



Wistow Ways

Orton Wistow
Primary School



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Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of this term so quickly! As always it has been a busy few months and I am sure that everyone is ready for a rest over the Easter holidays.

I was fortunate enough to join the Year 3 children last Friday on their Burwell trip. Once again I was struck by what a great trip it is and I was pleased to hear that the children had made the most of their time away. I think that our pupils are very lucky that they have the opportunity to attend four residential trips whilst they are at the school.

We are finishing the term on a high this week as we have four days of Easter lunches, the Year 4 production and the final Honours Award of the term. Thank you for your continued support this term. It has been great to see so many of you at assemblies, 2 Can Learns, Family Learning, the Online Safety events, Mother's Day Lunches, Parents Evenings.....the list goes on!

Have a great Easter and time with your family.

Best wishes,

Simon Eardley
Headteacher

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This week's Assembly Theme:

Reverend Ingham joined us this morning and led the Easter assembly.

Easter Lunches

by Mrs McLaughlin

Please see below Easter lunches times for anyone who has booked on:

Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th March

Foundation Stage - 11.45am

Years 1 & 2 - 12 Noon

Years 3 to 6 - 12.20pm

Wednesday 28th March

Foundation Stage - 11.45am

Year 1 & Giraffes Class - 12 Noon

Years 2 to 6 - 12.20pm

Thursday 29th March

Foundation Stage - 11.55am

Years 1 to 6 - 12.10pm



*Giraffes Class are Swimming this day.

If you have more than one Child in school please arrive at the time stated for the youngest child's year group. If you are unable to make this lunch please advise the School Office by 9am on the morning so we can cancel this lunch booking, otherwise there will be a charge for the lunch.

Shining Stars were awarded to:

Attendance

Hedgehogs: Harrison Neale

Penguins: Bradley Gauton

Magpies: Freddie May

Iguanas: Linden Brown

Wallabies: Isla Aldred

Caterpillars: Evelyn Edwards

Sharks: Camilla Avolio

Giraffes: Cole Foster

Armadillos: Koki Leshtarov

Hummingbirds: Nathaniel Readfern-Gray

Macaws: James Rudd

Toucans: Chloe Francis

Nightingales: Chelsey Dean

Wombats: Amelia Parrott

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **98.46%**

The class with the highest attendance was:

Nightingales with 100%.

House Points by Mr Eardley

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This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

EASTER LUNCH WEEK	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Basket Meal	
	Monday 26 th March	Tuesday 27 th March	Wednesday 28 th March	Thursday 29 th March	Friday 30 th March
Main Course 1	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Wistow Sausage Roll ✓	Beef Burger in a Bun ✓	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Main Course 2 (V)	Vegetable Nuggets	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese Whirl ✓	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	Oven Chips	
Dessert 1	Easter Chocolate Fudge Brownie	Easter Bunny Shortbread Biscuit & Fruit Juice	Easter Iced Sponge & Custard	Easter Chocolate Krispie Cake	
Dessert 2				Easter Chocolate Chip Cookie & Fruit Juice	

Easter Lunch week

Governor Blog

by David Perkins

At OWPS the students are always encouraged to be inventive and make the best use of everything around them. This is something that we also ask of the school staff, who constantly seek to identify those with the best skills to find a high-quality solution on a limited budget.

This is also relevant to the school's leadership team and governing body when it comes to the difficult decisions we have to make around the school's finances. As of April 1st, we will be the lowest funded school in Peterborough, based on per-pupil funding (budget divided by the number of pupils).

We receive very limited Pupil Premium funding as very few of our families are eligible/make us aware that they are eligible for Free School Meals. We report our Pupil Premium and Sports Funding spending on our website. This presents us with a significant challenge and so we continually have to review our budget to make tough decisions about what we can and can't do for the benefit of the children, school and staff.

The OWPS Governing Body is very proud of what has been achieved over the years with our limited resources. Mr Eardley presents detailed budget updates at each Governing Body meeting and projects such as the hall refurbishments and chrome book project have only been possible because of careful budgeting, fund-raising and the generosity of the FOWS. We hope to carry on in this respect, but there are significant challenges ahead for all schools and it is getting increasingly difficult to maintain the level of resources we have. Please be assured that we will do everything possible to meet these challenges head on and maintain the high standards that all our parents/carers found so attractive about OWPS when you first looked around.



Training News

by Mr Eardley

Ofsted are keen to recruit serving school leaders as Lead Inspectors.

I have been interested in this for some time as I believe that it would strengthen my skills as a Headteacher and benefit the school. The knowledge I gain would help me prepare the school for our next inspection and the school would be paid for my time conducting inspections.

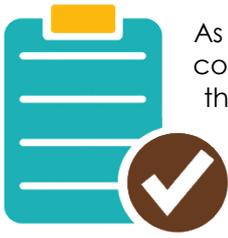
Earlier this term, I applied to join the training programme and my application was accepted. I then had to complete an online assessment which I am pleased to announce that I passed. The next stage in the process is face-to-face training in London as well as shadowing an existing inspector whilst they conduct an inspection.

If I pass each of these stages, I will be able to conduct inspections next academic year. There is a limit to how many inspections I would be able to complete and I would still continue in my role as Headteacher, even if rumours say the opposite!



Questionnaire

by Mr Eardley



As you know, I passed on to teachers any parent comments from the last questionnaire and I know that some of them raised these at the recent Parent Consultations.

I was relieved to hear that some parents were surprised to hear that they had ticked 'Tend to Disagree' or 'Strongly Disagree' and that they realised they had done it by mistake.

As you know, we are determined to deal seriously with any genuine incident of bullying and even though only a few parents gave a negative response to the question about how we deal with bullying, I asked Mrs Attwood (Anti-bullying Lead) to look into it.

In some cases, parents were looking back on incidents that happened several years ago. Our practice has moved on since then and I think we may ask about bullying in a separate questionnaire next year.

The next questionnaire goes live at the end of this week. I hope that you will find the time to complete it over the Easter break.

Wedding Bells

by Mr Eardley

We have a double celebration this Easter as we have not one, but two staff weddings.



Miss Judd is getting married on 7 April and will return to school as Mrs Samuels in the summer term.

Miss Danahar is also getting married on 31 March and will join us as Mrs Campbell after Easter.



We wish them every happiness as they begin their married life.

Multi-Academy Trust

by Mrs Foreman (Chair of Governors)

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent questionnaire which formed part of the consultation process for the Multi-Academy Trust. Teachers and Support Staff were also asked the same questions. All of the results for the three schools have now been analysed.

To the question: **'Do you support the proposal of your school converting to academy status and establishing a multi-academy trust?'**, our results were:

	Data	YES	MAYBE	NO	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Parents	Number	17	6	3	2	28
	% of Responses	61%	21%	11%	7%	100%
Teachers	Number	8	0	0	0	8
	% of Responses	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Support Staff	Number	11	1	0	1	13
	% of Responses	85%	8%	0%	8%	100%

The Governing Bodies of the three schools held a joint meeting last week to review the results. They felt that there were no significant objections to the proposal and that they did not need not re-consider the proposal.

A vote was taken and a decision made to proceed with the proposed conversion of the school to form a multi academy trust, the OWN Trust, with Nene Valley, Orton Wistow and Woodston Primary Schools as founders. A formal application has now been made to the Department for Education.

On a separate note, thank you to the parents who wrote such lovely comments to the question; **'What do you like about the school?'**

New Menus

by Mr Eardley

Our new menus launch when we return next term. We have kept the popular dishes from the Summer/Autumn and Winter/Spring menus and decided to move to a four week rotation of menus so that we can add some new dishes.

The new menus will be sent out on Thursday, but we hope that the children will be as excited as we are about some of the new additions.

<p>Meatball Sub</p> <p>Quorn meatballs, cooked in a rich tomato sauce and then served in a soft, white sub roll.</p> <p> </p>	<p>Fish Finger in a Bun</p> <p>A delicious breaded chunky, cod fish finger served in a soft, Wistow white bun.</p> <p></p>	<p>Nachos</p> <p>A yummy minced beef (or quorn mince) and vegetable sauce, topped with nacho chips and a sprinkling of grated cheese before being returned to the oven.</p> <p> </p>
<p>Cheese and Potato Slice</p> <p>A mouth-watering mixture of cheese and potato surrounded by flaky puff pastry.</p> <p></p>	<p>Chicken Fillet in a Bun</p> <p>A mini chicken breast fillet in a light, crispy batter served in a bun.</p>	<p>Cappuccino Cupcake</p> <p>A light, fluffy cupcake with a delicate coffee flavouring topped with vanilla frosting and a dusting of chocolate.</p> <p></p>
<p>Roast Turkey</p> <p>Following on from our popular roast dinners we are introducing sliced roast turkey in gravy.</p>	<p>PLOUGHMAN'S</p> <p>A summer favourite with grated cheese, pickled onion and a fresh Wistow bread roll.</p> <p> </p>	<p>Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet</p> <p>A tasty fillet of salmon surrounded by a gluten-free bubble crumb.</p>
<p>Popcorn Chicken</p> <p>We tested this with Y5 and Y6 and it was a massive hit. Southern style chicken popcorn.</p>	<p>Strawberry Cake</p> <p>An individual spiced cake made with wholemeal flour and fresh strawberries, topped with butter cream and a slice of fresh strawberry.</p> <p></p>	<p><i>Sausages with optional BBQ sauce</i></p> <p>How do you improve on our famous Wistow Sausages? Answer – serve them with an optional BBQ sauce when the sun is out!</p>
<p>Jam Vol au Vent and Custard</p> <p>A party favourite! A puff pastry vol au vent case filled with jam served with vanilla custard</p>	<p>Angel Delight</p> <p>A favourite from the 70's is back. Creamy and delicious! Chocolate, Strawberry or Butterscotch.</p>	<p> = suitable for vegetarians</p> <p> = Freshly prepared or handmade at Wistow.</p>

FOWS NEWS

by Sophie Chambers

Donation Friday

Our next Donation Friday will be held on the first Friday back following the Easter Holidays, 20th April. We are inviting children to wear their trainers to school in exchange for a donation of any new/unopened gifts for our tombola stall at the Summer Fete in June. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated and all donations will be put to very good use!

School Lottery

This week's winner of £19.80 was Carlene Morgan-congratulations! We have noticed in recent weeks that we have lost a few supporters for our lottery, which in turn affects the jackpot...so, if you don't already play our school lottery then please take a moment to sign up by visiting www.ourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Orton Wistow Primary School-you have to be in it to win it!

Mallard Cake Sale and Bag2school

We are very pleased to report that our Mallard cake sale last Monday raised a total of £102-many thanks to all our Mallard families for providing the goodies and to everyone who visited the sale! Last week we also received a cheque for £124 following our Bag2school collection on 15th March-a great result! Thank you so much to everyone who cleared out their wardrobes for a worthy cause.

Ladies Pamper Night

Join us for a lovely evening of pampering on Friday 27th April, 7pm-10pm. Facials, reflexology, massage, henna, threading and gel nails are just some of the treatments that will be available to book on the night, priced from £5-£15. We also have some lovely retail stalls booked for you to browse, hot and cold refreshments available and our pamper raffle. We are ticketing the event this year in order to ensure we have adequate treatment slots, tickets are limited and are now available to purchase from the school office at £5 each, which includes a welcome glass of Prosecco. (Please note-this event is for those over 16 only please.) **Tickets will also be available to purchase from the playground each afternoon following the Easter Holidays!**

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.

Coming Up!

This Week: WB 26 March

Easter Lunch Week

Monday

Year 4 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday

Rocksteady Easter Concert- 9am selected children

Year 4 Production 2pm

Wednesday

Year 4 Production 7pm

Thursday

Honours Assembly

Year 2 Banquets and Battles Day

Last day of Term

Next Week: WB 2 April

Easter Holidays

In 2 Weeks: WB 9 April

Easter Holidays

In Three Weeks: WB 16 April

Monday

Professional Day

Sharks Lunch Week

Tuesday

Children Back to School

News



by Mrs Nalton

Rock Steady Concert

At 9:00 on Tuesday 27th March, all the Rocksteady students will be performing in the 'Rocksteady Easter Concert' in the hall.

There are five fantastic bands who will be performing to the rest of the school, teachers and their invited parents / carers.