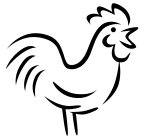
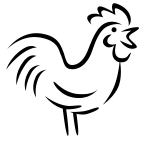


Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No.44

Friday 4th March 2016

Any questions? Anything you need to tell us about? Any feedback on aspects of the school?
Let us know via talktohead@wisbech-st-mary.cambs.sch.uk 24/7, the office or your class teacher.

Chocolate Heaven at Cadbury World



At 7:15am on Monday 29th February a very bleary eyed group of teachers and pupils from year 5 & 6 boarded a coach for the 3 hour journey to Cadbury World in Bourneville, Birmingham. After a multitude of 'Are We There Yet's', we arrived and excitedly departed the coach, eagerly anticipating large quantities of free chocolate! We were not disappointed, as we passed through the entrance gate we were handed 3 bars of assorted chocolate each and entered a magical rainforest where the story of chocolate was told.

We then visited various areas of the famous factory to see the process of producing our favourite confectionary.

There were a wide range of activities including a train ride through Chocolate Town, a tour around the Bourneville museum, chocolate tasting and exhibition of chocolate making, a great adventure playground and best of all a 4D experience !

The children were an absolute credit to the school at all times, the staff were very proud to be out with them and we all had a wonderful day.

Nina Redhead

Yr5 & 6 Collective Worship

Thank you the staff and children of Awdry and Peckover for a great Collective Worship on Friday and thank you to the parents who attended, the children always love to see you in school.

Mother's Day Lunches

Thank you to the 57 Mum's and Nan's who joined us for lunch this week. It was lovely for all of us to see you in school. A special thank you to our fabulous kitchen and midday staff for delivering this special meal to such a high standard.

2 and Year 6 Tests (SATs)

You may be aware that a number of changes have been made to the 2016 national tests (SATs) at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Please be aware of the following information.

Tests will be carried out in Year 2 during the month of May , and in Year 6 from Monday 9-Thursday 12 May. Please ensure your children are in school on these days. The children will take tests in:

- English- reading
- English- grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Mathematics

In Year 2, these tests will form evidence, alongside children's class work, for overall teacher assessment in these subjects. They will be assessed as either working below the expected standard, working at the expected standard, or working at greater depth within the expected standard.

In Year 6, the test results will be reported at the end of the year as a 'scaled score', where 100 will be the expected standard. Children who score 100 or more will have met the expected standard, and those who score below 100 will not have met the expected standard.

In Year 2 and Year 6, teachers will also carry out writing assessments based on evidence over time. Writing will be assessed as either working below the expected standard, working at the expected standard, or working at greater depth within the expected standard. There will not be any tests for writing.

These end of Key Stage assessments are used to track your children's progress at key points in their education to help them to achieve their potential. Although we want your children to do their best, we do not want them to feel any pressure or anxiety about the process. If you have any further questions about these assessments, please speak to your child's teacher at parents' evening, or as always you can come and speak to me.

PTFA Easter Bingo – 6:30pm eyes down 7:00pm – everyone welcome

Please come and join us on Thursday 17th March 2016 to play Bingo and raise funds for our school.

If you have any unwanted presents or other items we could use for prizes please send them in to the school office as soon as possible. We are also collecting smaller items to make up in to hampers, in date tins & packets, sweets, biscuits, candles, toiletries, items suitable for children etc.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Police Safer Parking Support

I have yet again had complaints from our neighbours about dangerous and inconsiderate parking this week. I understand that they have contacted Sue Clarke to report the issues. If you have any problems with parking around the school please contact Sue as below.

Sue Clarke, our Community PCSO, has asked me to give you her mobile number and email so that you can contact her directly about any parking or driving issues, including sending her photographs.

Mobile: 07738025220

Email: sue.clarke@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Bad Weather

Please can you ensure that your child has a coat with them every day as a chilly wind does blow across our school grounds at this time of year. We endeavor to take the children outside for breaks whenever possible. Hats and gloves in school are also advisable. If we have snow, and you would like your child to be able to play on the field in it at break times, please provide wellies and a change of indoor shoes. School closures will be advertised on local radio stations, on the Cambridgeshire County Council website and at the school gate/ office.

Attendance for this week:

There are 190 school days in a year. That leaves 175 days for holidays. Every school day counts! Should your child be unable to attend school for any reason it is important for parents to notify the school, by phone, on each morning of an absence to confirm why they will not be in. This important procedure is in place for safeguarding reasons. I am sure you would agree that it is important for everybody to know where the children are, as soon as possible, on a daily basis.

When a child is absent from school, attainment is affected. He or she misses the lessons provided and is also less prepared for the lessons after his or her return to school. Absence does have a negative effect on social relationships and friendships.

Gold is awarded to Clarkson Class with 97.2%.
Silver is awarded to Octavia Class with 96.9%
Bronze is awarded to Hudson Class with 96.5 %.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Dominic from Clarkson Class
House Team winner is St Pancras house.

Kind regards,

Nina Redhead

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

Diary Dates 2015/ 2016 (New events in BOLD)

9.03.16	Parent, Teacher & Friends Association meeting 4pm
11.03.16	Year 2 Mowbray Collective Worship – 9am parents & families welcome
14.03.16	Year 6 Careers Convention
17.03.16	PTFA Easter Bingo – 6:30pm eyes down 7:00pm – everyone welcome
18.03.16	Year R Hudson Collective Worship – 9am Parents and friends welcome
21.03.16	School Easter Disco – 5:30 – 7:00pm

22.03.16	Parent/ Teacher meetings 1pm – 7pm
22.03.16	Easter Bonnet, Painted Egg and Easter Garden Competition (see newsletter nearer date for details)
23.03.16	Celebration Collective Worship – 9am – families & friends welcome – St Marys Church
24.03.16	End of Spring Term
11.04.16	Teacher Training Day
12.04.16	Back to school Summer Term 8:50am
2.05.16	May Day holiday
9.05.16-12.05.16	Year 6 SAT's tests (please do not book holidays or appointments during this week)
30.05.16 – 3.06.16	Half Term
6.06.16	Teacher Training Day
7.06.16	Back to school 8:50 am
9.6.16	Queen's 90th Birthday street party at WSM 3 -5 pm
27.06.16 – 1.7.16	Neale Wade Transition week Y6
30.6.16	KS2 Production
2.7.16	Rose Fair Parade – Wisbech
4.7.16 – 7.7.16	Bikeability Training
7.7.16	Sports Day followed by Summer Fayre 1pm – 5pm
8.7.16	Reserve bad weather Sports Day followed by Summer Fayre 1pm – 5pm
11.7.16 – 15.7.16	TCA transition week Y6
15.7.16	End of year reports to parents
19.7.16	Parent Drop In – 2 – 4:30pm
20.7.16	Y6 End of Year Party 5 – 6pm
20.7.16	Whole school end of year disco 6 -7 pm
21.7.16	Y6 leavers service and celebration assembly – St Mary Church – families and friends welcome – 9:30 – 11am
21.07.16	School closes for Summer 3:15pm
1.9.16 -2.9.16	Teacher training days – no pupils
05.09.16	School reopens for Autumn term