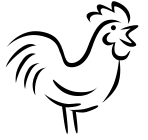


Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No.26

Friday 18th September 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 24/7, the office or your class teacher.

Mowbray Class Music Lesson



It was lovely to see our Year 2 pupils enjoying learning the glockenspiel this week. Their lessons are very creative and involve not only learning to read music and play an instrument but to sing along as well.

We have lots of opportunities for musical expression in school in addition to weekly music lessons and hymn practise. We offer, through the Cambridgeshire Music Service, a range of musical instruments including keyboard and guitar, our own choir and woodwind lessons throughout the year.

Tots Group

Wisbech St Mary Tots Group meet in the school hall every week on its new day of Monday. Members new and old are welcome between 9:30am and 11:30am, for more details contact the school office or just come along.

Midday Supervisors

I am pleased to inform you that we have now appointed two new midday supervisors to support safe and happy play at lunchtimes.

Autumn Term

As a chill comes to the morning air and the leaves start to change colour, please can you ensure that your children bring suitable outdoor clothing and PE kit so they can continue to enjoy ur outdoor environment.

Important Changes to Attendance

With effect from September 2015 schools have been advised by the government's Department for Education (DfE) that the Persistent Absence (PA) threshold will be reduced to 10%. Until this date it has been 15%. Please be aware that if mainly unauthorised attendance drops below 90% within any

four week period (ie. 3 or more days) this will therefore trigger a referral for a penalty notice. If your child is absent from school due to illness medical evidence may be required from the 3rd day of any absence.

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 should be, as soon as possible, on a daily basis. Parents are required to submit absence forms to the school if they know their children will be away in advance Children of school age who are registered at a school must, by law, attend that school regularly. When a child is absent from school, their learning is affected. They miss the lessons provided, and are less prepared for the lessons after their return to school. Absence also has a negative effect on social relationships and friendships. Along with all other schools in the Wisbech Schools' Partnership, we do not authorise absence for holidays in term-time.

Attendance for this week; Fabulous % , keep it up!!!

Gold is awarded to Octavia Class with 99.3%.

Silver is awarded to Hudson Class with 99%

Bronze is awarded to Mowbray Class with 98.2%.

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

House Points

This week's winners are St Walstan House.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Redhead

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

Diary Dates 2015/ 2016 (New events in BOLD)

30.9.15 – 2.10.15	Kingswood Residential Trip Y5 & Y6
05.10.15	Y6 Activity Day at TCA
06.10.15	Ely Cathedral day for y6
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
14.12.15	Whole school Pantomime
18.12.15	End of Autumn term 3:15pm(Teacher Training Day)
4.01.16	Teacher Training Day

To Contribute - To Respect - To Achieve - To Value

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