



# Newsletter

**21st September 2018**

Over the last two weeks the children at Great Wishford have made me extremely proud to be part of this great team. Our new Reception children now join us for full days, and have settled to be a super class with the year 1s in Owl Class with Miss Sparre and Miss Penny. Kingfisher class have been displaying great learning power, every time I've walked in to visit they have been learning new skills with Miss Armstrong and Mrs Johnson. Skylarks, with Mrs Bown and Mrs Phillips, have started their 10 week swimming course, and came back from their first lesson buzzing with excitement on Thursday morning, and Ospreys have become super role models to the younger children in the school as they step up into being our eldest children in school with Mrs Banham, Mrs Lamont and Miss Foster.

Our new School council has also been created today, congratulations to all the children who have been voted in or have had successful interviews. All the children who took part in the class votes or the formal interviews should be incredibly proud of themselves. They are a credit to our school. Mrs Johnson and I look forward to working with the School Council and listening to our children's views on how we can continue to keep our school moving forwards.

We have an amazing selection of peripatetic music provision at Great Wishford C of E Primary School. We are able to offer:

- Piano- Wednesday during the morning
- Guitar- 2:45pm, Fridays
- Flute- Monday during the morning

If you would like your child to learn any of these musical instruments, please call in to see Mrs Hewes in the office to book places. There is the risk that some of this provision may not continue if numbers attending are too low.

Our homework club has been so successful we have been able to offer some places to KS1 children. If you would like your child/ren to use homework club please let Mrs Hewes know in the school office. Unfortunately, the football session on a Wednesday afterschool has been cancelled as there were not sufficient pupils signed up for the club. There are some spaces on the afterschool netball club for Key Stage 2 pupils and a waiting list for the Key Stage 1 club. We are hoping to start up the science club after half term so look out for details of how to sign up to this shortly.

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, please ensure that your children have water bottles in school with them each day. It is important that the children rehydrate during the day as this has been shown to have a positive impact on their learning. Our classrooms don't all have access to drinking water so this would be a wonderful way to support your children's learning.

We are proud to announce our new School Council:

Chair: Claire Shickle

Vice Chairs: Cjay Randall and Bethany Bush

Scribe: Daisy Reed

Owl Class Representative: Francesca Reynolds

Kingfisher Class Representatives: Jack Spencer and Freya Bevis

Skylark Class Representatives: Florence Coombes and Natalie Baxter

Osprey Class Representatives: Daisy Reed and Silvie McCloskey

House Captains will be announced on Monday

It has been brought to my attention that the traffic outside our school is becoming steadily more dangerous for our children. Please take care not to park across from junctions, on our school yellow hazard lines or across from these, up against the church yard wall. Drivers cannot check to see if the road is clear when these areas are blocked by parked cars. We are in the process of asking our community police officer to visit our school in order to check these hazardous areas. In the meantime, we ask for your help and understanding towards keeping our children safe.

We have a small number of swimming places left that we can offer to our year 5 and 6 children if any parents would like to ensure their child can swim 25m. Our swimming lessons take place on Thursday mornings at Durrington Sports Centre, leaving school at 9:00am and arriving back at 11:15am. If your child cannot swim 25m, and you would like to find out more information about cost and how the morning runs, please see Mrs Hewes in the school office.

#### School Uniform

In Collective Worship we have been talking about being proud of our school. Part of this is wearing correct school uniform. Our uniform consists of:

- **A white polo neck t shirt that doesn't have to have the school logo on**
- **Grey or black trousers, grey skirt, grey shorts or blue and white gingham dress**
- **White, black or grey socks**
- **Navy blue sweatshirt with the school logo on**
- **Black school shoes**

Thank you for supporting your children to wear the correct school uniform and be proud of their school

**Certificates and Awards:** The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly on 7/9/18 were as follows:  
Highest Classroom Attendance – Owl and Kingfisher Class 100%

**Class Certificates –**  
William Brain – Owl Class  
Woody Garrett – Kingfisher Class  
Matilida Pillans – Skylark Class  
CJay Randall – Osprey Class

**Expectations Awards –**  
Aspiration – Teddy Sacco  
Belief – Nesrin James  
Determination – Harley Scriven  
Pride – Brayden Stockwell-Franklin  
Resilience – Ollie Khanchanakub  
Respect – Flossy Reynolds  
Responsibility – Jo-Jo Barratt and Charlotte Gurd

**Reader of the week**  
Owl Class – Leland Scriven  
Kingfisher Class – Melek Bilgic  
Skylark Class – Summer Henderson  
Osprey Class – Lewis Newman  
Maths Whizz Cup – Oliver Ledbury

**Top house point pupils:** Sophie Newman (6)

**Certificates and Awards:** The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly on 14/9/18 were as follows:

**Highest Classroom Attendance – Kingfisher Class 98.2%**

**Class Certificates –**  
Jensen Burnett – Owl Class  
Eroni Qiolevu – Kingfisher Class  
Lily Brain – Skylark Class  
Willow Stevens – Osprey Class

**Expectations Awards –**  
Aspiration – Kaleb Marchment  
Belief – Florence Coombes  
Determination – Rhys Beattie  
Pride – Maisie Man-Clarke  
Resilience – John Baxter  
Respect – Freya Bevis  
Responsibility – Alice-Anne Thomas and Tyler Noble

**Reader of the week**  
Owl Class – Charlie Hopkins  
Kingfisher Class – Caydon Hume  
Skylark Class – Sophie Newman  
Osprey Class – Claire Shickle  
Maths Whizz Cup – Corbin Cullingworth

**Top house point pupils:** Matilda Pillans (11)

**Silver Awards (100 house points):** Tyler Noble, Joshua Thomas, Cohen Grant, Olivia Spencer, Samuel Sowerby, Summer-Paige Henderson, Riley Hume, Matilda Pillans

**Certificates and Awards:** The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly on 21/9/18 were as follows:  
Highest Classroom Attendance – Kingfisher Class 97.6%

**Class Certificates –**  
Oliver Brain – Owl Class  
Caydon Hume – Kingfisher Class  
Natalie Baxter – Skylark Class  
Dhana McNulty – Osprey Class

**Expectations Awards –**  
Aspiration – Gabriel Penny  
Belief – River Forrester  
Determination – Joan Arrington, Leah McCafferty  
Pride – Silvie McCloskey  
Resilience – Stevie McNulty  
Respect – Teddy Sacco  
Responsibility – Charlotte Lewis

**Reader of the Week**  
Owl – Bobbie Pillans  
Kingfisher – Siena Scholes  
Skylark – Ivan Gurd  
Osprey – Dylan James

**Top House Point Pupils – Lewis Newman (18)**  
Maths Whizz – Harley Scriven

**Silver Awards (100 House Points)**  
Charlie Bevis, Charlotte Gurd, Brayden Stockwell-Franklin.

Apologies to Tyler Noble and Ruby Ascough whose names were missed out of the newsletter at the end of last term when we reported on the annual school awards.

They achieved the top overall house points for the year. Well done.



Unfortunately, we have had several cases of head lice reported in school. Please could all parents check their child's hair this weekend and treat if necessary. "Head lice can sometimes be difficult to treat due to a high re-infestation rate and their ability to develop resistance to traditional insecticides contained in some medications.

It is thought that head lice will not develop immunity to the newer silicone- and oil-based preparations because they have a physical rather than a chemical action on lice.

After a head lice infestation has been confirmed, you can treat the lice at home by wet comb using a head lice comb or medicated lotions (see below).

However, neither treatment method will protect against re-infestation if head-to-head contact is made with someone with head lice during the treatment period.

#### Wet-combing method

The wet-combing method involves removing the head lice by systematically combing the hair using a special fine-toothed comb with a spacing of less than 0.3mm. Your pharmacist can advise you on which combs are suitable.

No medicated products are necessary for wet combing. This can be beneficial because head lice are becoming more resistant to the insecticides that are commonly used to remove them.

However, the success of the wet-combing method depends on adopting a painstaking approach that involves regular and thorough combing.

The wet-combing method is described below.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply ample conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure that the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice.
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair section by section so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
- Rinse out the conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- Repeat the procedure on day five, nine and 13 in order to clear the young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity

The time that it will take to comb your child's hair will depend on the type of hair that they have and its length. For example, short, straight hair can be quickly prepared and can be fine-toothed combed in a few minutes, whereas longer, curlier hair will take longer to comb.

#### Medicated lotion or spray

Medicated lotion or spray is an alternative method for treating head lice. However, no medicated treatment is 100% effective. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend an over-the-counter lotion or spray. shampoos are not thought to be effective and are therefore not recommended.

Make sure that you have enough lotion to treat everyone in your family who is affected by head lice. Use enough to coat the scalp and the length of the hair during each application.

Follow the instructions that come with the medicated lotion or spray when applying it. Depending on the product you are using, the length of time that it needs to be left on the head can vary from 10 minutes to 8 hours.

The normal advice is to treat once, then repeat after seven days. Some medicated products also supply a comb for removing dead lice and eggs.

Traditional insecticides must not be used more than once a week for three weeks in a row. Some products carry a fire warning.

Some medicated products may be capable of killing eggs as well as lice, although there is no certainty of this. Check for baby lice hatching from eggs three to five days after you use a product, and again 10 to 12 days afterwards.

A minimum of two applications of lotion are needed to kill the lice over the hatching period because the lotions do not always kill louse eggs.

#### Dates for the Diary:

9<sup>th</sup> Oct- 3:30pm- 6:00pm Parent consultations

10<sup>th</sup> Oct- 3:30pm-5:00pm Parent consultations

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Oct- 2:00pm Harvest Festival Service, St Giles' Church