



### Message from the Headteacher

### In this issue:

Once again I have tweaked the design of the newsletter to make it look a little more compact. I've also moved the Coming Up section to this front page so that it is more obvious.

When I saw a weather forecast last week which said that we might have snow I felt my usual twin feelings; one of excitement because I love snow and one of dread as a Headteacher. A potential snow day causes a headache for Headteachers as some parents are cross if you stay open and others are cross if you close. Thankfully I have only had to close the school once in the last fourteen years because of snow. On very rare occasions, it is necessary to close the school due to unforeseen circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions where there is a health and safety issue or when staff cannot reach the school. We recognise that parents appreciate advanced warning when this happens but hope that you understand that the unpredictable nature of weather means that we often have to make a decision on the morning in question.

If it is necessary to close the school, we would contact you via Parent Mail and Twitter and would add an emergency message to the front page of our website. We also inform local radio and they broadcast this. If you do **NOT** hear from us, you should assume that the school is open – even if other local schools are closed!

Kind regards

Simon Eardley  
Head Teacher

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- World Book Day
- Where's Wally Team

**This Morning's Assembly Theme:**  
Next week is British Science Week. We thought about what scientists do and we also learnt about how washing our hands and using a tissue can slow down the spread of infectious diseases.

### Coming Up

**This Week: WB: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

- Monday**  
KS1 Reading Café 2.30pm
- Wednesday**  
Year 1 Potato Planting Event East of England Showground  
Fabric Workshop – Selected children only
- Thursday**  
World Book Day
- Friday**  
FOWS Bags2School Collection



**Next Week: WB 9th March 2020**

- Caterpillars Lunch Week**
- Tuesday**  
Year 5 Assembly  
Young Leader's Training Day – Woodston – Selected children
- Wednesday - Friday**  
Year 3 Burwell House Residential Trip
- Thursday**  
Young Leader's Day Year 1 / 2 – Woodston – Selected children
- Friday**  
Sports Relief  
EFL Kids Cup at Cressex Synthetic Sports Pitch Centre, High Wycombe from 10-3pm. Selected children only.

**In One Week: WB 16th March 2020**

- Mother's Day 1 Lunch Week**
- Online Safety Week 4**
- Monday**  
Nene FOWS Cake Sale
- Wednesday**  
Fabric Workshop – Selected children only
- Friday**  
FOWS Quiz Night 7pm

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



## Attendance

Last week our Whole School Attendance was: 97.41%

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



CATERPILLARS  
GIRAFFES  
WOMBATS

## Shining Stars



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

<b>Penguins:</b> Kassie Duckmanton	<b>Magpies:</b> Serena Cameron
<b>Elephants:</b> George Ferris	<b>Iguanas:</b> Gabriella Wenman
<b>Giraffes:</b> Chloe Fincham	<b>Caterpillars:</b> Beth Craven
<b>Macaws:</b> Poppy Gash	<b>Nightingales:</b> Izzy Stevenson
<b>Cobras:</b> Amy Farquhar	<b>Flamingos:</b> Rose Bull
<b>Wombats:</b> Finley Kingston	<b>Armadillos:</b> Callum Markley
<b>Sharks:</b> David Hammond	<b>Toucans:</b> Dylan Clasper

## 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: 6.4	Magpies: 8.0
Elephants: 7.1	Iguanas: 6.1
Giraffes: 7.4	Caterpillars: 2.7
Macaws: 5.0	Nightingales: 6.0
Flamingoes: 5.7	Cobras: 5.7
Armadillos: 3.6	Wombats: 5.8
Sharks: 4.4	Toucans: 4.1



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. This week's Dojo Scores were:



ClassDojo

Elephants: 593	Iguanas: 403
Giraffes: 463	Caterpillars: 833 ★
Macaws: 322	Nightingales: 312
Cobras: 273	Flamingos: 370
Wombats: 280	Armadillos: 406
Sharks: 478	Toucans: 260



## Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Daniel Powell (44)

LKS2: Olivia Jones (20)

UKS2: Ethan Buchanan (30)



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

These children are the most improved this week.

<b>Toucans:</b> Samuel Hales
<b>Sharks:</b> Cody Mahon
<b>Wombats:</b> Taya Hill
<b>Armadillos:</b> Brooke Prosser
<b>Cobras:</b> Guru Sridhar
<b>Flamingos:</b> Olivia Jones
<b>Macaws:</b> Poppy Gash
<b>Nightingales:</b> Freddie May

## HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY  
96

MALLARD  
87

NENE  
86

FENS  
127



## Coronavirus - Advice for parents/carers from the Department for Education

By Mr Eardley

The **Department for Education** is advising parents/carers that they should not be unduly worried about the possibility of children catching the Coronavirus and there is no reason why your child should not attend school as normal. However, following the increase in cases in various parts of the world, including Europe, and the recent half term holidays, the following advice has been provided for all travellers and recent returners.

### Advice for those who have travelled recently

If you have returned from the following specific areas since 19th February, you should call NHS 111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy (see link to maps below)
- Special care zones in South Korea (see link to maps below)
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days – see link to maps below)

If you have returned from the following areas since 19th February and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111:

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini – see link to maps below)
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

If you have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath and have visited any of the following areas in the last 14 days, stay indoors and call NHS 111 informing them of your recent travel:

- China, apart from Hubei province (see link to maps below)
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea, apart from special care zones (see link to maps below)
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

### Maps showing affected regions of China, Republic of Korea and Italy

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

### Where to find the latest information

Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

We will continue to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Public Health England advises that the risk to individuals in the UK remains low.

Full details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

## School Nurse by Mrs Nalton



Our School Nurse, Clare Harrington, will be holding a Drop In Session on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 from 9 – 11.30am**, 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.

## Sports Relief by Ms Porter



Sport Relief is a biennial charity event from Comic Relief, in association with BBC Sport, which brings together the worlds of sport and entertainment to raise money to help vulnerable people in both the UK and the world's poorest countries.

To help raise money for Sport Relief 2020 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March for a donation of £1, children can wear their trainers for the day.

Further information to follow.

## Golden Mile by Mr Cowles

Most Miles per week (Class)	Most Miles (Individual)	Total Current Miles Per Class	Whole School Miles
1. Armadillos (21.25)	KS1: NA	1. Nightingales (242.97)	<b>1,905.93</b>
2. Nightingales (14.54)	LKS2: Isaac Adkins	2. Iguanas (201.14)	
3. Flamingoes (12.05)	UKS2 : Sammy Merry	3. Cobras (186.53)	
4. Wombats (11.18)		4. Armadillos (177.23)	
5. Cobras (6.68)		5. Caterpillars (166.40)	

## Honours Awards by Mrs Russell

The following children received an Honours Award on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

Jack Marchbank  
 Freddie Hambleton  
 Ellie Jones  
 Darcie Hodgson  
 Daisy Palmer  
 Ella Hall  
 Ethan Bennett-Florez  
 Maisie Ware  
 Bethany Byrne  
 Frances Woolford  
 Holly Billington  
 Daniel Hall  
 Faith Reffell  
 Matthew Spencer



The reason was 'For showing great perseverance. You keep going, no matter what!' Well done!

## Family Challenge by Mrs Granville

Here is our next **Family Challenge** for you to try. The eleventh Challenge is...



**VISIT SOMEWHERE NEW OR TRY SOMETHING NEW! TAKE A PHOTO AND TWEET IT TO US**

If your child/children produces something they have made at home, send it into school and we will display it on our Home Learning display in the HUB corridor.

Please send in any photos, models, posters or anything else you create as part of this Family Challenge. Or you can tweet or e mail to the school office. We look forward to seeing what you get up to! Good luck!

## ECO and PE News! by Ms Porter and Mr Cowles

As Eco and PE Co-ordinators, we are working together to promote keeping healthy as part of a healthy lifestyle. As we know healthy eating is only one part of our general wellbeing so we are hoping to link eating to physical activity.

### THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE IS:

**Can you showcase a skill with a ball? What will your healthy snack be?**

**We would like to see a photo of your child doing this exercise along with a healthy snack.**

We will be showcasing photographs of children carrying out these activities and would like you to send your photos to the office for our attention. They will then be sent to the class teacher, celebrated in assembly and displayed in school.



If your child does any other activities these can also be photographed and sent into school to office@owps.org.uk. Maybe we will see gymnasts with a smoothie or some football skills with a snack of carrot sticks.

We have received several photos from last week and these have been placed up all around the school. Thank you very much.

If you do the challenge with a fruit you get one dojo and vegetables two dojos.

### Veg Challenge

We hope you are enjoying your veg challenge and your children have been able to reward themselves with the stickers for eating 3 portions of vegetables. Don't forget to return them to school when completed.

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

### School Lottery

Congratulations to Mr Mabbutt on winning £12.90 again 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. 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!

### Bag2School collection-THIS Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

You still have time for that wardrobe clear out! Our Bag2school collection is this Friday-all bags need to be taken to the school office by 9am on Friday morning please. A reminder that logo school uniform cannot be placed into the bags however they will accept all other clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, curtains and jewellery.



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

DROP BAGS AT RECEPTION BY 9 A.M. ON THE MORNING OF 6<sup>th</sup> November.  
IF YOUR BAGS ARE READY BEFORE THEN, DROP THEM OFF AND WE WILL STORE.  
NEED MORE BAGS? JUST USE REGULAR BLACK BIN BAGS.

FRIENDS OF ORTON WISTOW SCHOOL

# QUIZ NIGHT

£10 entry- includes Fish & Chip supper!

Teams of up to 6 people- pre booking and payment essential via OWPS school office

Bring your own drinks!

Raffle and games!

Please join our Facebook event for more details - <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofwistowschool>

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH @ 7PM FOR 7.30PM START

### Quiz Night-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm onwards

Final plans are now being made ready for our Quiz Night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March! Teams of up to six people may be entered by completing a team booking form and paying the £10 per person prior to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. No previous quizzing experience necessary, this is all for fun!

The entry fee includes a choice of meal from Fishtastic, details are on the booking forms, which are now available to collect from the school office or to download from the school website. Please note that this event is intended to be an adults only evening, no under 16's please.

### 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/](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)

## Mobile Phones in School by Mr Eardley

Unfortunately, staff observed some parents using their mobile phones whilst in school for lunch last week.



The school policy is that staff and adults are not allowed to use their mobile phones when there are children around. This is a polite reminder that you are not allowed to take photos or use your phone when in the school site. If a member of staff sees an adult doing this, they will remind them once more.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## Girls Football Competition by Mr Cowles

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7 girls from Years 5/6 took part in the EFL girls football competition. The girls had never played with each other before, meaning this was a new team. With some of the girls having experience playing outside of school, they entered the tournament with a confident attitude.

We played four games in our group, winning every game. The girls scored an impressive 11 goals, without conceding a single goal. This is remarkable and something they should be proud of. They qualified comfortably into the semifinals. The game ended 0-0, with a change to the format, the girls played an extra 2 minutes, losing 2-0 after the extra time. Considering this was the first time the girls had played together, they came away from the tournament with their heads held extremely high.



## The Book Corner

### WORLD BOOK DAY - THIS THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

We would like to encourage children to make their favourite book character from a potato or wooden spoon, this year rather than dressing up. We would like to give 2 options for your child to create either:



**Potato Characters:** children dress up a potato as a character from a book, using fabric, paper, recycling bits and pieces.



**Wooden Story Spoons:** Children design a wooden spoon to resemble their favourite book character again using fabric, paper and recycling bits and pieces! Background and props are encouraged.



We would like children to bring in their creations on March 5<sup>th</sup> – where voting will take place for the best designs. Good Luck!

## OWPS Where's Wally Team by Mrs Edwards

**HOW CAN YOU: GET FIT, HAVE FUN, ENJOY FAMILY TIME AND SUPPORT READING?**

**Join the OWPS Where's Wally Team at the National Literacy Trust's Peterborough 5 or 10 KM fun run.**

**Who:** As many members of the OWPS community as possible, suitable for all ages, pushchairs welcome, even bring the dog!

**When:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 9:30 am

**Where:** Nene Park Ferry Meadows

**Why:** Have fun! Get fit! Raise money for books for disadvantaged children in our area AND the biggest team can win 250 new books for their school library!

**How:** Follow the link below to find out more and get signed up. Remember to join the Orton Wistow Primary School team!

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/events/whereswallypeterborough/>

The cost to join includes a medal and your very own Where's Wally costume! And there are discounts if you sign up before 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Please note:** On the day all children must attend with an adult and we will arrange to meet together as a team and celebrate our success – SCHOOL WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN ON THE DAY!

My own family have already signed up and we need company! So please sign up and get training!

Looking forward to a fun day out with you all.

