



Wisbech St Mary  
C E Academy  
**Newsletter**



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Friday 22nd September 2017

## Fenland Bushcraft Day



The whole school had a wonderful day on Monday when we were visited by Fenland Bushcraft. Children were shown various ways of lighting a campfire, learned basic survival skills and rounded the session off with toasted marshmallows!

## Hot Choc Friday



Well done to our 'Hot Choccers' for this weeks who were Chloe, Maisie, Solomon and Jaiden in in KS2 and Jack and Junior in KS1. As you can see from the pictures we had a great time.

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## 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

Please can you return the data collection sheet sent home with your child. Currently I have only received 50% back. It is important to return this so that we have correct contact details.

### 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."*

### 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 Clarkson Class with 98.9%

Silver is awarded to Mowbray Class with 98.2%

Bronze is awarded to Peckover Class with 97.9%

Pencil for 100% attendance was awarded to Cameron in Peckover 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

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Diary Dates 2017/ 2018

(New events in BOLD)

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| 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**