

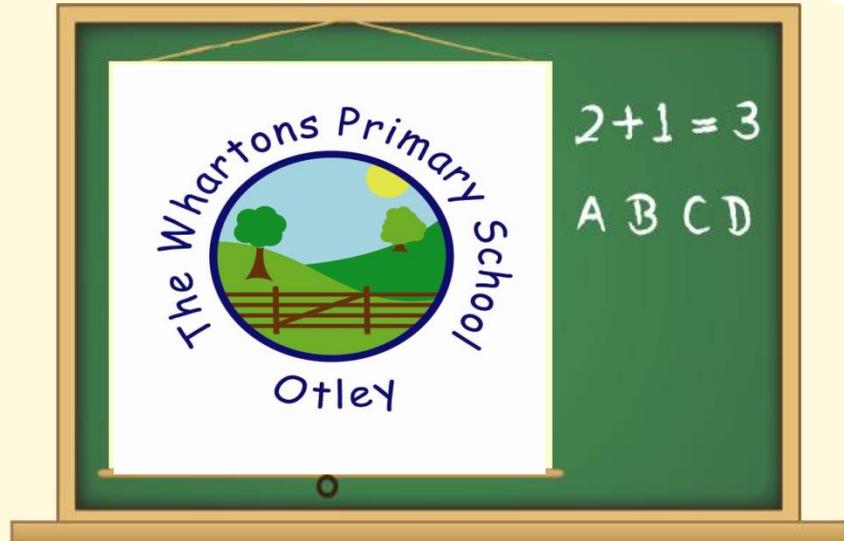
The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

June 5th 2015

Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are starting the final half term at school. I hope you all had a great break and managed to get out and about. When I popped into school over the holidays it was lovely to see many of the children who attended the Star Wars and Lego holiday clubs, which were being run in school, having a great time.



Assembly Themes

Our assembly themes will echo many children's thoughts and perhaps concerns at this time of year, as we all consider the many changes which will be happening over the next few weeks and months. We will explore the changes in school which impact on the children such as new classes, teachers and classrooms and for our oldest and youngest children new schools. We will explore how to deal with any worries and to look for the positives in embarking on new stages.

The following children received certificates at the end of last half term for their positive attitudes and hard work, well done!

Rec : Lenny G & Ruby C-H Year 1: Molly B & Max F Year 2: Aphra T & Theo P Year 3: Harry C & James L-M
Year 4: Lola M-D & Joseph F Year 5: Evan T & Lily J Year 6: Juia G & Isobel S

Football Tournament

Key Stage 2 football teams have been taking part in 5-a-side football tournament over the past couple of weeks. So far the standout teams have been the Year 4 and the Year 5/6 girls teams; the girls narrowly missing out on the final by one point. All pupils have been excellent in their attitude and approach to the tournaments and have been a credit to the school. A big thank you to Mrs Burnett for stepping into the manager's chair to lead the Year 5 boys team.



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- Year 1 Assembly
- Whole School Day Out

Y1 Class Assembly

Year 1 really put our school motto of 'Excellence, Enjoyment and Achievement for All' into action in their recent class assembly about Beatrix Potter, of which the whole school were treated to in the last week before half term. The standard of work that the children had produced in class, as well as the confidence and clarity with which the children spoke and performed with, was exemplary and certainly set the bar high for future class assemblies planned for this term. Well done Year 1 for all your hard work.



WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO HARROGATE SHOWGROUND

What a fantastic day we had on Monday when the whole school spent the day together at the Great Yorkshire Showground. It was so exciting to see four coaches busting with eager children off on a day out, clad for any weather eventuality. The children were brilliantly behaved and the weather was particularly kind. Teachers had organized a carousel of events for their classes including orienteering, pond dipping, art and sculpture and problem solving team activities to name but a few. I would like to thank all the parent helpers for donating their time and enthusiasm, it was really appreciated. Thanks also to the Parents Association for subsidising this trip.



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- Dates for the Diary
- Phonics and writing morning

Diary Dates

W/C Monday 8th June – KS1 SATS Week

Wednesday 10th June – New Parents Evening

Friday 12th June – School Disco

Monday 15th June – Training Day

Saturday 20th June – Otley Carnival

W/C Monday 22nd June – Health & Sports Week

Monday 22nd June – Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June – Yr6 Mini Olympics at PHGS

Thursday 25th June – Yr5 Transition Day at PHGS

Friday 26th June – Roller Racing Event

Phonics Morning

Although Mrs Matthews is on maternity leave at the moment, she is keen to stay in touch with her class and work with school and Mrs Hornby to ensure smooth transitions in the children's learning and to keep abreast of any changes and new initiatives in school. Mrs Matthews has spent a couple of 'Keep in Touch Days' in school since having her baby Fred in March and on Tuesday morning Mrs Matthews organized and ran a phonics and writing workshop morning for reception children and parents. During the morning Mrs Matthews and Mrs Hornby worked with the children on a range of exciting monster writing and phonics activities; parents were invited to watch and join in with supporting children's learning. We hope that parents found the session helpful and went away with lots of ideas of how they could support their children's writing at home (obviously acquiring a monster to come out of his cave when your child produces brilliant writing is optional!).



A final Note:

We are almost ready to unveil our new style website and hope that it will be more user friendly and really depict our wonderful school. Look out for the launch within the next week or so. Have a good weekend.

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)