



Wisbech St Mary
C E Academy
Newsletter



Weekly Newsletter No. 5/2017-18

Friday 6th October 2017

Good News

Our new playground equipment will be arriving and installed on Monday and Tuesday next week!

Kingswood 2017

Last week a group of year 5 and 6 pupils went to Kingswood. It was a fantastic few days where the children experienced a range of different activities. These helped them to build their teamwork skills, learn new things and have lots of fun whilst doing it! The children all behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. They even went to bed on time and let the teachers get some sleep too! I am sure all the children will agree that they had a great time.



Fireworks

Our Firework Spectacular is on Saturday 4th November, and preparations are going well. Children have been sent home with a letter asking for help with the event. Please help if you can - we cannot do it without you! Friends, parents, grandparents and extended family are all welcome to help.

We will be having a non uniform day on Friday 20th October - we ask that you send your child in with a raffle prize or a tin/bottle for the stalls.

Crowded Rooms Art Day

Join us in school on Monday 16th October to take part in the Crowded Rooms Art Day - more details to follow

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Awdry visit to Ely Cathedral

Year 6 had **THE** most fabulous time at Ely Cathedral. This year was the 70th anniversary of the twinning of the Ely diocese and Vellore in India. As a result we had the opportunity to try our hand at Bollywood dancing, which you can see from the pictures was so much fun! Miss Freeburn and Sophie also did the school proud by winning the Sari competition in which Miss Freeburn had to dress Sophie in a Sari in less than two minutes. Sophie then had to walk and twirl to show that she could move in the Sari- well done Sophie! Also another well done to our budding actor, Henry, and actress, Lacey, who in front of 400 children and their teachers performed the story of Thomas. They only had 55 minutes to learn their part and did an outstanding job! An amazing day from start to finish!



Spotty Day

We will be celebrating BBC Big Spottacular for Children in Need on **Thursday 16th** November. Children can come to school on that day wearing anything spotty and donate £1 to Children in Need. We will be selling cakes to children in the morning (donations on the day please) and will have a range of Children in Need merchandise in the school office.



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Shoebox Appeal Children across the world need our help!

The Rotary Club are making up 'shoebox' parcels to be given to children who will not get any Christmas gifts this year. We would love to create some gift boxes from Wisbech St Mary CE Academy. We need the following items:

Small wooden or plastic toys e.g. cars, trucks, balls, action figures, yo-yos

Complete jigsaws, bubbles

Colouring books, writing pads, pencil case, pens, crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, stickers

Small games/equipment e.g. dominoes, snakes and ladders, card games, complete jigsaws, bubbles & skipping ropes

Playdough & cutters

Soft toys

Scarf, hat, mittens/gloves

They need to be quite small so they fit into the box! If you can help, please bring your donations to the school office by **Friday 20th October**. Mrs Embling will take photos of our gifts before they are taken to be delivered.

Let's help to make a child smile!

Thank you!

Attendance

There are 190 school days in a year. That leaves 175 days for holidays. Every school day counts! 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 are, as soon as possible, on a daily basis.

If you take a term time holiday you will now be liable for a fine, even if it is the first unauthorised absence. The fine is £60 per parent per child. This is a nationwide policy and we have to report any term time holidays to the Penalty Notice team.

Mrs Embling monitors attendance and sends out letters when required. If your child is off through illness we can only authorise 2 days - any further days will be unauthorised without medical evidence (doctors letter or prescribed medication). When attendance drops below 96% Letter One is sent to inform parents of the attendance percentage. If attendance does not improve Letter Two is sent and a meeting arranged to discuss any issues which affect attendance. If attendance continues to be a cause for concern Letter Three is sent which monitors attendance over a 6 week period. Finally if there are still concerns we have to refer to the Education Welfare Office, Lesley High.

If you have any questions relating to attendance, or you want to query any letters which have been sent to you, please talk to Mrs Embling in the school office who will be happy to help and support you.

Hot Choc Friday



Well done to our 'Hot Choccers' for this weeks who were Sophie, Issy, Mia, Katelynn and Ashton in KS2 and Riley, Eve and Harrison in KS1/Reception.

McMillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a Coffee Morning for McMillan on Friday 20th October from 9am to 10.30am. We would appreciate donations of cakes on the day and would love you to come along and join us for tea, coffee and cakes. All monies raised will go to this very worthwhile charity.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

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



Attendance for this week

Gold is awarded to Awdry Class with a fabulous 99.2%

Silver is awarded to Clarkson Class with 98%

Bronze is awarded to Hudson Class with 95.9%

Pencil for 100% attendance was awarded to Amy in Mowbray Class

Kind regards,

Nina Walker

Ms Nina Walker - Headteacher

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term

Half Term Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Autumn Term closes Tuesday 19th December

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Spring Term

Training Day Wednesday 3rd January

Spring Term opens Thursday 4th January

Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Spring Term closes Thursday 29th March

Summer Term

Training Day Monday 16th April

Summer Term opens Tuesday 17th April

May Day Monday 7th May

Half Term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Training Day Monday 4th June

Summer term closes Tuesday 24th July

Diary Dates 2017/ 2018

(New events in BOLD)

Thursday 12th October

Clarkson swimming (5/6)

Monday 16th October

Crowded Rooms Art Day

Thursday 19th October

Clarkson swimming (6/6)

Friday 20th October

Coffee Morning for McMillan 9am

Friday 20th October

Non Uniform Day for Firework Spectacular

Saturday 4th November

Firework Spectacular

Thursday 16th November

Spotty Day in School

Friday 17th November

School photographs

21st to 28th November

Book Fair in school

Wednesday 13th December

Hudson, Godfrey and Mowbray Nativity 2pm and 6pm

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas dress up day

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School closes for Christmas break

Year 6 SAT tests will take place from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May

Please ensure that children are in school between these dates