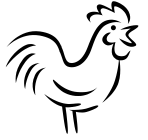


Wisbech St Mary School News



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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.

After School Clubs



We have a fantastic range of after school clubs on offer this year. These are free to attend except for Dance club which is sourced from outside school and so is chargeable. Mr Albutt is starting a school football team for Yr 4,5,6 boys and girls, so come after school on Monday to see if you enjoy it. We are going to be joining the Wisbech Schools League. Our new Premier Sports PE coaches will be running KS1 and KS2 multisports clubs and a dance club (for KS2 this term), starting week commencing 14th September. St Mary's Explorers, will begin on Monday 14th September, run in conjunction with St Mary's church, it will provide a wide range of activities linked to the school curriculum. Choir will begin again this week with another mega performance planned!!!! Learn the Ocarina with Ms Oliver if you are in KS1, week commencing 14th September. Application forms were sent home with pupils last week but if you haven't seen them please pop into the office for a copy. There will also be lunchtime clubs as the term enters autumn.

Swimming

Clarkson Class enjoyed a great swimming lesson at Marshland St James School last Monday. Everyone was assessed and grouped accordingly, then we started to practise our swimming skills. The children were brilliantly behaved and a real credit to our school. This year swimming alternates between Monday and Wednesday mornings, if you are free at these times we would be grateful for your support by joining us. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Support at home

Homework expectation letters will be sent home with your children this week. Please let me know if you have any queries.

I have been looking at some websites which you might find useful at home. Although I am not endorsing these sites or attesting to their safety, there seemed to be some useful articles and resources on Theschoolrun.com and as always on the BBC sites, for parents to look at.

Damage to school grounds

As I reported in last term's newsletter Mr Sandall, our Site Manager, repaired the fences and hedges around our school field to make them a secure and safe place for our pupils to play. I'm sorry to report that during the summer holidays someone broke the fence on the far side of the field again, to gain access to the field. When we returned to school in September we found spray cans, litter and bottles of unidentifiable liquid on the field.

Mr Sandall has repaired the fence again this weekend. This vandalism not only requires us to use school funds to keep repairing the damage but is a risk to safety.

Please ensure that pupils do not enter the school grounds when they are not open, so that we can keep them safe. We will be reporting any further vandalism and unauthorized access to the site to the police.

Lunchtime Activities

Your children may have come home this week and told you about our two new lunchtime sports organisers. The children have had great fun joining in with a variety of games on the playground. To continue to improve our lunchtime provision we are looking for 1 or 2 new midday supervisors to join our team. If you are interested please collect an application pack from the school office.

PTFA

Thank you to those parents who joined me in school today, those who have continued to support the school by organising the Annual Firework display and Rose Fair floats and those who have contacted me recently offering support. There are lots of exciting ideas for fundraising events to support the school. Watch this space for dates of meetings, even if you can only offer an hour of help once in a while we would appreciate your support.

New Behaviour Policy

The new school Behaviour Policy will be added to our website this week, please take a few minutes to read through it. This policy has been developed with staff and pupils to reflect the ethos of our school. It is clear and simple with weekly class awards, 100% attendance rewards and lots of house points. The policies referred to which support this policy are currently being reviewed and will be available shortly.

Tots Group

Wisbech St Mary Tots Group begin meetings in the school hall again this 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.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for the smooth transition into our new school hours this week. We are already seeing the benefit to pupils of the time in the morning completing activities and being ready to learn. It has also been lovely to see classes enjoying class books and shared activities at the end of the day too.

House point winners this week are St Pancras.

Well done to Mowbray and Awdry classes who had 100% attendance on the first day of term last Friday, an excellent start to the new school year.

We welcomed our new Reception age children to Hudson Class on a part time basis this week. They have been delightful and have settled really well, we feel the transition visits and activities completed with the teaching staff has supported the smooth start. Thank you to our Reception families for their support.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Redhead

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

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

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
18.12.15	End of Autumn term 3:15pm(Teacher Training Day)
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