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**Orton Wistow
Primary School**

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This week's Assembly Theme:

In today's assembly we thought about EQUALITY. I shared this poem by Doe Zantama,

'When I see you through my eyes, I think we are different.

When I see you through my heart, I know we are the same.'

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was out of school for most of last week, completing the next part of my training to become a Lead Ofsted Inspector. It is always lovely to spend time in another school as it makes you think about what you do well in your own school and what you could do better. A bit like a holiday, it is also lovely to get back home!

From speaking to staff I can tell that most of our children have settled back smoothly into school routines. However, I have started to hear a few names of children who have had a honeymoon period, but now need a reminder about our PRIDE Code and expectations. We think that it is important that our children hear the same message from all members of staff and as part of this, Mr Marks and Mrs Attwood led training with our midday supervisors last week. Our midday staff play a crucial role in making sure that children have a happy, productive lunchtime.

As you can tell, our reading project is close to my heart and the information I am getting back from teachers is very interesting. It looks like some children haven't read very often at all in the first weeks of term. There is lots of compelling evidence to show that being an enthusiastic and able reader makes a positive difference to your future life, more of a difference than how wealthy your family home is. We will touch on this at the Curriculum Evening on Wednesday.

Best wishes,

Simon Eardley - Headteacher

Reading

Every week we check reading diaries to see how often each child has read to an adult out of school.

Our expectation is that every child reads a minimum of five times per week. Last week's results were:

Class	%	Change
Penguins	NA	
Magpies	NA	
Elephants	57%	Up 20%
Iguanas	43%	Up 3%
Giraffes 	60%	same
Caterpillars	47%	Down 3%
Macaws	55%	Up 35%!
Armadillos	47%	Up 4%
Flamingoes	57%	Up 24%
Hérons	47%	Down 20%
Sharks	50%	Down 23%
Cobras	47%	Up 4%
Nightingales	30%	Down 9%
Wombats	36%	Up 33%
School	46%	Up 17%

I discovered a few glitches in my spreadsheet which I have now rectified, so our school total went up 17%. Whilst this is encouraging, it still means that over half of the children in the school have not read with an adult for 5 times. It is also interesting to see that in Y1/2 the average was 52%, in Y3/4 it is 51% and in Y5/6 it was 35%. As we suspect, our older children don't read to an adult as often as they should. We are concerned by this as they need practice with more challenging texts.

Well done to the Giraffes Class!

Attendance

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **98.29%**

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by these classes who had the highest attendance of 99.67%:



Armadillos
Elephants

Shining Stars



Well done to the following children who all received a Shining Star last week!

Hedgehogs: No Shining Stars

Penguins: No shining Stars

Elephants: Daniel Powell

Iguanas: Autumn Wright

Giraffes: Louie Clarke

Caterpillars: Lucas Honeywood-Down

Macaws: Nathan Cheale

Armadillos: William Dalton

Flamingoes: James webb

Hérons: No shining Stars

Sharks: No shining Stars

Cobras: No shining Stars

Nightingales: William Ray

Wombats: Rufus – Quinn Hastie

House Points by Mr Eardley

Dempsey
67



Mallard
60



Nene
58



Fens
73



This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

	Top Ten Favourite	Roast	Comfort Food	Feel Good Thursday	Basket Meal
	W/C Monday 24 th Sept	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course 1	Sausages & Gravy (optional) ✓	Chicken Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding	Spanish Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Wistow Sausage Roll ✓	Chicken Nuggets
Main Course 2 (V)	Quorn Sausage & Gravy (optional)	Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pud	Quorn Balls in Tomato & Basil Sauce ✓	Quorn Sausage Roll ✓	Vegetable Nuggets
Main Course 3	Battered Fish				
Starchy Food	Mashed Potatoes Hash Browns	Roast Potatoes New Potatoes	Pasta Duchess Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes Waffles	Oven Chips
Dessert 1	Honey & Oat Biscuit ✓	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard ✓	Victoria Sponge ✓	Chocolate Fudge Brownie ✓	Fairy Cake ✓
Dessert 2	Apple Strudel & Custard ✓	Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓	Flapjack ✓		Fruit Smoothie

School Nurse Drop In Sessions

by Mrs Nalton



The School Nurse, Clare, will be holding Drop In Sessions on Friday 12th October from 9 - 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.

Parents of Children in Y1 and 2

by Mr Eardley

Thank you to everyone who has followed our previous request to park bikes in the bike racks and not in the scooter racks on the main playground.

There are now only a couple of bikes in the main playground each day and I hope that this will be addressed shortly.



E - Cadets

by Mr Marks

For the past few years a team of trained eCadets have helped to keep the children at Orton Wistow Primary School safe when they are online.



eCadets:
Kids keeping kids safe online

After receiving a fantastic number of applications again this year I have chosen the eight children that will be this years eCadets.

They are - Isobel Thomas and Gus Foster (Year 6), Faith Reffell and Martyna Blazjewska (Year 5), Hollie Normington and Liam Arnett (Year 4), Joshua Unwin and Lily Carter (Year 3).

Every half term the team will meet and they will lead short lessons in class, help to run assemblies and create information to be shared with the other pupils. I'd like to say thank you to all those children who completed an application form. After reading them all I was very impressed with the knowledge and understanding the children at OWPS already have of how to keep themselves and others safe online.

Year 6 Family Learning

by Miss Wyatt

Once again, we were delighted with the number of parents who were able to join their child for our Family Learning session last week.

The focus this year was on Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. It was a whistle-stop tour and we were only able to spend a little time on a few areas of the curriculum in the hour's session. We learnt about what makes a sentence and identified the subject, verb and object; the building blocks needed to ensure we can identify and write both active and passive sentences. We then moved onto relative clauses and relative pronouns and finally briefly introduced adverbial, prepositional and noun phrases. It was great to watch the parents and the children discussing their learning together and we hope it was a useful workshop.



We will ensure that the presentation is put on the website but if there are any questions you have about any of the aspects of the Year 6 curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Newton or Miss Wyatt.

Well done!

by Mr Eardley

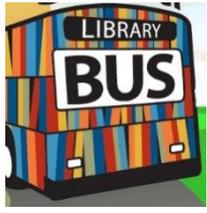
There is a national programme to recognise the skills of subject leaders in school and it is called the Specialist Leader in Education, or SLE.



We are delighted that Mrs Simmons has been successful in her application and she is now Peterborough's first SLE for Design and Technology. This new role will involve her supporting other schools to develop their DT.

Brilliant Books!

by Mrs Edwards



We are very excited to be welcoming the

Vivacity Book Bus to OWPS on Tuesday and Wednesday. Each of the children in FS and KS1 have been given the opportunity to join the library service and during their visit to the bus, we hope that each of them will receive their new library cards and be able to borrow a book to bring home!

All on our doorstep! Watch the class twitter feeds to see how they got on!

Curriculum Evening

by Mr Marks

We are looking forward to seeing over 180 parents and carers at this year's Annual Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 26 September. As you know our focus is on Reading as this year is our Love of Reading – The Sequel! You will have the opportunity to visit two year groups to hear how we teach reading and how you can give your child the best support to develop their reading. The timings are:

6.00pm – 6.25pm	Year group presentations 1
6.30pm – 6.55pm	All parents and carers to gather in the school hall for a presentation on Reading and our new maths scheme
7.00pm – 7.25pm	Year group presentations 2

We are always very clear with parents about the importance of the partnership we have with them to ensure all the children achieve well at Orton Wistow Primary School. This is your one chance to hear first-hand about this very important curriculum area and how it is taught at school. It is also one of the main times we give you guidance on how to support your child at home. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

Hilltop Residential

by Mrs Simmons

Last week, thirty-five children from Year Five took part in the annual residential visit to Hilltop in Norfolk. We descended onto Hilltop last Monday with lots of excitement and a little trepidation, but emerged on Wednesday full of confidence and with a newly found thirst for adventure!



There were many activities that we took part in such as; abseiling, the treetop trek, night time orienteering and the incredible super swing.

We had great fun, learnt a lot about ourselves in the time we were there and made bonds with our peers and staff alike.

Overall, the trip was a huge success and we can't wait for the next one!

Year 1 History of Toys day

by Mrs Ironside

On Wednesday 19 September the Elephants and Iguanas had a really enjoyable activity day. We were visited by Patrick from History off the Page, who brought along an enormous selection of old toys which he actively encouraged the children to explore and handle. We then became archaeologists, using brushes to carefully sweep away the soil to discover a selection of bits and pieces from broken toys hidden under the surface. It was fascinating trying to work out what we had found.

After lunch, we spent the rest of the afternoon making a selection of Victorian inspired toys – including spinning tops, hook a fish, peg dollies, thaumatropes (look it up!), cork boats and puppets.

The children were amazingly well behaved, and Patrick commented on how many adult helpers we had to assist with the running of the event.

Miss Ellis and I would just like to reiterate our thanks to ALL of the adults who came along to help – we had mums, grandmas, grandads and aunties all getting involved in supporting our children's learning. You made the day possible, and we really appreciate it!



Individual School Photographs

by Mrs Russell

Tempest, our school photographer will be in school on Thursday 27th September 2018 to take individual photographs of your children.

If any parent requires a second proof for whatever reason, please contact the School Office by this Wednesday.

If you would like your child to have their photograph taken with a pre-school sibling, please bring them to the Music Room between 8.05am and 8.25am.

All siblings in school will be taken together unless otherwise requested.



TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

FOWS

by Sophie Chambers

Upcoming events

Thursday 11th October – New Parents Evening

Friday 12th October – Donation Friday (T-shirts for Gifts/toiletries)

Monday 15th October – Dempsey Cake Sale

Thursday 18th October – School Disco

School Lottery

Congratulating myself on a £16.20 win this week! 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 a £50 Virgin Gift Experience. Remember anyone can play the lottery so please spread the word to friends and family!



Annual General Meeting

A new committee was elected as following for the forthcoming academic year at our AGM last Thursday.

Chair-Sophie Chambers

Vice Chair-Rachel Francis

Treasurer-Jo Piercy

Secretary-Nicola Morris

Parent Representatives-Esther Al-Samirraie, Carly Pask, Matt Piercy, Nicki Fyfe, Amber Lorimer, Tina Marlow

School Representative-Jackie Orchard

Teacher Representative-Lauren Morris

Last week we sent a form out on Parentmail regarding meeting agendas and minutes. If you would like to receive these via email then please select Yes on the form to allow us to collate a new contact group. We are keen to remain transparent and understand that whilst it is difficult for people to attend evening meetings they may still want to be kept informed of what the committee discuss.

New Parents

We would like to invite anyone who may be interested in lending a hand to a New Parents evening on Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. An invitation with more details will be sent to you this week via Parentmail. Please also take a moment to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fows) and Twitter (@OWPSfows) where we regularly post updates on our events.

Christmas Fayre

Do you work for (or own!) a company that might be willing to donate a prize for our Grand Raffle at the Christmas Fayre? If so, please leave your details at the school office or message via our Facebook page. Raffle tickets are being ordered in the next few weeks and will be sent home after half term, so it would be great to bag some great prizes asap!

We are also accepting bookings for stall holders. If you or someone you know would like a stall then we are taking bookings now-pitches cost £15 and are available on a first come first served basis. We welcome craft and gift stalls, please do get in contact for further information and/or to request a booking form.

Coming Up!

This Week: WB 24 September

Foundation Stage Full Time

Tuesday – Wednesday

Vivacity Book Bus visiting school

Wednesday

Curriculum Evening – Reading 6pm

Thursday

Individual school photos

Next Week: WB 1 October

Monday

Peterborough Museum Year 4

Tuesday

Year 2 Great Fire Of London

Wednesday to Friday

London Residential Trip Year 6

Thursday

Year 2 Family Learning- 9.15-10.15am

In 2 Weeks: WB 8 October

E-Safety week

Hérons Lunch Week

Monday

Year 3 Flag Fen Trip

Monday to Thursday

Bikeability Year 5

Tuesday

New to FS Tour 9.30-10.30am

Thursday

Honours Assembly 1 - 9am

FOWS New Parents Evening

Friday

School Nurse Drop In 9-12pm

FOWS Donation Friday (T shirts for Gifts / toiletries)

In Three Weeks: WB 15 October

Monday

Dempsey cake sale

Monday to Friday

Bikeability Year 5

Thursday

Year 3 Assembly 9am

New to FS Tour 9.30-10.30am

School Disco

News



Clubs

by Mr Marks

Clubs start today, week beginning 24th September. All letters were sent out last Thursday showing the Clubs that your child has been allocated and all the details with regards to the Clubs.

Please see below for collection details:

Choir - Please pick your child up from the back of the School Hall. The P1 gate will be opened from 4.10pm for collection at 4.15pm

Football - Please pick your child up from School Reception at 4.15pm

Chess - Please pick your child up from School Reception at 4pm

If your child is not attending their club after school on any day please ensure to let their teacher know that morning and they will be removed from the register for that session.

The last club sessions will be during the week beginning 3rd December. Clubs will not run during the week beginning 29th October (parents evening week).