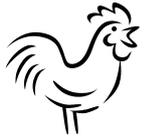




Wisbech St Mary School News



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Friday 27th March 2015

Celebration Collective Worship at St Marys

It was lovely to see so many of you today, as you joined us to celebrate Easter and our pupil's achievements this term, at St Marys Church. Well done to Clarkson Class for their excellent depiction of the Easter Story - we have lots of budding actors and actresses. Also to Awdry Class for their inspiring monologues.

I am always amazed by the talents and enthusiasm of our pupils and was honoured to be able to present the class Citizenship and Sports cup for this term.

Many children received 100% attendance certificates, these are really important as attending school gives every child the best possible chance to achieve their potential as learners.



Afternoon Coffee and Fundraising for Billy Lee

Thank you to those of you who joined me for coffee and a chat after the Church service back at school. It is always nice for me to have a chance to catch up with you all informally and hear your comments and ideas for the school.

Also a big thank you to those who joined us as Mrs Jane Albutt, one of our fabulous school Teaching Assistants, had her hair shaved in aid of the Billy Lee 'Back on my own two feet' Charity. Jane has also experienced cancer and the ensuing hair loss from treatment and is hoping that this will raise lots of funds for Billy's fund. Watch this space for the total raised.

Easter Egg Hunt

Awdry Class (Year 6) organised and ran a whole school Easter Egg Hunt today. Classes went out in turn to find cardboard eggs with questions about the Easter Story on, which were hidden around the school grounds. They then returned to an Egg Station and gave the answer to their question to the Awdry Class pupils waiting there. They were then given a chocolate Easter Egg in return for a correct (or nearly correct!) answer. Great fun was had by all. Thank you to Awdry Class who showed how mature and caring they are when supporting the younger children.



Pupil Premium

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called Pupil Premium. Children who are registered for Free School Meals will receive additional benefits through Pupil Premium funding, including free educational visits, breakfast club and after school clubs. If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please make sure you apply to Cambridgeshire County Council) to receive these benefits, even if you would prefer your child to have a packed lunch. The website address is:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/education.

After School Clubs

These will not take place during the first week of the Summer Term. Details of the new after school programme will be sent home during that week.

Parking and Traffic

I am very grateful to the vast majority of parents who do not park on the yellow zigzags. In addition to causing a potentially fatal accident involving our children, parking on the yellow lines is preventing our neighbours from safely using their driveways, and causing bottle-neck traffic jams on the road. Please be considerate and safe, and park further away from the school entrance.

This continues to cause problems to all road users in spite of changes to the school morning routine and the provision of an additional safe access point to the school grounds. I have had several reports of a small group of parents who are parking inconsiderately and not taking care when driving or reversing in the school area. Please do not wait until there is a serious accident before acting appropriately.

Foot gate access is now available on Church Road via the path that leads around the side of the school in front of the new Hudson Class outdoor area. This gate is open at the start (until 8:55am) and end (from 2:55pm) of the school day. Please consider parking your cars on the High Road to access this entrance to reduce congestion around the school. The main playground gate is still open for morning drop off and after school collection as usual. During other times the main school access to the Office is open for visitors.

I have also asked that the local PCSO attend school at the beginning and end of the day more frequently to support us with this problem.

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.

Attendance for this week;

Gold is awarded to Clarkson Class with 97.9%.

Silver is awarded to Peckover Class with 95.3%

Bronze is awarded to Hudson Class with 94.8%.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Chloe from OctaviaClass.

House Points

This week's winners are St Margarets House.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break, school reopens for pupils on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 8:50 am.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Redhead

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

Diary Dates 2015 (New events in BOLD)

30.03.15	Easter Holiday begins
13.04.15	Staff Training Day
14.04.15	Pupils return to school 8:50am
04.05.15	May Day holiday – school closed
11.05.15 – 15.05.15	Yr6 SAT's week
25.05.15	Half term begins
01.06.15	Pupils return to school 8:55am
29.06.15 – 10.07.15	Neale Wade Transition period yr6
13.07.15 – 17.07.15	Thomas Clarkson Academy Transition Week Yr6
20.07.15	Young Supporters Concert at the Royal Festival Hall for Barnados
21.07.15	Yr6 Leavers Service – St Mary's Church 10:00am
21.07.15	Last day of school year – school ends 3pm
22.07.15	Staff training day
03.09.15	Beginning of new school year