



Great Wishford C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



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Message from Mrs Farndale

What a very exciting few weeks we have had, with 100 Day, Book Week, World Book Day and unexpected Snow Days.

We really appreciate your support with the snow days, as it is never an easy decision to make to close the school in bad weather. We do take the decision seriously and consider staff, parent and the children's safety both when traveling and when on the site.

Book week got off to a great start with lots of learning based on stories from different countries. We started the week with staff sharing their favourite childhood stories and the children having to guess whose story belonged to who. We have also had an incredible amount of entries for the Extreme Read Competition, thank you! Judging has taken place with the winners being announced on Monday in our Collective Worship. The photos of our extreme Read entries are on display in the school corridor. Do come and have a look when you are next in school.

Our much-anticipated dress up day took place yesterday. All the children and staff looked amazing in their book character costumes. The website will soon have photos on to celebrate the day. The children and staff paraded around the classrooms to show off the different costumes. Thank you to you all for your support with our extended Book week. Next week the Book Fayre arrives in school, please do come along and have a look at the books on sale. We benefit as a school with the commission from the sales. The books will be on sale after school and during Wednesday evening's parent consultation meetings.

Today you should have received your child's interim report, and we look forward to welcoming you into school next week to have to opportunity to discuss your child's learning with their teacher.

Have a lovely weekend

At Great Wishford CE Primary School, we believe that good attendance is vital for children to achieve well. It is very important that children attend school every day to make the progress in their learning, which they are capable of.

All the research tells us that children with high attendance figures from a very young age achieve better at GCSEs than those who have low attendance figures. A child's attitude to learning and to school is set whilst they are young and they need to recognise how important it is to attend school every day throughout primary school.

We aspire as a school to achieve 96% or above attendance across the school and we monitor and review the attendance of all pupil's carefully. If a child falls below 90% or becomes close to the 90% figure, we are required by the LEA to make parents aware of this information, which will be done so by sending a letter home each term advising that we as a school are monitoring attendance or inviting you in to a school attendance meeting.

Recently, we sent home letters regarding attendance so far this year, following our termly meeting with the Education Welfare Officer. Some of you will have received a letter and thank you to those who have been into school to discuss their child's attendance. Following some feedback from a few parents Mrs Bale (Chair of Academy Council), Mr Porter (Executive Head), and myself (Headteacher) have decided to look at the wording from the EWO recommendations for future letters.

Regular school attendance plays an important part in helping your child grow up to become a reliable and responsible person. There are now clear links between regular school attendance and children's attainment in later life.

Each year there are 190 school days, which leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical and dental appointments.

Every Day Counts

365 Days in Year	ONLY 190 are school days!	Absence
100% Attendance	190 days in school	0
95% Attendance	180 days in school	Up to 2 weeks
90% Attendance	171 days in school	Up to 4 weeks
85% Attendance	161 days in school	Up to 6 weeks
80% Attendance	152 days in school	More than 1/2 a term
75% Attendance	143 days in school	9+ weeks absence

As a school we celebrate children's good attendance and punctuality in our celebration assemblies each week. Classes win the Attendance Trophy and get their name on the top of the leader board in the entrance hall, if their class has the best percentages that week. In addition, like many schools, children receive individual recognition for good attendance each term with a special award being presented.

Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 23/2/18 were as follows:

Highest Classroom Attendance - Kingfisher

Class Certificates -

Izzy Barratt- Owl Class

Ivan Gurd - Kingfisher Class

Tyler Noble - Skylark Class

Claire Shickle - Osprey Class

Expectations Awards -

Aspiration - Dylan James

Belief - Harry Purnell-Webb

Determination - Gabriel Penny

Pride - Rhys Beattie & Chelsey McCafferty

Resilience - Natalie Baxter

Respect - Willow Stevens

Responsibility - Leland Scriven

Reader of the week

Owl Class - Samuel Sowerby

Kingfisher Class - Ella Blackburn

Skylark Class - Dylan James

Osprey Class - Ruby Ascough

Maths Whizz Cup - Indie Phillips

Top house point pupils:

Becky Barnes

Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 9/3/18 were as follows:

Highest Classroom Attendance - Sklyark

Class Certificates -

Jake Dickinson - Owl Class

Hanna Wojtusiak- Kingfisher Class

Teagan Cullingworth - Skylark Class

Willow Stevens - Osprey Class

Expectations Awards -

Aspiration - Alice-Anne Thomas

Belief - Silvie McCloskey

Determination - Jessica Penny & Claire Shickle

Pride - Indie Merrifield

Resilience - Poppy Tribbeck

Respect - Riley Hume

Responsibility - Evelyn Hargrave

Reader of the week

Owl Class - Michael De Jonge

Kingfisher Class - Oliver Ledbury

Skylark Class - Stevie McNulty

Osprey Class - Becky Barnes

Maths Whizz Cup - Hanna Wojtusiak

Top house point pupils: Becky Barnes & Joshua

Thomas (13) over 2 weeks

Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 16/3/18 were as follows:

Highest Classroom Attendance - Skylark Class

Class Certificates -

Rhys Beattie - Owl Class. Lily Brain- Kingfisher Class. Stevie McNulty - Skylark Class. Charlie

Purnell-Webb - Osprey Class

Expectations Awards -

Aspiration - Alexander Shepherd. Belief - Corbin Cullingworth. Determination - Tegan Randall &

Einin McCloskey. Pride - Silvie McCloskey. Resilience - Francesca Reynolds. Respect - Ruby

Ascough. Responsibility - Alivia Callaghan

Reader of the week

Owl Class - Siena Scholes

Kingfisher Class - Sophie Newman

Skylark Class - Cohen Grant

Osprey Class - Ollie Khanchankub

Maths Whizz Cup - Medbh Pheby

Top house point pupils: Becky Barnes & Ruby Ascough (9)

Congratulations to all the pupils who achieved their Bronze Award (50 house points) at the Celebration Assemblies on 23rd February, 5th March and 16th March

Indie Merrifield, Jenson Burnett, Michael De Jonge, Nesrin James, Phoebe Pennells, Pixie Bush, Eroni Qiolevu, Henry Noble, Ella Blackburn, Harry Purnell-Webb, Joshua Thomas, Thomas Chalk, Corbin Cullingworth, Dhana McNulty, Dylan James, JoJo Barratt, Tabitha Reynolds, Alexander Shepherd, Francesca Reynolds and Izzy Barratt.

Halfway to Bronze

CJay Randall and Gabriel Penny

Well done to everyone!

Egg Roll and Easter Service – Wednesday 20th March

Please bring a decorated egg to school on Tuesday 20th March ready for egg rolling on Wednesday. There will be prizes for the “longest roll” and “best decorated” egg from each class. There will be an Easter Service in St. Giles Church, Great Wishford at 2.15 pm and we welcome everyone to join us for this.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 19th & Weds 21st Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tues 21st – Fri 23rd Book Fair school Library

Wed 21st March – Egg Roll

Wed 21st March – Easter Service St. Giles Church 2.15 pm

Thurs 22nd March – Key Stage 2 Easter Workshop at the Cathedral

Thurs 29th March – TD Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 23rd April – Class Photos

Mon 25th June – Whole School Photo

Thurs 5th July – 6-7.30 pm School Disco – School Hall

Thurs 6th Dec – 6-7.30 pm School Disco – School Hall



Friends of the School

BOOK FAIR – Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd March
The Book Fair will be held in the school library and we do hope that parents will come and have a look. All books purchased from the book fair provide the school with commission to enable us to purchase books for the school.

Friends of the school will be holding an Easter cake sale after school on the last day of term Wednesday 28th March. Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated from parents and to be left in the school office.

Thank you for helping us to celebrate the 100th day of school by collecting a bag with 100 things in. These have been displayed in the corridor or in classes. We also raised £61.50 in selling the cakes.

