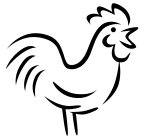




# Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No. 53

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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.**

### Key Stage 1 SAT's

Year 2 will be sitting their SAT's during the next two weeks. This is a very relaxed format, the results of which are used to form part of the final assessments at the end of key stage 1. The children have been practising for these tests and will not be put under any pressure during the period of testing. The papers are marked in school, unlike Year 6 papers for Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Maths which have been sent away to be externally marked. If you would like any further information, please contact Miss Poole or Mrs Redhead.

**Class Group Photos** will be taken on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, individual and family photos will be taking in the Autumn term ready for Christmas presents. Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform for these photos.

### Half Term Sports Camps



Chris Dennis, our Premier Sports teacher will again be running holiday sports clubs during the May/June half term (on 31<sup>st</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> June). Information has been sent home, it is also available through the office, from Chris on the playground in the morning or online at



[www.premierperformingarts.co.uk](http://www.premierperformingarts.co.uk) or [www.premiersports.co.uk](http://www.premiersports.co.uk).

You can book online or through the office. Financial support is available for those pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

### Visitors to school

On Friday we welcomed the Local Authority Implementation Group, who have been supporting us for the last 15 months to move the school forward, to school for the last time. They completed a hand-over to the Diocese of Ely prior to the completion of our Academisation, which is due to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

The Group commented on the massive improvements made in the school during this time and wished us continued success in the future. I have been very grateful for their support with our progress, we are all looking forward to joining the DEMAT and developing a close working relationship with them.

### School Uniform after Academisation

Several parents have asked if pupils need a new school uniform after we become an Academy. Although we will be updating our logo and name, we do not expect pupils to stop wearing their current school uniform. We will be opening a new online school uniform shop shortly, all new uniform purchased will have the new school logo. There will be a much wider range of uniform items on sale to meet individual needs.

### **Police Safer Parking Support**

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](mailto:sue.clarke@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

### **Damage to school property**

Mr Sandall, our Site Manager, is currently repairing the fence at the side of the school field near the ditch for the 6<sup>th</sup> time this year. Someone is accessing the school field by breaking through the fence and then removing school equipment from our new Forest Schools area. These areas are in place to enhance learning and are a great resource for our pupils to use. Items may also be left on the field which could cause harm to our pupils, Mr Sandall does check the grounds daily but we cannot guarantee that we will find everything.

This damage has to be repaired using funds that would otherwise be used to enhance pupil's experiences of school, such as trips and visits. The burden of the cost of this vandalism is carried by all families in our school indirectly.

We have put up signs which state trespassers will be reported to the police and prosecuted. We are also taking quotes for CCTV systems for the school grounds, an expensive outlay which we are sad to have to be spending.

Please ensure your children are not accessing the school property in this way and report any unauthorized access to school grounds to the school office or the police on the numbers above.

### **Attendance for this week;**

**Gold is awarded to Mowbray Class with a fabulous 100%.**

Silver is awarded jointly to Godfrey and Clarkson classes with 98%

Bronze is awarded to Awdry Class with 97.6%.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Lacey-Mae in Hudson class.

House Team winner attendance is St Margaret with 98.2%.

House point winners are St Margaret & St Pancras jointly.

I have been asked for term dates for next academic year to help with holiday planning- thank you for your continued support.

### **Term Dates 2016-2017**

**2016**

#### ***Autumn Term***

Thursday 1 September 2016 – Tuesday 20 December 2016

Training Days Thursday 1st & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Half Term 24 October- 28 October 2016

**2017**

#### ***Spring Term***

Wednesday 4 January - Friday 31 March 2017

Training Day Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Half Term 13 February -17 February 2017

#### ***Summer Term***

Tuesday 18 April - Friday 21 July 2017

Training Day Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017

May Day Monday 1 May 2017

Half Term 29 May- 2 June 2017

Training Day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Hope you are enjoying the sunshine. Please remember to send your child with a hat, sun cream and plenty of water to drink.

Kind regards,

*Nina Redhead*

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

Diary Dates 2016/ 2017 **(New events in BOLD)**

<b>16 – 27.05.16</b>	<b>Year 2 SAT's period</b>
<b>27.05.16</b>	<b>Clarkson Class Assembly at Church– Parents and families invited</b>
30.05.16 – 3.06.16	Half Term
<b>31.05.16-01.06.16</b>	<b>Premier Sports Holiday Club</b>
6.06.16	Teacher Training Day
7.06.16	Back to school 8:50 am
<b>10.06.16</b>	<b>Official opening of Wisbech St Mary CE Academy 1pm – Everyone Welcome. To include St Mary's Church and School Street Party for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>
22.06.16	Dr Scoot – Cycling with Y1 & Y2
<b>24.06.16</b>	<b>Collective Worship – St Mary's Church – families &amp; friends invited</b>
30.06.16	Key Stage 2 Musical
02.07.16	Rose Fair
04 – 07.7.16	Bikeability Y6
07.07.16	Sports day afternoon 1pm – Families invited
07.07.16	Summer Fayre – 3.30 – 5.00pm
08.07.16	Reserve Sports Day
<b>11.07.16</b>	<b>Parents Forum meeting 2pm</b>
19.07.16	Parents Drop In
20.07.16	Y6 Leavers Party followed by whole school disco
21.07.16	Y6 Leavers Service and End Of Year Celebration Assembly, St Mary's Church 9:30am – All families invited
21.07.16	School closes for Summer 3:15pm
01- 02. 9.16	Teacher Training days
05.09.16	School reopens for Autumn term