



Wistow Ways

Orton Wistow
Primary School



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope that you all had a great half term. We are now on the home stretch; the last seven weeks of the school year. This is always the busiest time of the school year for us as we get ready to meet our new classes, write end of year reports, celebrate sports day, hold our brilliant summer fair and much, much more.

It's a strange thing about the academic year that as you are preparing to send Year 6 pupils on to the next stage in their academic career, you are also getting ready to welcome new families and children to the school. This Wednesday we hold our New FS Parents' Evening. This is always an exciting event as for many families it is their first experience of having a child at school. This year will also mark a change as Mrs Harries will not have a FS class next year and Ms Porter will take on the role of FS Team Leader.

Please make sure that you are available to attend our other Transition Evenings in July. **(NEW Years 1-5: Tuesday 3rd July, NEW Year 6: on Wednesday 4th July)**. When we ask you in the questionnaire whether 'Staff explain how I can help my child at home', this is one of the occasions where we do tell you how you can help your child at home. The Annual Curriculum Evening in September is the other big one where we do this.

Best wishes,

Simon Eardley, Headteacher

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This week's Assembly Theme:

Today's assembly was about how Muslim people celebrate Eid al-Fitr at the end of the festival of Ramadan.

Shining Stars were awarded to:

- Hedgehogs:** Mayzee Hodgson
- Penguins:** Sonny Clifton
- Magpies:** Oakley Ellwood -Jeal
- Iguanas:** Maddox Dell
- Wallabies:** Alex Francis
- Caterpillars:** Millie Johnstone - Neacy
- Sharks:** Storm Gallagher
- Giraffes:** Holly Normington
- Armadillos:** Faith Reffell
- Hummingbirds:** Sloane Hartman
- Macaws:** Samuel Giffen
- Toucans:** Isobel Thomas
- Nightingales:** Chelsey Dean
- Wombats:** Nathan Shaw

Attendance

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **96.09%**

The class with the highest attendance was:

Toucans with 98.70%.

House Points by Mr Eardley

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MALLARD



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This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	Monday 4 th June	Tuesday 5 th June	Wednesday 6 th June	Thursday 7 th June	Friday 8 th June
Main Course 1	Fish Star	Roast Turkey in Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding	Sausages with optional BBQ Sauce	Popcorn Chicken	Beef Burger in a Bun ^r
Main Course 2 (V)	Quorn Nachos ^r	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding ^r	Quorn Sausages with optional BBQ Sauce	Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet (Gluten Free)	Quorn Southern Style Burger in a Bun ^r
Main Course 3	Beef Nachos ^r		Ploughman's (Grated Cheese, Pickled Onion & Bread Roll) ^r	Macaroni Cheese ^r	
Starchy Food	Duchess Potatoes New Potatoes ^r	Mashed Potatoes New Potatoes ^r	Potato Wedges Mashed Potatoes	New Potatoes ^r Herby Diced Potatoes	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Frozen Yoghurt	Scone ^r	Shortbread & Juice ^r	Iced Buns ^r	Chocolate Krispie Cake ^r
Dessert 2	Fudge Tart & Chocolate Sauce ^r	Honey & Apple Cake and Custard ^r	Strawberry Cake ^r	Trifle ^r	Assorted Mousses

School Improvement

by Mr Eardley

We are always looking to keep on top of any school refurbishment projects and the holidays provide the best time to get jobs done.



During half term, the flooring in the FS cloakroom was replaced and a new door and window were fitted. We have also started to work on plans to refresh the outdoor area ahead of the new children starting in September.



Mrs Orchard also re-potted the plants we have near the Hall doors in brand new pots. Thanks Mrs Orchard!



Sports Day Arrangements

by Mr Marks



Please see details for arrangements for FS / KS1 and KS2 Sports day.

FS /KS1 Sports Day	KS2 Sports Day
Where: OWPS	Where: OWPS
Time: 9:30am till 11:30pm	Time: 9:30am till 11:30pm
Date: Friday 15th June.	Date: Wednesday 27th June.

Please ensure that your child has a drink of water to bring with them on the day; and a sun hat and sun cream if the weather is warm.

Please can your child wear a T shirt in the colour of their House:

Mallard - Yellow Fens - Red Nene - Green Dempsey - Blue

Entrance to Sports Day is via the gate on Wistow Way. The gate will be opened at 9.20am and then closed again at 9.40am. Entrance after these times will be through the Platform 1 gate.

Fire Drill

by Mr Eardley

Each term we practice our fire evacuation routines and then review how it went. After our last practice we decided to add new alarm speakers near to the FS/Y1 classrooms as we discovered that it was difficult to hear the ones we had.



I am very pleased to report that our recent practice, everyone was out of the building in less than two minutes and all registers were called before we reached the three minute mark.

FOWS



by Sophie Chambers

Donation Friday

THIS Friday is our final Donation Friday of this academic year! Children are invited to wear their wacky socks to school in exchange for a bottle of drink. All donations will be used for the bottle tombola at the Summer Fete.

School Lottery

This week's winner of £20.10 was Rachel Hastie - congratulations! 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 could be in with a chance of winning an annual family membership to either the National Trust or English Heritage!

Summer Fete-Friday 22nd June 2018 3.30pm-5.30pm

This year's Summer Fete is shaping up to be an afternoon of fun for all the family. We have two giant inflatables (an assault course and a slide), a Fire Engine Visit as well as all the usual array of stalls, tombolas and games! We are especially pleased that this year the children will have an opportunity to entertain their friends and family; with the school choir, a newly formed posse of Maypole dancers and those who attend Chloe's Dance Company classes all preparing some performance pieces for us to enjoy. The Ice Cream Van is booked, Dominos Pizza has been arranged and of course there will be cake!

Raffle tickets for the Summer Fete were sent home prior to half term, you should have received three books per family. We would be very grateful if you could sell these tickets to friends and family and return the stubs with the money to the school office at any point prior to the draw on the day. The office will have spare raffle books if you would like additional tickets to sell!

We are still looking to secure match funding, if you work for an organisation that will offer this scheme then we'd love to hear from you-we were able to secure just short of £1,000 from Barclays Bank by using this scheme alongside our Christmas Fayre last year!



If you can volunteer to help with any of our events then please let us know. We have had a parent approach us recently to say that their company offers two days leave a year to volunteer for charitable events, does your employer offer this? We are always grateful and welcome the extra pairs of hands!

Parent Questionnaire

by Mr Eardley

Thank you to everyone who completed the last Parent Questionnaire. The results were as follows:

	Positive Response	Change from last year	Don't know	Negative Response
My child makes good progress at this school.	98%	Down 1%	0%	2%
My child is taught well at this school.	99%	Same	1%	1%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	94%	Down 5%	0%	6%
Each and every child is valued as an individual.	99%	Up 3%	1%	1%
Staff encourage my child to become more mature and independent.	98%	Down 2%	1%	1%
Staff expect my child to work hard and to do his or her best.	99%	Down 1%	0%	1%

Once again, these are an impressive set of results. Part of my Ofsted Inspector training has included how to analyse parent questionnaires and I can now confidently say that results as high as these reflect positively on the school.

I'd love to get 100% positive responses for every question as I always want us to do as well as we possibly can, but I am not convinced that it is possible to get it right with every parent. Clearly, what we are doing is working for the vast majority of parents.

I am a little disappointed that there has been a 5% decrease in the percentage of parents who believe that they receive valuable information about their child's progress as we had seen a 7% increase for this question last year and we haven't decreased the amount of information we share with you. In most cases, the parents who disagreed with this statement, had given positive responses for all of the other questions.

I don't anticipate that we will start to send home more information about each child's progress. However, I would like to remind you that you are welcome to make an appointment throughout the year to come into school to look at your child's books. You don't have to wait for parents' evening. In reality, very few parents take us up on this offer.

I also intend to remove the 'Please tick this box if you would like a member of staff to get back to you about your comments' box as it appears that in most cases, people who have given positive responses, tick it by accident. From now on, if you would like to speak to one of us about your comments, please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment.

As always, I will share the results and comments with all of the staff and your child's class teacher may choose to contact you if they wish to discuss your responses or comments.

Lastly, I always tell my staff that we should be reflective and take constructive feedback on the chin. Where there is a weight of opinion, we aren't afraid of changing what we do. This comment from the last questionnaire made me smile!

Orton Wistow Primary is an outstanding School. There is nothing more that could possibly be done to communicate with parents and take our opinions into account. I was thrilled to see one of my comments on the power point presentation regarding homework when we attended the curriculum evening. This shows that both positive feedback and constructive criticism is taken on board and changes occur where necessary.

I have been a parent at this school for 15 years after having three children attend. My elder two boys have gone on to be very successful in their own way and they still look back fondly at their Wistow years. I will be very sad to say goodbye in September.

Coming Up!

This Week: WB 4 June

Wednesday

FS New Parents Evening - 7pm

Thursday

Year 4 - 2 Can Learn - 9.15-10.15am

Marine Biologist visit to Year 1

Friday

Year 3 to Ferry Meadows

Wallabies to Bee Observatory at Showground

Next Week: WB 11 June

Phonics Screening Week – Year 1

First Father's Day Lunch week

Tuesday

Football Match Away Eye Primary School

Wednesday

Caterpillars to Bee Observatory at Showground

Thursday

FS/KS1 Sports Day Practice -1.15pm

Friday

FS/KS1 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am

In 2 Weeks: WB 18 June

E-Safety Lessons Week

Second Father's Day Lunch week

Tuesday

Sponsor Day

Thursday

Year 2 – 2 Can Learn 9.15-10.15am

Friday

Honours Award Assembly 9-9.45am

School Nurse Drop In 9-12noon

FOWS Summer Fayre 3.30-5.30pm

In Three Weeks: WB 25 June

Wednesday

KS2 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am

Thursday

FS Assembly

Friday

Year 3&4 Food and Farming Visit to Showground

Year 6 Safety Challenge

Clubs end

News



by Mrs Mathewman

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Mr Abraham for his kind donation for all the brilliant resources to brighten and transform the Platform 1 garden. It is really much appreciated by everyone.



P.S.

I'd like to echo Mrs Mathewman's comments and add my own thank you to Mr Abraham for his very generous gift to P1.

The P1 team have already made some very impressive changes to the inside and outside environment and I know that the forthcoming P1 Groundforce Day will be a massive success.

Mr Eardley