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Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's starting to feel a little fresh in the mornings! I hope you all enjoyed your weekend and for the golf fans, made the most of the Ryder cup action.

Last week we had the travelling library 'Book Bus' visit the school and lots of the children had the opportunity to browse through and borrow the books. I can remember a similar vehicle visiting villages and schools when I was at primary school but presumed it was a relatively new concept. However, when searching for an 'amazing photo' to share with the children at the start of my assembly on Friday (we often have something on display for when they are coming into the hall) I found a collection of 'Book Bus' photos from across the world and the oldest was a drawing dating back to 1860. It was another great way of sharing the importance of reading and when I asked the children why they thought book buses had been around for so long they said the following:

'Because reading is important'

'Some people didn't have their own books'

And my favourite.... 'Because everyone should be able to enjoy reading!'

Best wishes,

Colin Marks
Deputy Headteacher



This week's Assembly Theme:

In today's assembly we learnt about World Space Week, which is on 4-10 October each year.

This year's theme is 'The Moon: Gateway to the Stars' and we learnt about Neil Armstrong. We also reflected on other explorers throughout history.

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  | 67% | Up 10% |
| Iguanas | 43% | same |
| Giraffes | 50% | Down 10% |
| Caterpillars | 40% | Down 7% |
| Macaws | 59% | Up 4%! |
| Armadillos | 63% | Up 16% |
| Flamingoes | 37% | Down 20% |
| Hérons  | 67% | Up 20% |
| Sharks | 57% | Up 7% |
| Cobras | 57% | Up 10% |
| Nightingales | 35% | Up 5% |
| Wombats | 41% | Up 5% |
| School | 51% | Up 5% |

I was lovely to see so many parents at the Curriculum Evening last week, but some teachers pointed out to me that they had less than a third of their parents. I've always hoped that by giving parents at least two months notice, the date would be put on their calendar.

It is encouraging that most classes have seen an improvement this week and, for the first time this term, over half of the school have read at least 5 times at home! We are still noticing that some children do not have their reading diaries in school, which means we cannot check them.

Attendance

Last week, our Whole School Attendance was: **98.32%**

Gordon the Good Attendance Gorilla was most impressed by these classes who had the highest attendance of 100%:



Hérons

Shining Stars



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

Penguins: Lewis Radford
Magpies: Leo Stanley
Elephants: Millie Saidler
Iguanas: Florence Morris
Giraffes: Belle Fisher

Caterpillars: Joshua Brooks
Macaws: Amelie Stevenson
Armadillos: Kayla Hatton
Flamingoes: Thomas Barham
Hérons: Ziba Salehi
Sharks: Taara Singh
Cobras: Elsie Allen
Nightingales: Isabelle Davy
Wombats: Brodie Homewood

House Points by Mr Eardley

Dempsey
58



Mallard
60



Nene
62



Fens
82



This Week's Menu by Mrs Cooper

| | Top Ten Favourite | Roast | Comfort Food | Feel Good Thursday | Basket Meal |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | W/C Monday 1 st Oct | Tuesday September | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Main Course 1 | Sticky Chicken Drummers ✓ | Mini Sausage & Bacon & Yorkshire Pudding | Southern Fried Chicken | Jumbo Fish Finger | Chicken Fillet in a Bun |
| Main Course 2 (V) | Margarita Pizza ✓ | Quorn Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding | Macaroni Cheese ✓ | Cheese & Potato Slice ✓ | Quorn Ball Sub ✓ |
| Main Course 3 | | | | | |
| Starchy Food | Rice Hash Brown Nuggets | Roast Potatoes New Potatoes | New Potatoes Jacket Potatoes | Mashed Potatoes Potato Wedges | Oven Chips |
| Dessert 1 | Fudge Tart & Chocolate Sauce ✓ | Seasonal Fruit Muffin ✓ | Iced Bun | Ice Cream Roll | Cappuccino Cup Cake ✓ |
| Dessert 2 | Melting Moment ✓ | Fruit Salad & Shortbread ✓ | Jam Vol au Vent & Custard | Carrot Cake ✓ | Ice Cream Tub |

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.

Year 5 Bikeability

by Mr Eardley

Please remember that your child will be starting Bikeability on the 8th October so will need to be in school all week with a fully working bike and helmet. Bikeability is for those **selected** children in Year 5 who have signed up for it.

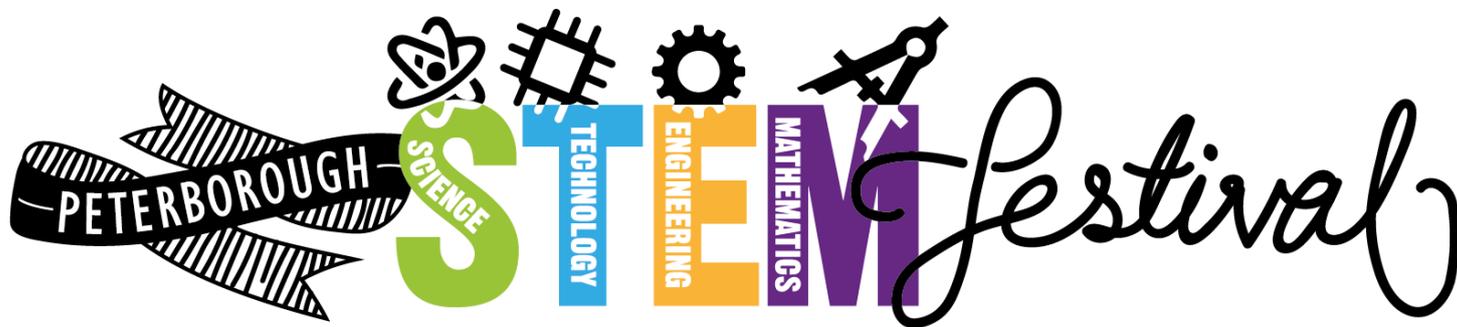


Peterborough STEM Festival

by Mrs Simmons

Peterborough STEM Festival is a free, family friendly event on Saturday 13th October at KingsGate Conference Centre 9:30am - 4:00pm .

Join them for a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, inspired by Ada Lovelace Day. Aimed at 5-16 year olds, Peterborough STEM Festival 2018 offers a number of fun and engaging activities: coding workshops, interactive science experiments, engineering and technology demonstrations, inspirational talks and presentations, all from enthusiasts and professionals working in STEM.



Encourage. Inspire. Develop.

Fun activities to celebrate and experience the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

Saturday 13th October 2018

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

Congratulations to Emma Stevenson on winning £15.90 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!

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 has been sent to all Foundation Stage parents 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 more great prizes asap!



Pride Code 'Everyone Matters' Foundation Stage

by Ms Porter

The Foundation Stage children have settled well into their new classes and are now all in full time.

They have learned about the Pride code and Toolkit and have made lots of new friends. They have enjoyed lots of exciting activities and have had fun in the garden come rain or shine!



Coming Up!

This Week: WB 1 October

Monday

Peterborough Museum Year 4

Tuesday

Great Fire Of London event Year 2

Wednesday to Friday

London Residential Trip Year 6

Thursday

Year 2 Family Learning - 9.15-10.15am

Next Week: WB 8 October

E-Safety week

Hérons Lunch Week

Monday to Thursday

Bikeability Year 5

Monday

Year 3 Flag Fen Trip

Tuesday

New to FS Tour 9.30-10.30am

Thursday

Honours Assembly 1 - 9am

FOWS New Parents Evening 7.30pm

Friday

School Nurse Drop In 9-12pm

FOWS Donation Friday (T shirts for Gifts / toiletries)

In 2 Weeks: WB 15 October

Monday to Friday

Bikeability Year 5

Monday

Dempsey cake sale

Thursday

Year 3 Assembly 9am

New to FS Tour 9.30-10.30am

School Disco

In Three Weeks: WB 22 October

Half Term

News



Curriculum Evening

by Mr Marks

Thank you to all those parents who joined us for our Curriculum Evening last week.

All the presentations will be shared with parents in the near future, if they have not been already.

Thank you for your support.