

Great Wishford C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

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## Message from Mr Porter

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break with your child/children. I had a lovely family time exploring Mid and North Wales and walking up Snowdon.

The end of last term finished on a real high. I had a fabulous, first ever VIP lunch with eight delightful children (two from each class). They were very excited and they seemed very proud to have been chosen. They behaved impeccably and they were given the chance to ask me a number of personal questions. They were happy to volunteer their opinion on my age. This ranged from 20 - 60!

In the final week of term we held our first Student Leaders meeting of the year. We discussed the purpose of the Group, the role of a student leader, pupil voice, a motto for the school and improving behaviour at break and lunch. Some were set some homework over the holiday. Donna Johnson led the meeting on Friday which was attended by Tom Nash, the Chair of The Parish Council. Some of our Student Leaders will attend the next Council meeting on November the  $23^{rd}$ .

Parents will soon receive the first interim report of the year. It will have a simple format, but it will include very important information about work ethic, progress made since September and targets for moving forward.

We have two new exciting ICT developments. In the next few months we will launch a brand new website. We are confident that you will find it more interesting, informative and more accessible. We will also be installing a projector and screen in the main hall. This will enable us to show video during assemblies, display the words from hymns, Powerpoint Presentations, sound and images in performances etc.

The very first Great Wishford VIP Lunch



Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 13/10/17 were as follows:

Highest Classroom Attendance – Owl Class 97.8%

Class Certificates – Braydon Stockwell–Franklin – Owl Class Natalie Baxter – Kingfisher Class Bethany Bush – Skylark Class Lewis Newman – Osprey Class

Expectations Awards – Aspiration – Eroni Qiolevu Belief – Phoebe Pennels Determination – Silvie McCloskey Pride – Medbh Pheby, Charlie Purnell– Webb Resilience – Leah McCafferty Respect – Charlie Hopkins Responsibility – Maisie Goodship

Reader of the week Owl Class - Nesrin James Kingfisher Class - Ella Blackburn Skylark Class - Dhana McNulty Osprey Class - Gabriel Penny

Maths Whizz Cup - Teagan Cullingworth

Top house point pupils: Lacey Hallums (8) Sophie Tribbeck (8) Jake Dickinson (8)



## Football Tournament

Congratulations to the football Key Stage 1 team who played at the Cluster tournament at Manorfields. Our team won 2 of their 3 matches. Well Done everyone.



Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly were as follows: 3/11/17 Highest Classroom Attendance – Kingfisher Class – 98.2%

Class Certificates – Phoebe Pennels – Owl Class Hanna Wojtusiak – Kingfisher Class Billy Shergold–O'Brien– Skylark Class Erin Piper – Osprey Class

Expectations Awards – Aspiration – Kaleb Marchment Belief – Caydon Hume Determination – Charlotte Lewis Pride – William Brain, Leighton Marchment Resilience – Dhana McNulty Respect – Maisie Goodship Responsibility – Jessica Simpson

Reader of the week Owl Class – Alexander Shepherd Kingfisher Class – Ivan Gurd Skylark Class – Matilda Pillans Osprey Class – Gabriel Penny

Maths Whizz Cup – Alivia Callaghan Top house point pupils:

Jack Spencer (7) Lily Brain (6) Alexander Shepherd (6)

special services.



Key Stage 2 Remembrance Service Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at St. Giles Church at 10.45 am. Posada Service Please can we confirm that the school Posada Service will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend these

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - 10.45 am KS2 Remembrance Service St Giles Wishford Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - 1.00 pm Flu Vaccinations (Year R - Year 4) - Please Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - 6.30-9.30 pm Christmas Fair - School Hall Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Christmas Craft Day Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Posada Service - School Hall 2 pm Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances 1.30pm and 6pm- School Hall Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Pantomime Visit - Salisbury Playhouse - Whole School Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances 1.30 pm and 6 pm - South Newton and Great Wishford Village Hall. Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December - Friends of the School Disco 6-8pm Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term 2 Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January - Start of Term 3 Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March - TD Day School Closed to Pupils Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June - Whole School Photo

## Guinea Pigs

We are pleased to let you know that the Guinea Pigs have officially moved in, creating a real buzz around the school. Many thanks to Miss Penny for organising the arrival of the Guinea Pigs and accessories and to Mrs Johnson and Miss Foster for allowing us to use the DIY skills of their partners to assemble the very grand accommodation over the weekend. Thank you Steve and Jay.



**After School Clubs** – We are planning to start a Homework Club for pupils from Year 2 up to Year 6. This will take place on a Monday (3-4pm) starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and will be supervised by our teaching assistants Miss Lyons and Mrs Phillips. This is an opportunity for pupils to work on the homework tasks set by their class teachers in school in preparation for handing in the homework on a Wednesday. This provision will be offered free of charge. If you would like your child to attend please let the office know as soon as possible, so that we have some indication of numbers of pupils attending.