



Wisbech St Mary  
C E Academy  
**Newsletter**



Weekly Newsletter No. 2/2017-18

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Fenland Bushcraft Day - This Monday!**

We are looking forward to welcoming Fenland Bushcraft to work with all children in school on Monday 18th September. During the day, children will spend time in the Forest School area engaging in a range of activities in the natural environment. The Fenland Bushcraft team will work with the children to develop skills and knowledge to survive in the outdoors! **Children can come to school dressed in suitable clothes for outdoors including a waterproof coat.**

**Hot Choc Friday**



Well done to our 'Hot Choccers' for this weeks who were Imogen, Champagne, Kaede, Finley and Lacey in KS2 and Lexi and Seb in KS1/Reception. As you can see from the pictures we had a great time.

**PTFA**

There will be a meeting in school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 3.15pm to discuss the Fireworks Spectacular. All welcome - please come along.

SAFE

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RESPECTFUL

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READY

## PE

Your child should now know which day their PE lesson will take place, but children should have their PE kit in school every day. PE kit should comprise of shorts, tshirt, plimsolls/trainers. In the Autumn and Spring terms they will also need joggers and sweatshirt. School clothes should not be worn for PE for hygiene reasons.

### Data Collection

Mrs Embling has sent out Data Collection sheets this week to check that the information that we hold is correct. This includes contact information, medical and family. Please ensure that this is corrected if necessary and returned to the office as soon as possible. If the information is correct please return and mark as 'no changes required'.

### Jewellery in school

Just a reminder that children should not wear jewellery for school except small stud earrings and a watch. If your child wears earrings they must either be able to remove them for PE or not wear them for school. As stated in the national guidance below we will no longer be taping earrings for PE. Please bear this in mind when getting your child's ears pierced. Children are not allowed to wear nail varnish in school.

*Ian Roberts Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Education Advisor of Cambridgeshire County Council has stated -*

*"The national guidance is that jewellery should not be worn for PE, and where it is not possible to remove the item participants should remain in the lesson, participating in low risk activities but where the potential risk is raised, alternative activities may be pursued.*

*Cambridgeshire County Council advises strongly against the taping of ear-rings because there have been anecdotal cases of young people being injured and the tape has offered no protection."*

### New Home/School Planners

We have introduced the new Home/School Planners to improve the quality of communication and information shared between home and school. They are a really valuable tool to ensure that homework, reading logs and other information are easily accessible for children, parents and teaching staff. Please take time to look through your child's planner with them and encourage them to value and use them. We will be using these daily in school so please ensure your child has this and their reading book with them every day. If a planner is lost or defaced there will be a charge of £2.50 for a replacement. Replacement school water bottle tops are also available from the office at 50p each.

### School Archive

We are looking for a volunteer to archive hundreds of school documents and photos dating back to the late 1800's. There are many familiar names and faces of people currently still living in the area. It seems a shame that this important piece of social history is sitting gathering dust in our loft. It would be lovely to have an exhibition of it for all to enjoy and have it catalogued for future use by the school and community. If you are interested in this project we can give Time Credits which can be 'spent' at the cinema, sports centre etc.

READY -- RESPECTFUL -- SAFE

### Police Safer Parking Support

Parking close to school is very limited, but parking is plentiful on the High Road which is only a short walk away. Despite only being back for 3 days we have already had complaints from residents about parents parking across driveways. This can cause delays for our neighbours who may have appointments to attend.

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)



**Some parents are still parking opposite the Reception class entrance on Church Road, and on the corner of High Road/Church Road. Please do not park on the single yellow lines during the restricted times!**

**THIS IS ILLEGAL AND IS ENDANGERING OUR CHILDREN AS THEY CROSS THE ROAD!**

### Attendance for this week

Gold is awarded to Octavia Class with 99.4%

Silver is awarded to Awdry Class with 98.68%

Bronze is awarded to Mowbray Class with 93.5%

Pencil for 100% attendance was awarded to Alex in Awdry Class

Kind regards,

*Nina Walker*

Ms Nina Walker - Headteacher

## Term Dates 2017-2018

### *Autumn Term*

Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Autumn Term closes Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### **2018**

#### *Spring Term*

Training Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Spring Term opens Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Spring Term closes Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### *Summer Term*

Training Day Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Summer Term opens Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
May Day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Training Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Summer term closes Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

#### Diary Dates 2017/ 2018

#### (New events in BOLD)

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole school Bushcraft Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Clarkson swimming (2/6)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>PTFA meeting 3.15pm</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Kingwood residential departs
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Clarkson swimming (3/6)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Kingswood residential returns
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Ely Cathedral Day - Year six
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Clarkson swimming (4/6)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Neale Wade open evening for Year 6 - 6.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Clarkson swimming (5/6)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Clarkson swimming (6/6)
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Firework Spectacular
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School photographs</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair in school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Hudson, Godfrey and Mowbray Nativity 2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dress up day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas break

**Year 6 SAT tests will take place from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Please ensure that children are in school between these dates**