



Wistow Ways

Orton Wistow
Primary School



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Message from the Deputy Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. The week always seems to go very quickly but the atmosphere in school this morning (despite the miserable weather) appears positive and the children and staff look ready for another great half term.

We have a busy week ahead with two sporting events taking place today. Ten of our Year Five children are returning to Bushfield for the rowing finals and the school football team have an away match against St. Michaels Primary School in Stanground. I would like to wish all the children involved in these events good luck and we shall let you all know how they get on.

The Year Four children are off to Stanwick Lakes tomorrow as part of their topic work, fingers crossed for better weather! This is a fantastic place for families to visit all year round.

Best wishes,

Colin Marks
Deputy Headteacher

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This week's Assembly Theme:

The assembly this week was about Chinese New Year.

Lost Property

by Mr Eardley

Lost Property is available in the School Office should any parent wish to look through the box.

Any unclaimed items will be disposed of on Friday 23rd February.



Art Club

by Mrs McIntosh

Our art club was lucky enough to have illustrator and composer Portia Graves in to chat about her work and give us advice on our current art project.

She talked about the work she does, what material she uses and then helped us to create our own art pieces.

She was great!



Shining Stars were awarded to:

Hedgehogs: Amelie Beeken

Penguins: Chloe Bewick

Magpies: Poppy Gash

Iguanas: Niall Fox

Wallabies: Elsie Johnson Paul

Caterpillars: Omair Ghaswala

Sharks: Charlie Marriott

Giraffes: Aman Summan

Armadillos: Chloe Gosnold

Hummingbirds: Ellie Hughes

Macaws: Jensen Lee

Toucans: Isabella Farrell

Nightingales: Jasmine Barnes

Wombats: Evie Hammond

Attendance

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **96.37%**

The class with the highest attendance was:

Caterpillars with 100%.

House Points by Mr Eardley

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This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	Monday 19 th Feb	Tuesday 20 th Feb	Wednesday 21 st Feb	Thursday 22 nd Feb	Friday 23 rd Feb
Main Course 1	Sausages & Gravy (optional) ✓	Chicken Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Spanish Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Beef Lasagne ✓	Chicken Nuggets
Main Course 2 (V)	Quorn Sausage & Gravy (optional)	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pud	Quorn Balls in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Vegetable Lasagne ✓	Vegetable Nuggets
Main Course 3	Battered Fish		Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche ✓	Fish Star	
Starchy Food	Mashed Potatoes Hash Browns	Roast Potatoes New Potatoes	Pasta Duchess Potatoes	Waffles Mashed Potatoes	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Honey & Oat Biscuit ✓	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard ✓	Jam Sponge & Pink Sauce ✓	Fruit Crumble & Custard ✓	Fairy Cake ✓
Dessert 2	Apple Strudel & Custard ✓	Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Flapjack ✓	Drizzle Cake ✓	Fruit Smoothie

School Nurse Drop In Session

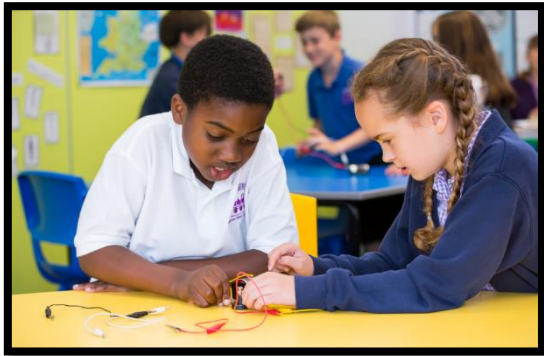
by Mrs Nalton

The School Nurse, Lindsay Edis, will be holding Drop In Sessions on Monday 12th March from 9.15 - 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.



FOWS NEWS



by Sophie Chambers

Lottery

This week's winner of £20.70 was Georgina Johnson- congratulations! If you don't currently play and would like to be in with a chance to win a Fitbit, then please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Orton Wistow Primary School. Remember that anyone can play our school lottery so spread the word to friends and family!

The Smartie Challenge!

We hope your children have enjoyed filling up their Smartie tubes over half term and that you have reaped the benefits around the house! Tubes need to be returned by Friday 23rd February. Every child who returns a tube will be entered into a prize draw to win some Easter treats-three prizes are up for grabs. Remember that the class who raises the most money also wins a break time treat courtesy of Mrs Cooper!

Bags 2 School

There was some confusion over the delivery date of the bags, apologies for this. We can confirm that the bags are due to be delivered to school on Monday 26th February ready for distribution home. You will have until Thursday 15th March to fill them and return to school-plenty of time for a clear out! Bags may be returned to the school office at any time before this date, ordinary bin liners are also accepted should you have extra donations.

Fundraising update

Our two most recent events raised a huge £715 (Fens Cake Sale-£120 School Disco- £595) Thank you to all who baked and bought cakes, to the children who danced their socks off at the disco and also to our volunteer parents who make these events possible. We are also pleased to report that Barclays Bank has recently transferred our match funding proceeds from the Christmas Fayre, which amounts to another £956! Thank you once again to our Year One parent Natasha Friend for organising this for us. Having recently handed over a cheque to the school for £2,400 means that we have now completed our fundraising for the Chrome appeal. In total, we have been able to donate a whopping £10,500 to this cause, something we should all feel very proud of! Once we have confirmation of what the school would like our help with this year we will update you all, in the meantime please continue to be the fabulous supportive parents that you are!

Upcoming Spring term events

Thursday 15th March- Bag 2 School collection

Monday 19th March- Mallard Cake Sale

If you can volunteer to help with any of our events then please let us know, every little helps and we can always do with extra pairs of hands.

Staffing News

by Mr Eardley

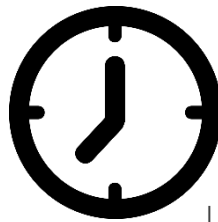
We will be saying goodbye to a couple of members of staff in the coming weeks.

Mrs Cooper, Class TA in the Iguanas class, has decided to start an exciting new venture and will be opening a wool shop at the Herlington Centre. We wish her every success and hope that she has many customers!

Mrs Joiner, class TA in the Nightingales class and a HLTA, will be joining Thomas Deacon Junior Department as a full time HLTA. This is an exciting next step for her and we are sure that she will do well.

It's Time to Go Home!

by Mr Eardley



Thank you to all of the parents and children who have left the school site promptly at the end of the day.

As you may have noticed, Mrs Orchard and I have started to chivvy parents and children. I will remind the children that they are not allowed on the field/mound/tyres at the end of the day and that we would like everyone to go home so we can lock the site.



Coming Up!

This Week: WB 19 February

Monday

Football Match Away at St Michaels
Year 5 Rowing Finals selected children

Tuesday

Year 4 Stanwick Lakes
FS Pre-Screening talk 1.30pm
Height and Weight Checks Year 6

Wednesday

FS Screening Tests
Year 6 - 2 Can Learn 9.30 -10.30am

Friday

Honours Award Assembly

Next Week: WB 26 February

Caterpillar Class Lunch Week

Thursday

Year 1 Assembly
FS Screening

In 2 Weeks: WB 5 March

Mother's Day Lunch Week

Tuesday

Home football match versus Woodston

Thursday

Year 3 Bug Man visit

In Three Weeks: WB 12 March

Mother's Day Lunch Week

Monday

School Nurse Drop In 9.15-12pm

Tuesday

Long Parents Evening

Thursday

Short Parents Evening

Breaking News!



Headlice

A case of head lice has recently been reported. As you may be aware, head lice commonly occur amongst children at school and it is only by regular inspection of your child's hair that the problem can be controlled. Therefore, we ask that you do regularly inspect your own children at frequent intervals, along with the rest of the family. This is an extremely common problem and is not in any way related to poor hygiene.

If you do find that your child has head lice, please contact your local pharmacy, who will be able to help you with the problem. We understand that some pharmacies are able to give lotions free of charge. The pharmacy at Napier place will be able to advise.