



Newsletter

8.11.2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back to term two.

Whilst visiting classes this week I have been struck by how focused the children have been in their learning. In Peregrine Falcon Class the children have been notetaking ready to write their own text about Earth. I found Skylark in the middle of working out lots of tricky calculations and practising their times tables and in Kingfisher Class, the children were so busy with their writing they didn't even notice me visit! In Owl Class the children have been very interested in Miss Penny's scarf making activities as they think about different materials in their Science work.

The children in KS2 have also been working together thinking about Armistice Day. They have produced some beautiful work to share in our Remembrance Service and sound utterly beautiful singing their chosen hymns. Please join us for our Remembrance Service on Monday 11th November. The service starts at 10:45am and is in St Giles' Church. The children, the teachers and I, look forward to sharing this special service with you.



Poppies

We have a limited number of poppies in school that can be bought for a small donation. We also have a small number of poppy slapbands the children can leave a donation for. We do ask however, that you encourage your children to leave their slapbands at home so they do not become a distraction to learning in the classroom. They are a very tempting toy, I know I quite like snapping them around my wrist, that the children find difficult to leave on their wrists during the day.

Thank you for your support with this.



School Business Manager Role at Great Wishford

In line with Acorn Academy staffing structures across the Trust the School Business Manager role is being replaced with an Admin Officer position as the leadership structure of the school has changed and roles and responsibilities have been re-organised.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs. Hewes has decided not to take up the Admin Officer position but to take voluntary redundancy and we will be saying goodbye to her at February half term. I know that she is very sad to be leaving the school, and a great deal of thought went into her decision which she hasn't taken lightly. We will all be sorry to be saying goodbye to someone who has had such a central place in the life of the school

Attendance figures:

OWL: 95.5%

KINGFISHER: 98%

SKYLARK: 94.1%

PEREGRINE FALCONS 97.6%

The children are working hard to win the attendance cup in school. Our school attendance aim is **96%**. We are currently at 97.69%



Mornings

Our Sports Ambassadors will be spending time making sure our playtime equipment is well looked after and stored safely.

Please encourage your children to leave the playtime equipment in the storage boxes in the morning before school. We will remind the children about when this equipment is allowed to be played with in classes next week. Thank you for your help.

Non School Uniform Day

The Friends of the school will be holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 13th November and we will be asking for donations of £1.00 or a raffle prize.

Pupils may also come into school on Friday 15th November in something "Pudsey related" e.g. socks, hairband for Children in Need but they will still need to be in school uniform.

Safeguarding tips

Online Safety:

Youtube is very popular with both adults and children but it is very easy for children to access inappropriate content. This poster gives information about Youtube, which you may find useful.



This poster can be found at:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/youtube-online-safety-guide/>

Open Day for Prospective Parents

Next week, 14th November, we are holding an open morning in school. This morning is for parents who have children starting school in Reception, in September 2020. The sessions run from 9:15am-10:15am and 10:30am-11:30am. If you know anyone who has children starting school in September 2021 please let them know of this opportunity to visit our school and chat with Mrs Barnard and Miss Penny, the children and myself.

Dropping off and picking up children

As always, please continue to help us in our ongoing work with traffic and parking around our school. We accept that it is not an easy position to park in but we ask if you can try to **avoid parking across from the junction which leads into South Street, or on or across from the school's No Parking yellow zig-zags.**

DATES

13.11.19 – Non School Uniform Day (£1.00 or donation of Raffle Prize)
14.11.19 – School Open Day for Prospective Parents 9.15 – 10.15 and 10.30 – 11.30 am.
6-8 pm School Disco
15.11.19 – Children in Need – “Pudsey related” items allowed but school uniform to be worn.
22.11.19 – Friends of the School Bingo at South Newton and Wishford Village Hall 7pm
28.11.19 – Posada Service 2.30 pm in the School Hall
11.12.19 – Owl and Kingfisher Christmas Play 2.15 pm and 6 pm in the school hall
18.12.19 – Skylark and Peregrine Falcon Class Carol Services, St. Giles Church (times tbc)
19.12.19 – Pupil Christmas Lunch and Friends of the School Hamper Raffle.
20.12.19 – VIP Lunch, Last Day of Term

Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 08/11/19 were as follows:
Highest Classroom Attendance – Kingfisher 98%
Class Certificates –
Henry Brain – Owl Class
Siena Scholes – Kingfisher Class
Ivan Gurd – Skylark Class
Lily Brain – Peregrine Falcon Class

Expectations Awards –
Aspiration – Tegan Randall
Belief – Natalie Baxter
Determination – William Snow
Pride – Layla Pearce, Henry Noble
Resilience – Darcey Hallums
Respect – Harry Shepherd
Responsibility – Levi Snow

Gold Awards (250 house points)
Francesca Reynolds, Phoebe Pennells, Alexander Shepherd, Corbin Cullingworth.

Top house point pupils:
Poppy Tribbeck, Siena Scholes, River Forrester.

Maths Whizz – Alexander Shepherd
English Star – Maisie Man-Clarke

School House Captains

Congratulations to all our newly appointed School House Captains:

Dylan James
Teagan Cullingworth
Jo-Jo Barratt
Dhana McNulty
Silvie McCloskey
Olivia Spencer
Billy Shergold O’Brien
Charlotte Gurd