



Wistow Ways

Orton Wistow
Primary School



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Message from the Deputy Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We survived The Beast from The East! I hope you all managed to make the most of the snow during the week and at the weekend. It is rare for us to have enough to build a quality snowman! It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves on the field in the week and they coped very well with the wet playtimes and lunchtimes we had for a few days when the playgrounds were too icy.

It is funny how even after just a couple of days things are completely back to normal. Other than a few small patches of snow left on the field and playground it is almost as if it never happened.

We have another busy week ahead of us with Mother's Day lunches, this half term's E-Safety lessons and the Bug Man visiting Year Three. I hope you have all managed to book appointments for the upcoming parent consultation evenings. We are looking forward to seeing you all on either Tuesday 13th or Thursday 15th.

Best wishes,

Colin Marks
Deputy Headteacher

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This week's Assembly Theme:

Mr Eardley led an assembly today on Mother's Day.

Parent Consultations

by Mr Marks

A reminder that Parent Consultations take place on **Tuesday 13th March** (3.30 – 7.30pm) and **Thursday 15th March** (3.30 – 6.00pm).

All appointments are for 10 minutes only to allow us time to see everyone over the two evenings.

There will be arrows to direct you to the Music Room.

Appointments

by Mr Eardley

I am pleased to confirm that we have appointed two new teachers to join us in September. Our first is a familiar face as we have appointed Mr Cowles, who is currently completing his teacher training with the Sharks class.

We have also appointed Miss Holly Ellis, who is currently in her first year of teaching at Folksworth Primary School.

Mrs Barfield left Platform 1 on Friday and we have appointed Miss Craig who will join the Platform 1 Team.

We are fortunate to have appointed three talented members of staff who are both thrilled to work at Orton Wistow.

Shining Stars were awarded to:

Hedgehogs:

Frankie Allpress-Freeland

Penguins: Eden Hemans

Magpies: Riddhi Ghosh

Iguanas: Belle Fisher

Wallabies: Isaac Adkins

Caterpillars: Logan Ridley

Sharks: Ethan Stephenson

Giraffes: Jamie Hinge

Armadillos: Ella Morby

Hummingbirds: Rafa Bustea

Macaws: Ella Scotney

Toucans: Ruby Pywell

Nightingales: Leo Attwood

Wombats: Keira Hall

Attendance

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **95%**

The class with the highest attendance was:

Nightingales with 99.09%.

House Points by Mr Eardley

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This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	Monday 5 th March	Tuesday 6 th March	Wednesday 7 th March	Thursday 8 th March	Friday 9 th March
Main Course 1	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Wistow Sausage Roll ✓	Pepperoni Pizza ✓	Beef Burger in a Bun
Main Course 2 (V)	Vegetable Nuggets	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese Whirl ✓	Quorn & Vegetable Noodles in Sweet & Sour Sauce ✓	Quorn Southern Style Burger in a Bun
Main Course 3	Salmon Finger		Quorn Sausage Roll ✓		
Starchy Food	Potato Wedges Dauphinoise Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes	Potato Smiles New Potatoes	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Chocolate Fudge Brownie ✓	Jam Roly Poly & Custard ✓	Chocolate Chip Sponge & Chocolate Sauce ✓	Lemon Crunch Pie & Custard ✓	Gingerbread Man
Dessert 2		Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Fromage Frais & Sponge Finger	Chocolate Chip Cookie ✓	Ice Cream Cone

Mother's Day Lunch week

Snow Days

by Mr Eardley

I was relieved to see the back of the snow this weekend and hope we have seen the last of it until next winter!

Having to decide whether the school stays open when snow is forecast is one of the more difficult decisions I have to make as Head as it affects everyone. It really is a case of; damned if you do, damned if you don't. I've been fortunate that I have only had to close the school for one day in the last twelve years but even then I came in for criticism from some parents who thought we should have stayed open.

In making my decision, I have to weigh up several factors. Is the heating working? Can most staff get in? Is the school site safe? The answer to each question last week was 'yes!' Very few of my staff live in north Peterborough/Lincolnshire and even they could get into school. I appreciate that pavements were icy, but if you took your time, wore sturdy shoes/boots and walked on the verge when you could, it was possible to get to school.

I am grateful for the positive feedback I received from parents who were pleased we stayed open. It is a shame that we came in for some criticism online and that factually incorrect statements were made. All schools were NOT closed on Wednesday and I am not sure that 45 PETERBOROUGH schools were closed either. Even if they were, each Head has to make a call based on their own circumstances. Secondary schools usually close before primary schools because their staff and pupils come from further afield. Schools in the north of the city may draw more of their staff from Lincolnshire.

Finally, I am grateful that the staff pulled together last week and that we demonstrated our Learning Tools to the children.



FOWS NEWS



by Sophie Chambers

Lottery

This week's winner of £21.30 was Lisa Borgognoni-congratulations! If you don't currently play and would like to be in with a chance to win a Go Ape Adventure for 10 people, 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 had a few additional Smarties tubes bought in to the school office over last week, which brings our new total raised to £897.64! The Magpies received their Brownies on Thursday-they all enjoyed their winners' treat!

Upcoming Spring term events

Thursday 15th March- Bag 2 School collection

Monday 19th March- Mallard Cake Sale

Friday April 27th-Ladies Pamper Night-more details coming soon!

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.



Mother's Day Lunch Timings

by Mrs McLaughlin

Bookings are now closed for the Mother's Day Lunches. If you have made a booking for your Child/ren during the Mother's Day Lunch Weeks – Monday 5th March to Friday 16th March 2018 please make a note for your arrival time below:-

If you have children in more than one year group please arrive at your youngest child's arrival time. All siblings will join you at the hall at the same time. We look forward to seeing you then!

MONDAY 5TH MARCH	
FS	11.50
YR1	12 NOON
YR2	12.10
YR3-6	12.20

MONDAY 12TH MARCH	
FS	11.50
YR1	12 NOON
YR2	12.10
YR3-6	12.20

TUES 6TH MARCH	
FS	11.45
YR1	11.55AM
YR2	12.05
YR3	12.15
YR4-6	12.25

TUESDAY 13TH MARCH	
FS	11.45
YR1	11.55AM
YR2	12.05
YR3	12.15
YR4-6	12.25

WEDS 7TH MARCH	
FS	11.45
YR1 & Giraffes Class*	11.55AM
YR2	12.05
YR3	12.15
YR4-6 (exc Giraffes)	12.25
* swim on a weds	
THURS 8TH MARCH	
FS	11.50
YR1	12 NOON
YR2	12.10
YR3-6	12.20

WEDS 14TH MARCH	
FS	11.50
YR1 & Giraffes Class*	12 NOON
YR2	12.10
YR3-6 (exc Giraffes)	12.20
* swim on a weds	
THURS 15TH MARCH	
FS	11.50
YR1	12 NOON
YR2	12.10
YR3-6	12.20

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH	
FS	12 NOON
YR1-2	12.10
YR3-6	12.20

FRIDAY 16TH MARCH	
FS	12 NOON
YR1-2	12.10
YR3-6	12.20

The Big Pedal

by Mrs Porter

The Big Pedal competition returns from 23rd April - 4th May. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest proportion of their pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. We have taken part in the competition for the last three years and have been placed third, second and second again last year! It would obviously be great to build on our previous success and win this year! We thought we would give you as much notice as possible to get your child's bike or scooter ready.



What really helps our scores is how many parents/carers travel to school by bike too. Even if you live quite close to school and walk, please do use a bike or scooter instead as every journey counts! If you live further afield, you can park nearer to school and allow your child to scooter the rest of the way.

In previous years, we have had families cycle together from Longthorpe, very young children from Oundle Road and one teacher making a 9 mile round trip by bike! During the two weeks, we will be discussing sustainable travel with the children and how this helps the environment. It would be great if you could support this theme at home too by enabling them to join in.

Coming Up!

This Week: WB 5 March

Mother's Day Lunch and E Safety Lessons Week

Monday

OBA Multi- Skills -Wallabies only 1-3.15pm

Tuesday

Home Football Match versus Woodston

Thursday

Year 3 Bug Man visit

Next Week: WB 12 March

Mother's Day Lunch Week

Monday

School Nurse Drop In - 9.15-12pm

Year 5 / 6 Football Teams to OBA -1-3.15pm

Tuesday

Long Parents Evening - 3.30-7.30pm

Thursday

FOWS Bags 2 School Collection

Short Parents Evening - 3.30-6pm

In 2 Weeks: WB 19 March

Sports Relief and Macaws Class Lunch Week

Monday

FOWS Mallard Cake Sale

Wednesday – Friday

Burwell House Residential

In Three Weeks: WB 26 March

Easter Lunch Week

Monday

Year 4 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday

Year 4 Production 2pm

Wednesday

Year 4 Production 7pm

Thursday

Honours Assembly

Last day of Term

News



by Mrs Nalton

School Nurse

The School Nurse, Lindsay Edis, will be holding her next Drop In Session next 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.