



# Wistow Ways

Orton Wistow  
Primary School



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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term continues to go well and each week is as busy as the last. Having looked at many of the class tweets, I am struck by what an exciting curriculum and experience the children are offered. I wish my years at primary school had been as imaginative and creative.



In the staffroom last week, we had lots of chats about the new homework books and tasks. The overall opinion was that the first week had gone well, with the vast majority of children completing their homework and returning their book by Wednesday. One or two books were returned on Thursday or Friday which doesn't give the teacher very long to look in the books and to stick in the new sheets.

I know that Year 5 and 6 are looking forward to their residential trip to Hilltop next week and we were delighted that the highest number ever of Year 3 children have booked a place on the trip to Burwell next spring.

I am always conscious that the academic year follows a cycle and had to smile when I saw that there is a tour for prospective new FS parents in my diary this week. It is always a pleasure to show new parents around the school and to see their reaction to what they see!

*Simon Eardley*

Best wishes,  
Simon Eardley - Headteacher

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### This week's Assembly Theme:

This morning the assembly theme was **Black History Month** which takes place each **November**.

# Monty

by Mr Marks

This week's Monty's Mealtime Marvels are:

- Lexi Newson
- Mya Fitzgerald
- Keira Buchanan
- Mia Marchbank

All four children have shown that they remember the PRIDE Code when eating in our dining room.



# Coming Up

**This Week: WB 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**Wallabies Lunch Week**

- Monday**  
FOWS Dempsey Cake Sale  
Year 4 West Stowe visit
- Thursday**  
Census Day Lunch

**Next Week: WB 9<sup>th</sup> October**

- Wednesday – Friday**  
Hilltop Residential Y5/6
- Thursday**  
Year 2 Family Learning  
Reception – Y4 Flu Jabs  
FOWS New parents Evening
- Friday**  
Donation Friday

**In 2 Weeks: WB 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Toucans Lunch Week**

- Tuesday**  
School Nurse Drop In
- Thursday**  
Year 5 Assembly  
School Disco
- Friday**  
Honours Award 2

**In Three Weeks: WB 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**Half Term Holiday**

# Shining Stars were awarded to:

- Magpies:** Anna Granville
- Iguanas:** Lexi Newson
- Wallabies:** Xavian Martin
- Caterpillars:** Safiya Khan
- Sharks:** Callum Markley
- Giraffes:** Ollie Cole

- Armadillos:** Chelsea McIntyre
- Hummingbirds:** Samanta Staskeviciute
- Macaws:** Damien Howard
- Toucans:** Cameron Dudley
- Nightingales:** Riley Dean
- Wombats:** Libby Attwood



# House Points by Mr Eardley

**DEMPSEY**



**NENE**



**MALLARD**



**FENS**



# This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

WALLABIES LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
Main Course 1	Pepperoni Pizza ✓	Chicken Fillet & Yorkshire Pudd ✓	Spanish Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Margarita Pizza ✓	Hot Dogs
Main Course 2 (V)	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake ✓	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pudd ✓	Quorn Balls in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Chicken Nuggets	Quorn Hot Dog
			Jacket Potato topped with cheese ✓		
Starchy Food	Croquette Potatoes New Potatoes	Roast Potatoes New Potatoes	Pasta	Waffles New Potatoes	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Honey & Oat Biscuit ✓	Chocolate Krispie Cake ✓	Iced Sponge & Pink Sauce ✓	Brownies ✓	Fairy Cake ✓
Dessert 2	Frozen Yogurt	Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Flapjack ✓	Flapjack ✓	Fruit Smoothie

Wallabies Lunch week

## Book week!

by Mrs Tansley

Coming Soon... Book Week!

That time of year is almost here again for us all to immerse ourselves into Book Week. This year will see the return of BEDTIME STORIES, where children will have the opportunity to come back to school between 6-7pm and listen to some stories, read by members of staff. Children come in their pyjamas, with their favourite teddy, get cosy and listen, in front of virtual log fires accompanied by a bedtime snack. Sounds great!



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## Harvest Festival

by Mr Eardley



Peterborough Foodbank has been in operation since November 2012 to provide emergency food, and other agreed support, to local people in crisis.

After the success of our harvest collection last year, we have decided that we will donate our food collection to the Peterborough Foodbank again this year. If you would like to help feed local people, please send in your contribution this week beginning **Monday 9 October** continuing until Monday 16 October.

### URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat/Fish, Tinned vegetables and Instant Mash.

**THE FOOD BANK HAVE PLENTY OF:** Beans and Pasta

I hope this year will be our biggest collection yet!



## Honours Award Assembly

by Mr Eardley

Last Friday we held our first Honours Award assembly of the year. Following the success of our trial in July, the comments each teacher made were recorded on the back of the child's certificate. We hope that this will make them even more special.

This first award was given for: 'rising to the challenge and expectations of a new school year' and the winners were:

Magpies	Preston-David Honour
Iguanas	Eden Jeal-Dunkling
Wallabies	Shema Mutendi
Caterpillars	Millie Johnstone-Neacy
Sharks	Sebastian Mehedintu
Giraffes	Finley Kingston
Armadillos	Chloe Gosnold
Hummingbirds	Oscar Howlett
Macaws	Gracie Baker
Toucans	Chloe Francis
Nightingales	Jasmine Barnes
Wombats	Evie Hammond

The Foundation Stage children do not join us for assembly until after Christmas.

## Tweet Tweet!

by Miss Wells

Many thanks to all who are following our class pages on Twitter.

As mentioned recently at the curriculum evening; Twitter has become an excellent platform for us to showcase the many learning experiences we deliver at OWPS and to communicate important messages relating to your child's specific class.

If you are yet to follow us, please do using the information below.

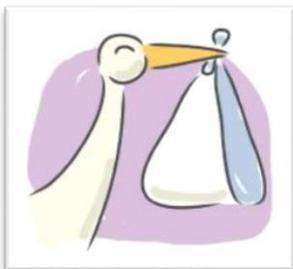
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- Wallabies- @OWPSwallabies
- Caterpillars- @OWPScaterpillar
- Giraffes- @OWPSgiraffes
- Sharks- @OWPS\_sharks
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- Hummingbirds- @OWPShummingbird
- Toucans- @OWPStoucans
- Macaws- @OWPSmacaws
- Nightingales- @OWPSnightingale
- Wombats- @OWPSwombats



Some year groups now have a large following but we would still like to branch out to more, in particular to parents of Year 6. Please can we also request that you unfollow any classes you may still be linked to from last year.

## Farewell

by Mr Eardley



I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Hayden good luck and every happiness as she starts her maternity leave next week.

We are looking forward to hearing about the safe arrival of baby Hayden and looking forward to giving them a cuddle.





## Census Day Special Menu Thursday

This Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October is Census Day. As you know if you are a parent of a child in the FS or KS1, your child is entitled to a free meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal initiative.

The way we receive this funding is a little complicated! The government takes the number of FS/KS1 children who have a dinner this Thursday and on Thursday 18 January, work out the average and then gives us £437 for each child in the following financial year. This means that if a child doesn't have a lunch on the two census days, we miss out on £437, even if the child has a lunch every other day.

As you can see, we would like as many FS/KS1 children to have a lunch as possible. For the last two years we have had one of the highest uptakes in the city, of over 95%!

## Macmillian Coffee Morning

by Mr Marks

Each year staff take part in the world's biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillans, the biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer and last Friday.

The first ever Coffee Morning happened back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective; it has been repeated annually. Since then, Coffee Morning has raised over £165.5 million for Macmillan.



## Premier League Primary Stars

by Mr Newton

We are celebrating after being awarded a Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment pack.

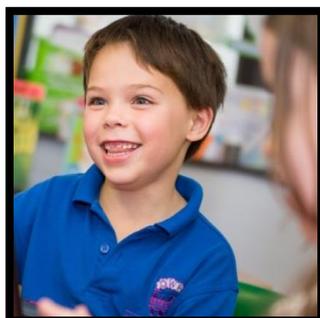
The pack contains a range of PE equipment, including brand new Nike footballs, pop-up football goals, hula hoops and a range of cones and throw down rubbers which will be used to promote active lifestyles and help with PE teaching in PE lessons, during break times and in extra-curricular out of school clubs.

The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum-linked education programme that uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire



**Premier League Primary Stars**

children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.



## Community Project

by Mrs McIntosh

We were delighted to be asked to create art work for a display in the new radiology department at Peterborough Hospital. Our work will sit alongside work from Nene Valley and Woodston Primary Schools.



As part of our on-going work to develop the skills of our Gifted and talented pupils, I worked with talented artists from across the school to create stunning, bright and colourful artwork for the display.

The grand opening of the new ward will take place on Tuesday 10 October and I will take three lucky children as representatives of Orton Wistow.



## New Faces

by Mr Eardley

Last week we interviewed candidates for the Teaching Assistant vacancies we have. As you know, Mrs Lawrence resigned in the summer holidays and Mrs Holmes has also had to resign due to a change in her personal circumstances.

We had a strong field of 34 applicants and I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Cole to work in the Wallabies class and Mrs Fincham to join the Wombats class. We look forward to working with the two of them.

## FOWS

by Mrs Chambers – Chair of FOWS

Many thanks to all who sent children to school on Friday in their t-shirts and for all the wonderful donations you made-we now have a huge variety of toiletries ready to use at our Christmas events. Our next Donation Friday will be Friday 13th October.

### Cake Sale

Dempsey cake sale is today after school! We had lots of lovely cakes donated this morning-many thanks to all our Dempsey families. Please remember to bring your pennies after school to support the sale.

### Bag2School

You should have all received a Bag2School bag now. The collection date is booked for Thursday 12th October. You can of course bring your bags in before this date and leave them with the office staff. Full details of what can be donated is found on the bags themselves.

### New Parents Evening

For any new parents to the school (or any veterans who would like to be involved this year!) we have arranged an informal evening for you to get to know a bit more about our events and how you can help. It will be held in the school staffroom on Thursday 12th October at 7pm. Refreshments will be provided; we hope to see lots of new faces!

### Disco

Thursday 19th October-the DJ is booked! We will be holding the disco at our earlier times that were trialled last year: 4.30pm-5.30pm for FS and KS1, 5.45pm-7pm for KS2. Please drop children at the School Office where a FOWS volunteer and class teacher will be there to welcome the children in. £3 on the door, which includes a drink and snack.

### Lottery

This week's winner of £15.90 was Emma Stevenson, many thanks to Emma for donating her winnings back to the school-it is very much appreciated. We will be sending out some information on the school lottery this week as we have seen a drop in the number of supporters over the Summer. Last year saw the school lottery raise almost £1400 so we would like to keep up the momentum if we can this year! If you would like to join, then please visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Orton Wistow.

### Communication

In addition to our gate posters, you may've seen our upcoming event posters on the playground-we intend to keep these up to date throughout the year as a reminder to parents. Please also like our Facebook page (FOWS-Friends of Orton Wistow Primary School) where we regularly post reminders and updates on our fundraising efforts.