



Message from the Deputy Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!! I know school has now been open for two weeks but this is my first newsletter and although I have seen many of you in the mornings and at the end of the day, I haven't seen you all. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are happy that school has now reopened for all pupils.

When children started to return to school last week, I felt a huge sense of relief as it was a step towards some normality. It will be a while before we are completely back to normal but seeing the children back in school, classes being taught and hearing them having fun at break times is wonderful.

I was very impressed with how the children settled back into school and their new classes and, despite a few tears, all I see now is a stream of smiling faces coming through the gate in the morning, including the parents!

My assembly this week was all about routines, rules and expectations. I was lucky enough to get two puppies in the summer; two basset hounds called Rosie and Margot. I told the children about them and how great they are but also how my daily routines have had to change. I linked this with the changes we have in school (staggered starts, lunchtime etc.) and how things only work well when everyone plays their part. Again, the children have impressed the staff with their co-operation and with how quickly they have learnt these new routines.

We also have our golden rules, the PRIDE code and other expectations across the school that help OWPS run smoothly. After a few reminders to children to walk their scooters and bikes after coming through the gate, they are now remembering this rule and playing their part to keep everyone safe on the playground at the start and end of the day.

As well as these school-wide expectations, teachers will have their own routines in class to help each day go smoothly. It takes a lot of hard work from the staff and children to establish all our expectations, but when we are consistent and have the support of parents as well, our school runs efficiently, remains calm and becomes a place full of happy children making the most of each lesson and activity.

I wrote to you all yesterday with some information about Dojo points and the parent app that you can use to see the points your child receives. Going on to the site today, I can see that many of you have downloaded the app and are linked with your child.

Last year we made the decision to email you if your child received a step two form and break POT. Using this same email address, we will now also send you an email with a reminder about the correct PE kit if your child comes to school not wearing the correct clothing. I saw Year Four in their PE kits yesterday and they looked very smart. There was no time wasted getting changed (which also means no lost kit!) and they could enjoy a longer PE session. I spotted a few children wearing kit that had labels (Adidas, Nike etc.). Please make sure you are sticking to the correct kit that has no labels.

The warm weather has meant that we can enjoy playing on the field. Let's hope this continues to be the case.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Colin Marks
Deputy Head Teacher



Attendance

This week, our Whole School Attendance was:

97.69%

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



PENGUINS

Shining Stars



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

Penguins: n/a	Magpies: n/a
Elephants: Cecily Wells	Iguanas: Mylo Wan
Giraffes: Kacie Riviere	Squirrels: Alexis Hrynko
Macaws: Millie Saidler	Nightingales: Ava Cole
Cobras: Ruby Warren	Flamingoes: Boe Woodruff
Wombats: Luke Scotney	Armadillos: Finn Haywood
Sharks: Oscar Cxyz	Toucans: Victoria Ajayi

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: n/a	Magpies: n/a	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:
Elephants: 6.6	Iguanas: 6.9 ★	Elephants: 1256 ★ Iguanas: 1149
Giraffes: 4.3	Squirrels: 4.1	Giraffes: 559 Squirrels: 362
Macaws: 4.8	Nightingales: 5.9	Macaws: 356 Nightingales: 342
Cobras: 4.5	Flamingoes: 2.6	Cobras: 258 Flamingoes: 536
Wombats: 2.7	Armadillos: 5.1	Wombats: 295 Armadillos: 494
Sharks: 3.4	Toucans: 3.2	Sharks: 303 Toucans: 371



ClassDojo



Dojo Masters

Our Top 3 Dojo scorers were:

KS1: Harry Perich (49)

LKS2: Riddhi Ghosh (29)

UKS2: Finn Haywood (22)



Children in Years 3-6 are challenged to practise their times tables at www.trockstars.com.

This week's Rock Gods/Goddesses were:

1
2
3
4
5

Coming Next Week!

HOUSE POINTS

DEMPSEY
41

MALLARD
24

NENE
23



FENS
47

Class Dojo App - Years 1-6

Class Dojos have been used in OWPS for some time now as a way of recognising positive behaviour in the classroom. Dojo points can be given to the whole class and to individual children. They are a fantastic way to reward those children who are following the PRIDE Code and using the Learning Toolkit.

We are delighted to announce that we can now share your child's Dojos with you via the Class Dojo App. A letter went home yesterday to explain how parents of children in Years 1-6 can download the Class Dojo App. It takes only seconds to join and, once downloaded, the app will let you know each time your child receives a Dojo and what it was for.



We hope you will enjoy hearing about your child's Dojo successes via the App.

Times Table Rock Stars - KS2

By Miss Wyatt, Lead Maths and Unit Leader Yr 5/6

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging program designed to help students master the times tables! To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

Logging in to Times Tables Rock Stars

- 1 Type play.ttrockstars.com into your browser's address bar.
- 2 Click Login! > School > Student
- 3 Enter the School Name.
- 4 Enter your child's username and password.

It's easy to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars and your child can access it from home. Their user name and password can be found in their reading diaries.

Children can play single player games including:

- **Garage** – multiplication and division questions set by the teacher to help them get quicker at recalling their multiplications facts.
- **Studio** – multiplication questions from 1×1 to 12×12 to enable children to set their best time across all the tables.
- **Soundcheck** – 20 questions each with a 5-second time limit to improve their response times.

Children can also play multiplayer games including:

- **Rock Arena** – using questions set by the teacher, players compete against other members of their Band. Bandmates need to join the same game in order to compete together.
- **Rock Festival** – these games are open to players from around the world and questions are selected at random. It is a great way to play with others if you can't arrange to synchronise a game with classmates on Rock Arena.

More details can be found on the Times Tables Rock Stars website at ttrockstars.com.

Each week we will publish our TT Rock Stars Leader board in the Wistow Ways Newsletter. We will look at the progress the KS2 children have made and the children who have made the most progress will become that week's Rock Gods and Goddesses. Look out for the results on the Leader board next week!

Health

Hair and Head lice

Dealing with a case of head lice in the family is not very pleasant for anyone. The reason that younger children get head lice more frequently than adults is that they get closer to one another and their heads touch. This is made worse when the child has long hair that has not been tied back. Long hair also poses a health and safety issue for PE and playtime if it is not tied back.

For these reasons, we expect any child with long hair to have it tied back away from their face. There are a handful of children across the school who never have their hair tied back, no matter how many staff remind them. We have now ordered some hair ties and will give one to any child that needs it.

If your child has long hair, please make sure that they come to school with it tied up/styled away from their faces. Thank you.

Sweets in School

It has been the custom for some children to bring sweets in on their birthday to share with the rest of their classmates.

Due to the new Covid regulations, we would like to ask you **not** to send sweets in with your children anymore as we will not be able to hand them out.

As OWPS is a school that promotes healthy eating, we would also like to remind you to please send in healthy food for your child's packed lunch and/or snack at break time.

Thank you.

Coming Up!

Next Week: WB: 21st September 2020

No confirmed events as yet.

In Two Weeks: WB 28th September 2020

Monday

Foundation children start full-time

Bike to School Week

Thursday

School Census

In Three Weeks: WB 5th October 2020

No confirmed events as yet.

New Timings

Here is a reminder of the new arrangements for the week commencing 21/09/2020 for the start and end of the school day:

Foundation Stage

Which gate should we use?	Carpark gate
What time will our children be allowed in?	8.45
What time does the school day start?	8.50
What time do registers open?	8.50
When will children be given a late mark?	If they are in class after 8.50
When do registers close?	9.10
What time will my child be given an unauthorised absence?	If they are in class after 9.10
What time will my child be let out at the end of the day? You should arrive before this time so that you are there when we let them out.	3.00

Year 1&2

Which gate should we use?	Either Wistow Way or P1 gate
What time will our children be allowed in?	8.35
What time does the school day start?	8.40
What time do registers open?	8.40
When will children be given a late mark?	If they are in class after 8.40
When do registers close?	9.00
What time will my child be given an unauthorised absence?	If they are in class after 9.00
What time will the school gate open?	3.10
What time will my child be let out at the end of the day?	3.15

Year 3&4

Which gate should we use?	Either Wistow Way or P1 gate
What time will our children be allowed in?	8.40
What time does the school day start?	8.45
What time do registers open?	8.45
When will children be given a late mark?	If they are in class after 8.45
When do registers close?	9.05
What time will my child be given an unauthorised absence?	If they are in class after 9.05
What time will the school gate open for me?	3.15
What time will my child be let out at the end of the day?	3.20

Year 5&6

Which gate should we use?	Either Wistow Way or P1 gate
What time will our children be allowed in?	8.45
What time does the school day start?	8.50
What time do registers open?	8.50
When will children be given a late mark?	If they are in class after 8.50
When do registers close?	9.10
What time will my child be given an unauthorised absence?	If they are in class after 9.10
What time will the school gate open for me?	3.20
What time will my child be let out at the end of the day?	3.25