



Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No.1

Friday 9th January 2015

Welcome to our first weekly newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading our news and find the information useful.



Mrs Redhead

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I have really enjoyed my first week at Wisbech St Mary CE (A) Primary School and would like to thank the staff, children and families of the school community for their kindness and support. If I haven't met you already please stop me on the playground or pop into school to do so.

Dates for this half term's Parent Forum meeting will be published in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to Awdry Class Yr6 for writing a piece for this week's newsletter.

If your child has an achievement at home they would like to tell us about at our weekly Celebration Assembly on Friday's, please send details, certificates, photographs, trophies etc into school so we can share their successes.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to confirm that Miss Crowson will be full time Awdry (Yr6) Class teacher until the end of the academic year.

We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Wyatt to Mowbray (Yr2) Class on Monday, thank you to Mrs L Hunt for teaching the class this week.

Change of routine for the start of the day

As a school we are continually trying to improve the teaching and learning we provide for your child. To enable the children to settle and start lessons as quickly as possible in the mornings, the teacher on duty will blow a whistle at 8:50 am and the playground entrance door will be opened so that children can make their way to class ready for registration at 8:55am, when the bell will sound. The teacher on duty will check all children on the playground at this point have entered school before joining her class.

Mrs Embling will be available at the playground door to take messages and answer queries, which she will pass to class teachers to action as soon as possible. If you have any queries she cannot answer she will direct families to the main office, where Mrs Boyce will be pleased to assist you.

At 8:55am the playground door will be closed. If your child arrives late please take them to the main office and sign them in. This is a safeguarding procedure so we are sure your child is safely in school. Teachers are still available to book meetings with before school or at non-teaching times during the day. Urgent issues will be dealt with by Mrs Redhead via the office as soon as possible.

Children from Hudson (Yr R) Class will enter school at their usual time via their normal entrance.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Redhead, who will be happy to discuss these new procedures with you.

Pupil Premium

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called Pupil Premium. Children who are registered for Free School Meals will receive additional benefits through Pupil Premium funding, including free educational visits, breakfast club and after school clubs. If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please make sure you apply to (Cambridgeshire County Council) to receive these benefits, even if you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch. The website address is:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/education.

Clubs

Most school clubs will begin again this week, details of times and dates are on the joining letters sent home with your child. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Attendance

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.

Our attendance figures for the week ending Friday 9th January 2015 are as follows – Gold is awarded to Peckover Class with 97.2 %, silver is awarded to Mowbray Class with 95.2% and bronze to Clarkson Class with 94.9%.

House Points

Look out next week for an up to date diary of events and achievement news!!!

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nina Redhead – Acting Headteacher

News Splash!

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What's New at W.S.M? A Happy Welcome



Welcome to Wisbech St Mary C of E (A)
Primary School

New Year, new teachers.

We would like to welcome 3 new members of staff to Wisbech st Mary school. Mrs Redhead is our new, enthusiastic Head Teacher, who has some great ideas for 2015. Everyone is looking forward to meeting Mrs Whyatt, who will be teaching Mowbray. Finally, we have Miss Crowson in year 6. A member of year 6 has exclaimed, "She is such a great teacher, I look forward to the year ahead." I hope you will join us in welcoming them into our school community.

Moving out of the mobile (hopefully!)

The whole school is excited about the new buildings. Year 6 are looking forward to getting out of the stuffy, small mobile and moving into an amazing new class room. Awdry class are going to help design the inside of their new room. Peace and quiet will be greatly welcomed by Mowbray class.

Clubs Clubs, amazing Clubs!

This year we are fortunate enough to have a wide variety of clubs, including multisports, recorder, football, boardgames and much more. We are looking forward to trying some of these clubs out. They will run Monday-Thursday until the end of term.

Making a splash!

As most people know, year 6 and year 5 are going swimming every Friday afternoon. The George Cambell Swimming Centre, in March, is where the lessons will take place. "I can't wait," quoted a year 6 child.

A little note.

Mrs Embling has informed us that: "There was previously a problem with children in the hallways, although on a positive note there are now fewer pupils around the halls and those that are, are very polite."

Researched, written and reported by Awdry Class.