

The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

15th January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone.

I hope most of you enjoyed the holidays and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. However my thoughts went out to all those people affected by the flooding over the holiday period. I hope things are beginning to return to normal. Thank you to everyone who offered help on Boxing Day and to Mr Reynard for preparing school as an emergency refuge for families in Otley whose homes were flooded; even though school was ultimately stood down.



Assembly Themes

The New Year is a good time to take stock and set ourselves new goals. In assemblies we have been talking about looking back over the past year and celebrating all our achievements; then looking forwards to what we would like to accomplish over the coming year. Children have been setting personal targets and we have considered what whole school targets we would like to work on this year. Please ask your children about their new targets and how you can help them to achieve their goals.

The following children received certificates so far for the great start they have made to the New Year. Well done to :

Rec : The Whole Class Yr1: Thomas H & Ruby C-H Yr 2 : Olivia C & Milly F Yr 3 : The Whole Class
Yr 4 : Jai B & Amelia K Yr 5 : Seth K & Georgia F Yr 6: Sophie R & Scarlett J

Lost Property

Mrs Gibson has been extremely busy trying to tame our lost property mountain! Many items of clothing have now been reunited with their owners and the piles have decreased. However it is not possible to get all lost items back to where they should be due to many things not being labelled.

Can we please request that you label all your children's belongings clearly with full names? Each half term our Y6 Office Angels will trawl through the lost items and return to children. However any unnamed items at the end of each half term will be sent for recycling. There will be 3 lost property stations in school: Reception cloakroom, KS1 cloakroom and outside Y5 classroom.

New Year. New look

Mr Reynard has been very busy over the holiday period whilst decoration work has been carried out on the entrance area, in the school hall and some of the corridors.

It was lovely to return to a freshly painted hall and entrance with new furniture and decorations. The refurbishments also include the introduction of a small medical room where children can recuperate in a more peaceful space and the fitting out of a nurture room with soft seating, calming décor and space to work collaboratively.



- Clothes Appeal
- Wake Up Shake Up
- Year 6 Responsibilities

Spare Clothes Appeal

There are many occasions in school when children need a change of clothes, especially for their legs and feet during this inclement weather.

We are appealing for any socks, tights, pumps or trainers that your children may have grown out of. We of course ask that they are in good condition.

It is also useful to have spare sports kit in school so if you have any spare shorts, t-shirts or jogging bottoms that you no longer need we would be very grateful if you could send them into school with your child.



Wake Up! Shake Up!

Many a new year's resolution centers on getting fit and being more actively involved. We have decided that this is a great target for us all to aspire to. But as with any resolution it helps if you can work towards goals together.

We have therefore introduced a daily 'Wake up Shake up!' fitness session for children. The children, and staff, love their daily exercise together which is a perfect way to highlight the fun nature of activity, whilst improving coordination, motor skills and sequencing.

Later on in the term, Y6 children will be leading some of the Wake Up Shake Up sessions with their own routines and when the weather improves we will attempt to hold some sessions on the playground. We would love you to join us. Look out for a text invitation in the future.



Year 6 Leaders for the Spring Term

Year 6 children have been busy applying for their new responsibility roles for this term. There are a range of posts on offer and since their launch at the beginning of the year it has become apparent just how supportive these roles have been in the smooth running of the school.

I would like to congratulate all the year 6 children for their commitment to their roles last term and wish them luck in their new roles this term.

First posts to be filled have been that of Head and Deputy Girls and Boys. The following children will be taking over the mantel this term. Congratulations to Thomas B (Head Boy), Aimee S (Head Girl), Tayler V(Deputy Head Boy), Sophie R (Deputy Head Girl)



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Diary Dates

Friday 15th Jan - Glow

Party Disco

KS1 6-7pm

KS2 7-8.30pm

Wednesday Jan 20th -Yr 2

Deadly Animals Visitor

Sunday 7th Feb- Film

Afternoon 2-4pm

Wednesday 10th Feb-Yr

4 Class Assembly

Thursday 11th Feb-

Parent Forum 6.30-

7.30pm-Assessment

Friday 12th Feb-School

Closes for Half Term

Monday 22nd Feb-School

Reopens

Golden Time Activities

A new range of Golden Time activities has been introduced this term in response to children's feedback. The school council were tasked with gathering children's thoughts about Golden Time, what activities and opportunities they enjoyed and what possible new Golden Time programmes they would like to see introduced. Feedback from children was very positive with many classes stating that they really enjoyed being able to work on a project which was sustained over a series of weeks and also the opportunity to work with different members of staff across school as well as different ages of children; they felt it helped develop the community feel of the school. Some activities are back by popular demand such as Animation & Plasticine Club but there are new opportunities such as a dance group and Lego. On Friday last week Mrs Gomes visited some of the groups to see how they were getting along.... More groups in later issues.

Lego Club

Another new introduction to the Golden Time stable of activities is a Lego club. This amazing construction toy is always a huge hit with adults and children alike, secretly I think Mr Fisk is the driving force behind the introduction of this new activity, he is something of a Lego geek and even got some for Christmas I believe!

The children were immersed in their creations when Mrs Gomes visited and the concentration and focus was very evident. We are looking forward to seeing some of the children's projects later in the term.



Dance Troupe

Mrs Kettleborough decided to respond to children's wishes and introduce a dance group to the list of options available during Golden Time.

The group was obviously a popular new addition and competition for places was fierce!

Mrs Kettleborough and her group of 10 KS2 children spent their first dance session discovering their 'groove'. Over the next five weeks the group will be choreographing dances to their favourite tunes, perfecting their group sequences and hopefully performing in an end of term assembly.

Can't wait to see it!



A final Note:

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the school disco on Friday. Remember to bring money to buy your Glow Sticks. Have a good weekend.

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)