



# Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No.37

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 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](mailto:talktohead@wisbech-st-mary.cambs.sch.uk) 24/7, the office or your class teacher.**

## **WELCOME BACK**

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful start to the New Year.

## **Recommencement of clubs**

Next week 11.1.16 – Multisports KS2 (Wednesday), Football KS1 (Tuesday), Choir (Wednesday), St Mary's Explorers (Monday), Computer Club (Thursday), Street Dance (Thursday)

Week commencing 18.1.16 – Football KS2 (Tuesday)

If you have not heard whether your child has a place please contact Mrs Embling in the school office.

Guitar Classes begin 15.1.16.

All other music lessons began 8.1.16

## **OFSTED Report Meeting**

Our OFSTED report has now been published from our inspection on 18/19 November 2015. You will receive a copy of the report with a covering letter explaining some of the key points on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. We also invite you to a meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 5:30pm in the school hall, when you can ask questions of myself, the members of the Governing Body, school staff, Local Authority and Diocese representatives.

## **PTFA Annual General Meeting**

We will be holding the school Parent Teacher & Friends Association AGM at 4pm in the school hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016. This group is a fun and friendly way to support the school in whatever capacity and with the time you can give, however short. We plan a number of activities each year for the school community including school discos, summer and Christmas Fayres, Wisbech Rose Fayre and of course, our spectacular Fireworks Display. We also welcome any new ideas you can bring. Nomination forms for Officers will be sent out next week if you wish to join the main committee or would like to nominate someone for the roles of Treasurer, Secretary or Chairperson. If you would just like more information or wish to offer some support please come and join us for refreshments and a chat.

The PTFA's support is really appreciated and enables us to complete key projects which enhance the learning experiences and environment for our pupils. If you are unable to attend at this time but would like to be involved please email [talktohead@wisbech-st-mary.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:talktohead@wisbech-st-mary.cambs.sch.uk), phone the school office on 01945 410312 or pop into the school office to leave your details and we'll get in touch with more information.

### Collective Worship at St Mary's Church

Please join us on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 9:00am for our family Collective Worship.

### Kingswood 2016

A reminder to all current year 4 and 5 parents that we are now taking bookings for the annual year 5 and 6 Kingswood visit, in the Autumn term 2016. This is a great experience for all pupils as it gives them a chance to have a go at a wide range of activities and enjoy the company of their peers in a residential setting. Please contact the school office if you haven't got an application form.

### Complaints Concerning Parking on Church Road

I have been disturbed to have received complaints from residents of Church Road about a small number of parents who are parking to drop children off and collect them at the Reception Entrance to the school. The road has restricted parking outside the school, so it is not legal to stop in this area. There is a real danger to children and adults alike as these cars are illegally pulling up on the pavement.

I was also dismayed to hear from our neighbours that the drivers /passengers of these vehicles were being extremely abusive when approached or asked to move by residents. Abuse of any kind is not something we tolerate as a school and is a poor example to our pupils.

Can I please ask that nobody park in restricted areas around the school, for however short a time. The residents have reported the cars concerned and have also provided car registrations and photographs of these vehicles to the Police.

### 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. A text will also be sent out so please ensure that the office has your correct mobile number.

### 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.

Gold is awarded to Awdry Class with 97.5%.

Silver is awarded to Godfrey Class with 96.8%

Bronze is awarded to Clarkson Class with 95.8%.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Louise from Hudson Class.

House Team attendance winner is St Pancras house.

Yours sincerely,

*Nina Redhead*

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

Diary Dates 2015/ 2016 **(New events in BOLD)**

14.1.16	PTFA AGM – School Hall – 4pm
14.1.16	OFSTED Q & A session – School Hall – 5:30pm
15.1.16	St Mary’s Church Collective Worship – Families Welcome - 9am
15.2.16 – 19.2.16	Half term
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
21.07.16	School closes for Summer 3:15pm