



Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No.38

Friday 15th January 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 24/7, the office or your class teacher.



Celebrations in Peckover Class

Peckover class have been learning about Hindu festivals and celebrations in their Religious Education lessons. On Friday, Father Matthew came to share his own experience of a Hindu wedding within his family. The children asked lots of interesting questions and were able to consider the differences and similarities between Hindu and Christian weddings.

OFSTED Report Parent Meeting

Thank you to all parents, staff and Governors who attended our meeting on the 14th January. We discussed questions arising from the report and heard from the Local Authority about their proposed actions and from the Diocese of Ely outlining their support in continuing to improve our school. As can be seen from the report we have made many improvements since January 2015 and will continue to rigorously address the areas for development identified in the report.

A summary of the questions asked and the answers given will be published in the newsletter and on the school website in the parents section next week.

PTFA Annual General Meeting

The Parent, Teacher and Friends Association met on Thursday after school to appoint new officers and committee members.

We would firstly like to thank Mrs Rebecca Lee, Mrs Amanda Williams and Mrs Pat Rouse, who stood down as Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, for all their fantastic work in supporting fundraising for the school, especially our fabulous Firework Display.

Our new Chairperson is Mr Alex Albutt, Vice Chair is Mr Mark Sandall, Treasurer is Mrs Lisa Fox (supported by Mrs Audrey Embling & Mrs Lorraine Boyce) and Secretary is Mr Colin Redhead.

Thank you to those parents who have pledged support for events during the year and to the school staff for their commitment to this group. If you are able to support this important fundraising group for our school in any capacity please contact us via the usual channels.

An initial list of activities and dates for meetings will be published by the Chairperson in next week's newsletter.

The Committee agreed that the proceeds from last year's Firework Display will be spent on refurbishing the school library, as this benefits all pupils in the school.

Bad Weather

Please can you ensure that your child has a coat with them every day as a chilly wind does blow across our school grounds at this time of year. We endeavor to take the children outside for breaks whenever possible. Hats and gloves in school are also advisable. If we have snow, and you would like your child to be able to play on the field in it at break times, please provide wellies and a change of indoor shoes. School closures will be advertised on local radio stations, on the Cambridgeshire County Council website and at the school gate/ office.

Attendance for this week;

Gold is awarded to Clarkson Class with 99%.
Silver is awarded to Peckover Class with 96.8%
Bronze is awarded to Godfrey Class with 95.8%.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Ebby Joe.
House Team winner is St Pancras house.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Redhead

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

Diary Dates 2015/ 2016 (New events in BOLD)

29.1.16	Choir to the O2 in London to sing
15.2.16 – 19.2.16	Half term
23.2.16	Y4 trip - Peterborough Museum and Mosque
24.2.16	Year 5 to Thomas Clarkson Academy - English day
25.2.16	Parents Forum meeting - 2 pm
29.1.16	Year 5 & 6 to Cadbury World
3.3.16	World Book Day
4.3.16	Year 5 & 6 Collective Worship – 9am parents & families welcome
11.3.16	Year 2 Collective Worship – 9am parents & families welcome
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
9.05.16 -12.05.16	Year 6 SAT's tests (please do not book holidays or appointments during this week)
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