



Wisbech St Mary School News



Weekly Newsletter No.7

Friday 27th February 2015

Welcome to our weekly newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading our news and find the information useful.

Class News



On Wednesday the 11th of February Octavia, alongside Clarkson class, went to Ely Museum. We had a wonderful time learning about Fen life and we had the chance to sing some lovely Fenland songs. With this we also went down to the River Great Ouse and participated in some investigation of River life and the surrounding area. We all had a fabulous day.

Mrs Redhead's catch up

I am delighted to be able to write to you this week as the newly appointed permanent Headteacher. Thank you to staff, Governors, pupils and families for your support, I am really looking forward to continuing to work with you all to develop our lovely school.

World Book Day

It is World Book Day next Thursday 5th March, children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be a wide variety of book related activities during the day and we would like to invite parents to join us from 2:15pm to share books with their children in the classrooms, where the class teacher will also share a story before home time.

If you have any books you no longer want at home, please can you donate them to school and we will sell them on the playground at the end of the day. The funds from this will be donated to support children in the UK and abroad who do not have access to books.

Our new Reading for Pleasure statement is on the school website, this outlines our vision for reading at WSM. We will discuss this at the next Parents Forum meeting. Make sure you also take the opportunity when you are in school to look at our new Reading for Pleasure display in the main corridor which shows the favourite books of many of our staff and Governors.

Fundraising

Don't forget to support the Jumble Sale in the school hall Saturday 28th Feb (tomorrow) 12noon to 4pm. All proceeds to Billy Lee Fund.

Red Nose Day is Friday 13th March – Red Noses are available from the school office for £1. More details to follow on next weeks newsletter.

New School Buildings

As you will have noticed the building work around the school is nearly finished. New access arrangements will be detailed in next week's newsletter but if anything changes in the mean time we will put details at the entrances /exits in advance. Awdry Class are now in the main school building and Hudson Class are enjoying their new classroom, whilst eagerly awaiting the opening of their new outdoor area.

Emergency School Closure

In the case of school closure, e.g. due to bad winter weather, if the decision is made to close the school we will endeavor to text all parents registered with our InTouch communication service as early as possible. In addition local radio will announce regularly all school closures in the area. Cambridgeshire County Council and our school website will be updated with the information as soon as possible. There will also be a message on the school answer phone as soon as a member of staff is able to do so.

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 Octavia Class with 99.4%.
Silver is awarded to Peckover Class with 93.2%
Bronze is awarded to Clarkson Class with 88.5%.

Winner of the 100% attendance pencil this week is Molly from Clarkson Class.

House Points

Winners this week were all the houses as there was only one point in it. Well done.

We hope you have a lovely.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Redhead
Mrs. Nina Redhead – Acting Headteacher

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

28.02.15	Jumble Sale - School Hall
05.03.15	World Book Day
13.03.15	Red Nose Day
24.03.15	Preschool & School Fete (2-4pm)
25.03.15	Parents Evening (1 -7pm)
27.03.15	Termly Celebration Assembly – Families welcome
30.03.15	Easter Holiday begins
13.04.15	Staff Training Day
14.04.15	Pupils return to school 8:55am
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
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

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