - Reading	During Spring 1 we will study 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. We will develop skills of inference (reading around text) by making deductions about the characters' feelings, thoughts and motives for their actions. In Spring 2 we will turn our attention to 'The Robot and the Bluebird' by David Lukas. We will investigate how illustrations influence a readers' experience of a text, explore how the author uses language to create empathy.
English - Class Texts	This term we will be reading a selection of traditional fairytales using the Ladybird collection.

Coming Up!

This Week: WB: 6th January 2020

Penguins Lunch Week

Monday

Term starts

Tuesday

New FS Tour 7 9.30-10.30am

Thursday

Year 4 Family Learning 9.10-10.10am

Next Week: WB 13th January 2020

Monday

UKS2 Reading Café 2.30pm

Thursday

School Census

Friday

Donation Friday (Trainers for Gifts & Toiletries)

Thursday 6th February-School Disco

In Two Weeks: WB 20th January 2020

Sharks Lunch Week

Wednesday

Accelerated Reader information evening for parents 6 pm

Thursday

Year 6 - 2 Can Learn 9.10-10.10am

In Three Weeks: WB 27th January 2020

Monday

Mallard Cake Sale

Year 6 Visit to Bletchley Park

Thursday

Honours Award Assembly 9am