

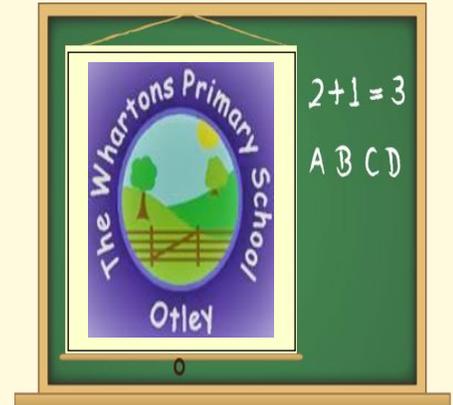
# The Whartons' Fortnightly Newsletter

## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

September has flown by and all the children have been working hard in school over the last few weeks. It is always a lovely time of year and so beautiful to watch the change in the plants from summer green to autumn colours.

Our neighbours have been working hard on their allotments and I have been amazed to see all the produce grown from flowers to vegetables. Sadly, however, it appears that some of the gardeners have reported fruit and vegetables missing from their trees. Please remind children that all the produce belongs to the allotment holders. Many thanks



## Assembly Themes

I have been working with the children over the last couple of weeks in assemblies on considering what makes our school special and how we all work together as a school community. The children have shared what they love about their school and making joint pledges in order to continue to improve school for everyone. I am gathering the children's ideas and wishes together in order to reshape our shared vision and aims for the school.

Congratulations to those children who have shared their fabulous work and attitudes and received certificates for 'Being the Best they can be'.

**Reception** – Xaden S & Lilly-Mai M      **Year 1** – Abby R & Freddie W      **Year 2** – Alice M & Harry B      **Year 3** – Swimming  
**Year 4** – Sam M & Thomas H      **Year 5** – Evelyn A & Cara-Fai S      **Year 6** - Ben T, Nathan M & Charlotte C

## Maths, English and Science Enrichment Clubs

Some of our Y6 children joined other Y6 children from our family of schools on a programme of after school enrichment clubs at Prince Henry's last week.

Up to 4 children from each feeder primary school, with a particular flair or passion for each of the subjects, were invited to take part in these after school activity sessions. The children will work together to express themselves through creative writing, problem solving in maths and investigations in science.

## Enjoying Playtime

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying their playtimes outside over the last two weeks as the weather has been dry and sunny for many days.

Play leaders have been running large playground games such as tig where everyone can join in. The climbing wall and small ball court have also been well used.

Sometimes it is also great to have a quieter area where children can chat, read and be creative. In the KS2 shelter the box of activities has been restocked and the children have enjoyed using the new chalks on the chalk boards and boxed games with small groups of friends.

Many thanks to Una and Cara-Fai who have helped to keep the new activities organized and tidy.



- **GDPR**
- **Creative Cooking**
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

## GDPR

Last week staff members joined with our family of schools for an intense three days of training in the new Data Protection Regulations introduced by the Government earlier this year.

We always strive to ensure that school and our partners protect your data and only collect and safely store that data which is essential.

Please check our website for new policies and procedures which will be emerging over the next few weeks. If you are in doubt or need extra information do not hesitate to contact us.

## *Year 5 get creative in their food technology lessons*

As a part of the whole school Design and Technology curriculum each of our classes engage in a cooking project. This is often linked to their theme in class; for example Y3 cooked Tapas during their Spanish topic and Y5 made Greek Salads last year.

This year Mr Fisk and Y5 have used the Macmillan Coffee morning as a guiding purpose for their cooking project.

The children developed many skills whilst producing a range of delicious offerings for our visitors. They made Chelsea buns, Italian biscotti, lemon and lime cupcakes and vanilla butterfly buns.

Obviously all of their bakes were snapped up, well done Y5 what a brilliant outcome for your learning. I know you all had a great time



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was a real delight to welcome visitors to our Coffee Morning last Friday to support the Macmillan Nurses charity. So many parents, staff and children donated a plethora of delicious cakes, biscuits and muffins and I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who brought a 'bake' whether homemade or bought.

Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Milner and Mrs Fortune worked wonders decorating the hall with bunting and setting up tables to transform the hall into a super café space. They worked tirelessly serving coffee and tea to a steady stream of visitors and staff.

There were plenty of cakes left to hold a bun sale after school too.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, helped organise, joined us for a while or bought produce. We raised £215 to donate to Macmillan.



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### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**-Parents Eve-3.30pm-7pm

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct**-Parents Eve-3.30-5.30pm

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct**-EYFS only Training Day

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct**-Yr 4 Class assembly, KS2 Cross Country Festival-1pm-3pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct**-Harvest Festival-1.30pm

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**-Yr3 Bun Sale

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**-New Parents Open Day

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct**-School Closes For Half Term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**-School Reopens

## Reception Parents Workshops

Now that the reception children have settled in to school life. The staff in Early Years invited parents to an evening meeting to share strategies and practices for supporting their children's learning at home.

The teachers and support staff explained to the parents how children's reading and writing is supported by a structured approach to teaching phonics. They shared with the parents a range of approaches and strategies used in school and how they could work in partnership with school to consolidate and practice at home.

Teachers also shared with the parents how school tracks each child's learning journey through the Early Years via an APP called Tapestry. All members of staff capture the children's achievements and save pictures and narratives to a secure data base. Parents can access their child's learning journey from home and track their achievements. They can also upload achievements at home which aids teachers to make accurate judgements and build on children's prior knowledge and skills.



## School Council Elections

It is the exciting time of the year again when the children take to the polls, cast their votes and elect a representative from their class to sit on the school council.

It is a great experience for the children to take part in this democratic process and gives them a voice in school improvement and changes. I would like to congratulate all the children who put themselves forward for election and bravely talked about their suitability in front of their peers. Every nominee and voter makes the process worthwhile and important. Casting a secret ballot is an important process and I know the children give each candidate great consideration. It develops an understanding in the children about the importance of their vote and will hopefully encourage them to all use their votes when they reach adulthood.

I am looking forward to working with the school council and I am sure they will work just as hard to represent the school and devise new ways to improve The Whartons as their predecessors.



### A final Note:

I look forward to seeing many of you at Parent's Evenings this week

Julia Dickson