



## Great Wishford CofE (VA) Primary School

"No challenge too big, no child too small"

# Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing break and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

I have been impressed by how quickly the children have settled back into school this week. Our new children joining Great Wishford C of E Primary School, have amazed me with how quickly they have settled into new classes, joined in learning and become a part of our school. Well done!

The school has felt settled and calm this week, gently buzzing with the children's enthusiasm towards their learning. Class teachers are leading their own Learning Themes in the classroom, and depending on how teachers have decided to work, to ensure the best progress from the children, some classes may be running the same themes whilst others may be running independent themes. Please see class topic webs for more detail about what your child will be learning this term.

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.

The Great Wishford Run takes place this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. We wish the best of luck to all those who take part. A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help on the day and we do hope that you will all come and support the runners on Sunday. Refreshments will be available.

Please could you ensure that your children have water bottles in school with them. 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.

Today the children have been invited to apply for a range of positions in our new School Council, and for House Captains. Our School Council will be made up of two representatives from each class. This will differ slightly in Owl Class where there will be one Year One representative, and then after Christmas we hope to elect a Year R representative. If children would like to stand to become a class representative, they have been asked to prepare a short speech which they will read out to their class next Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> Sept). A vote will then be held to elect the class reps. Children in Year 5 and 6 have been offered the chance to become Chair, Vice Chair and Scribe. These positions will require a speech to be read out in Collective Worship on Monday (10<sup>th</sup> Sept). A vote will be held at lunchtime on Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> Sept) to decide these posts.

Year 6 children have been offered the opportunity to become House Captains. A House Captain must be enthusiastic in their learning; a role model to others and able to demonstrate our Christian and learning values across all areas of school life. To become House Captains, the children must write a letter of application stating why they think they would be suitable for this role. The children will be interviewed by our Senior Leadership Team, where simple questions around attitude to learning and school will be asked. The successful applicants will hold responsible roles within our school. The deadline for applications is Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Sept)

Both the School Council and the House Captains will ensure that our children's voices will be heard in how our school moves forward. Exciting times!

## Dates for the diary:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**- speeches for School Council Chair, Vice Chair and scribe (Y5/6)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**– Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September- EYFS stay for lunch, pick up at 1:10pm

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**- speeches for School Council Reps (All classes)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**- Deadline for House Captain applications (Y6 only)

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**- EYFS stay all day

Please can I encourage parents to apply for Free School Meals, if you are eligible. You do not have to have the meals but eligibility may mean that some trips are significantly cheaper for these families, and children eligible for Free School Meals attract additional funding to the school (which is important at this time of budget cuts). Free School Meals can be awarded if parents/carers are in receipt of:

Income Support

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance

Income Related Employment and Support Allowance Child Tax Credit (providing your annual income is less than £16,190)

Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit Support Under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 Working Tax Credit 'run on' Universal Credit.

Please note, if you currently receive Working Tax Credit, you are not eligible to claim Free