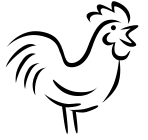


# Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No.30

Friday 16th October 2015

**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.

## Year 6 at Kingswood



We had a fabulous time at Kingswood in Overstrand, Norfolk. During our visit, we had the opportunity to learn many new skills, including problem solving, games creation using ICT and adventurous activities such as climbing. It was great to see the children participating in educational activities which help to enrich the curriculum that we provide. The children were brilliantly behaved and a credit to our school.

Mrs Hunt

## Christening in year 2



Mowbray have had a lovely 'christening' in church today.

Father Matthew has asked me to pass on how well behaved the children were.

They were a complete credit to the school, I was very proud!

We have been looking at Bible stories and the beginning of the church, how Jesus told his disciples to go to get baptised and how, once baptised, we all belong to the family of the church.

Mrs Crowson

### Collective Worship

We have two exciting Collective Worship next week.

On Wednesday Awdry Class Y6 will present Collective Worship, all families and friends of the school are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9:00am.

Our Celebration Collective Worship will be held at St Mary's Church on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 9am, we would love families to join us for this service.

This is our last day of this half term. Children will return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 at 8:50am.

### School Council

School Council, consisting of representatives voted for by all pupils in each class, met this week to agree on priorities for this term. They are looking at how we demonstrate our school values on a day to day basis within school and are going back to their classes to gather opinions and ideas on how we can identify and monitor if they are happening. The intention is that they will investigate key areas such as behaviour for learning in class, bullying (including a definition of what this actually is), playtime/ lunchtime activities and ideas for future school development.

### Parents Forum

Apologies for the short notice, it has been a busy term – Parent's Forum will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 9:20am.

### Visitors to school

On Tuesday we were visited by the Head and Deputy Head teachers of Gorefield and Alderman Payne Primary Schools, along with an ex HM Inspector, to complete a project I have been involved in where Head teachers are trained by OFSTED so that they have a better understanding of their new Inspection criteria.

During the last two weeks Miss Poole, Mrs Hunt and myself have joined with these two schools as a TRIAD to visit each other's schools and use OFSTED guidelines to supportively look at our schools and provide feedback. This is part of the school to school support initiative that I am involved in as part of the Wisbech Schools Partnership.

We looked at teaching, the children's work in books, data, safeguarding, playtime and lunchtime provision and the learning environment.

The team complemented many areas of our school; '..... compliments to your site manager, I'd like to award someone in the kitchen an OBE for the crumble'; the excellent behaviour and politeness of our pupils in all aspects of the school day; the calmness of our lunchtime inside and out ; our school environment; our safeguarding.

We are always striving to improve our provision for all children and challenge the outcomes for all pupils, we still have areas for development but as always I am very proud of our school community, especially when I am able to show our wonderful school to visitors.

Mrs Redhead

### REMINDER!!!! Our Fabulous Fireworks

**On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we will have a non -uniform day with the theme 'Dress Like A Firework' (any bright and sparkly clothing). Please bring a donation for the Tombola, bottle stall or a raffle prize.**

We will again this year be presenting the best Firework Extravaganza in Fenland!

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating this great British and local tradition with all our usual stalls and attractions. Tickets are £3 children and £4 for adults.

Make sure you have the date in your diary!!

**We still need 12 more helpers for the Saturday night – at present 5 stalls have no-one to run them! By manning a stall you are helping to raise thousands of pounds for your children's school. The stalls left uncovered are the raffle, a cuddly toy tombola, Hoopla, a coin game and the Fireworks competition. If you can help or would like more information about what is involved please speak to Mrs Boyce or Mrs Embling in the school office.**

**Attendance for this week;**

Gold is awarded to Awdry Class with 98.9%.  
Silver is awarded to Mowbray Class with 98.8 %  
Bronze is awarded to Octavia Class with 96.6 %.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Molly.

**House Points**

This week's winners are St Walston House.

We hope you have a lovely week.

Yours sincerely,

*Nina Redhead*

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

Diary Dates 2015/ 2016 (New events in BOLD)

20.10.15	Peckover Class Y5 to Oxburgh Hall
<b>21.10.15</b>	<b>Awdry Class Y6 Collective Worship – Families invited</b>
<b>21.10.15</b>	<b>Parents Forum – 9:20am</b>
23.10.15	Dress Like a Firework non uniform day
<b>23.10.15</b>	<b>Collective Worship at Church – Families invited</b>
26.10.15 – 30.10.15	Half term holiday
2.11.15	Back to school 9am
7.11.15	WSM Firework Night Celebrations
24.11.15	School Book Fayre
04.12.15	Christingle at WSM Church
11.12.15	School Christmas Fayre 3:15 – 5:00pm

14.12.15	Whole school Pantomime
15.12.15	Whole school Christmas disco – 5:30 – 7:30pm
16:12:15	School Christmas Lunch
16.12.15	Infant (R, Y1, Y2) Nativity (10am)
16.12.15	Infant (R, Y1, Y2) Nativity (6 pm)
17.12.15	Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5,6) Carol/Music Concert (2pm – 3:15pm)
18.12.15	Whole school collective worship – St Mary’s Church 9:30am
18.12.15	End of Autumn term 3:15pm
4.01.16	Teacher Training Day
5.01.16	Back to school 8:50am
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
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