



# Wisbech St Mary School News

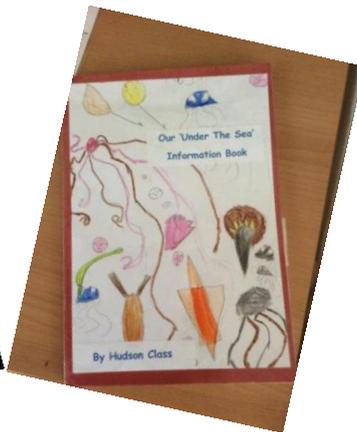


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## Hudson Class visit to Sealife Centre

Hudson have had a very busy half term, learning about everything 'Under the Sea'! The class have visited the Sea Life Centre in Hunstanton and really enjoyed their visit. We learnt lots of really interesting facts, which we have compiled into a whole class information book. The children have all done some beautiful writing and the book is now on display in the reception area. Our next topic will be all about 'Bugs', so we look forward to getting muddy searching for them!



## Mrs Redhead's update

Thank you again to the parents who joined myself and Mrs Hunt at the Parents Forum meeting last Friday. I really appreciate the time given by attendees in discussing school priorities. This week we discussed e – safety, the BIG initiative (which focuses on children leading a whole school approach to bullying), the school playground and staffing for next year. Minutes of this meeting are available on the school website. As I explained to the Forum I cannot confirm any staff allocations for next September yet, as we have to wait until the statutory notice periods have passed to be able to structure staffing, as soon as we have informed staff and confirmed posts we will inform parents. I would also like to thank Ms Dawn Preston, who has been working with me in researching and evaluating the BIG project, so that we can implement it next term. Please join us or submit questions for our meeting next half term.

I was pleased to welcome Mrs Rachel Hartopp, Headteacher of Clarkson Infant School, to our school last week. We are working together to share and develop good practice, the saying 'two Heads are better than one' is ironically true. Mrs Hartopp was really impressed by the Reading ethos throughout our school, our environment and the friendliness of our community.

On Thursday this week I went to Clarkson Infant School. Mrs Hartopp shared the school's work on Modern Britain and 'what it means to be British' with me, you may have heard these terms in the news or during the election. If you have any thoughts on this subject please contact me by email or catch me at the gate or my office.

Mrs Hartopp and I will be visiting a primary school in Harlow, Essex at the beginning of next term to compare their practices and communities to our own.

## **Summer Term**

With warmer weather and the sun starting fill our days, can I remind families to ensure that their children have sun tan lotion on in the morning and come to school with a sun hat and water bottle, so that we can all enjoy being outside.

Please can you ensure your child has appropriate footwear, so they can safely run around on the field (no flip flop type footwear please). Can I also ask that children do not wear jeans for school (if you would like to discuss this, please do not hesitate to make an appointment or see me or a Senior Leadership Team member on the gate in the mornings).

## **Attendance**

Attendance for this week;

Gold is awarded to Hudson Class with 97 %.

Silver is awarded to Awdry Class with 96.5%

Bronze is awarded to Mowbray Class with 95%.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Champagne from Godfrey Class.

## **House Points**

This week's winners are St Pancras House.

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We were proud to host a Fashion Show for the Billy Lee Fund on Friday night which raised almost £1,000! Well done to Sue Kirby and her crew of helpers.

Next events for Billy are the Music Festival at Pentney Lakes on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May (details attached) and the Sponsored Walk at Ferry Meadows on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

We hope you have a lovely half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

*Nina Redhead*

Mrs. Nina Redhead – Headteacher

Diary Dates 2015 (New events in **BOLD**)

25.05.15	Half term begins
01.06.15	Pupils return to school 8:55am
<b>17.06.15</b>	<b>Year 6 Careers Convention</b>
29.06.15 – 10.07.15	Neale Wade Transition period yr6
02.07.15	Sports Day 1pm <b>with Summer Fayre until 4:30pm</b>
03.07.15	Reserve Sports Day 1pm
04.07.15	Rose Fair
06 -09.07.15	Bikability Y6
10.07.15	Wisbech Reads Festival
11.07.15	Wisbech Reads Festival for families
13.07.15 – 17.07.15	Thomas Clarkson Academy Transition Week Yr6
14.07.15	Shuffle Up Morning – whole school
15.07.15	End of year reports to parents
16.07.15	Open afternoon for reports drop in (1pm – 4:30pm)
17.07.15	Year 6 Leavers party followed by whole school disco (details to follow)
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 – families welcome
21.07.15	Whole school Celebration Assembly – families welcome – 2pm
21.07.15	Last day of school year – school ends 3pm
22.07.15	Staff training day
02 - 03.09.15	Staff Training Days
04.09.15	Children return to school