



## Newsletter

22nd October 2018

Our children have been living out our vision this week, 'no challenge too big, no child too small' in their perseverance, aspiration and belief as two teams entered an Acorn Football Tournament at Kingdown Secondary School on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. The children involved in this sporting event showed great team spirit and sportsmanship in their conduct- we are incredibly proud of them. Congratulations to both our teams, from year 3 to 6, on a very successful tournament. I'll let Charlie Beavis tell you more about the matches' in his match report below. Thank you to Mr McCarthy who accompanied the children and to the parents who provided both transport and support on the day. Without your help our children wouldn't be able to get to these competitions.

This Tuesday (tomorrow) is the end of our first term. The days have flown past and the children have worked incredibly hard. Please continue to encourage your children to read with you, or complete some times tables practice and maths fluency practice with you.

We hope you have a great break and look forward to seeing you after the half term holiday on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Attendance Trophy...

In our foyer, we now have an attendance board, which shows which class has won our attendance trophy the most times. So far, Kingfisher Class is winning our attendance competition- well done to all the children in Kingfisher Class for your commitment to your learning. Please support your children to be in school and punctual each day- can any other class catch up with Kingfisher Class?

We have set our school the target of reaching 96.1% or more attendance this year. We will print the class attendance percentage in each newsletter and our school attendance percentage at the end of each term. Wouldn't it be great to lead the way in The Acorn Trust for attendance?

As mentioned in a 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.

**Clubs** Mr McCarthy will be continuing his after school clubs next term, KS1 fundamentals on Mondays and KS2 Netball on Tuesdays. It is a privilege to be part of these clubs, respectful and responsible behaviour is expected from all the children who are lucky enough to be part of them. Children will be sent into school if poor behaviour choices are made and Mr McCarthy feels the other children's learning is being negatively impacted. Parents will be informed of poor behaviour choices and if children are sent into school three times, parents will be informed and the club place will be removed. Please help us to support your children in making positive behaviour choices in our after school clubs.

## **Harvest**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival Service at St Giles' Church last week. It was lovely to see the support the school has from its parents as the church filled up- the children brimmed with excitement at showing parents some of their Harvest Work. I'm sure you will agree, the children made us all proud with their clear speaking and wonderful singing.

Back in school, Kingfisher Class hosted a Harvest Tea for members of the community. The children served cake to our visitors and provided entertainment by reciting their Harvest Poem. Well done Kingfisher Class and Miss Armstrong. Special thanks to Mrs Johnson for some 'bake off' standard, delicious cakes, and all staff who helped make this special occasion a success.

Thank you for your efforts in trying to park in safer areas when you drop off and pick up your children. As always, 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. I have been surprised that I have had to speak to a number of parents in the last two weeks about safe places to park, in particular, reminding some that it is illegal to park on our school yellow zig-zags.

## **School Uniform**

A reminder for next term...

Our school 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.

## **Cold weather**

Please ensure your children come to school with warm coats or rain coats that will keep them warm and dry at playtime and lunchtime. We endeavour to get the children into the fresh air every day so they have a healthy break and a chance to relax and run around. Those without coats may find they miss this time if the weather is too cold or wet.

## **Reception Class Pupils**

We are very proud of our Reception pupils in Owl Class and how well they have settled into our school this half term. Just a reminder for parents of our Reception pupils in Owl Class that after the half-term break all pupils will be collected from the playground by the class teacher and will say goodbye to their parents on the playground. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Friends Jumble Sale**

Please join the Friends for their Jumble sale to be held at South Newton and Wishford Village Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9.30-11.30 am. If you are available to help on the day please let the school office know and if you have any jumble you can donate, this can be left outside the office window. The profits of these events are used to enhance your children's learning. For example, our Friend's fundraising events help keep our Pantomime visit happening each year. Without their fundraising help visits such as these wouldn't happen. Thank you for supporting our Friends Group.

### **Great Wishford Primary – Match Report**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 Years 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 went to Kingdown School for a football tournament. Year 3 and 4 played four games, won 2, lost 1 and drew 1. Year 5 and 6 played four games, won 2, lost 1 and drew 1. Both teams got to the semi-finals, unfortunately we all lost the round. Thank you to Mr. McCarthy and our parents for supporting us. It was a great day out.

Charlie Bevis (Year 6 Osprey Class)

### **Certificates and Awards: The certificates and awards given in the Celebration Assembly 19/10/18 were as follows:**

**Highest Classroom Attendance – Kingfisher Class 98.3% Skylark 95.2% Owl 93.3% Osprey 92.8%**

**Class Certificates –**

**Oliver Brain – Owl Class**

**Poppy Tribbeck – Kingfisher Class**

**Alexander Piper– Skylark Class**

**Bethany Bush – Osprey Class**

### **Expectations Awards –**

**Aspiration – Claire Shickle**

**Belief – Ivy Henstridge**

**Determination – Harry Purnell-Webb**

**Pride – Jack Brain, Samuel Sowerby**

**Resilience – Joshua Thomas**

**Respect – Finn Dickinson**

**Responsibility – Sophie Newman**

### **Reader of the week**

**Owl Class – Lily Du Plessis**

**Kingfisher Class – Alexander Shepherd**

**Skylark Class – Florence Coombes**

**Osprey Class – Tyler Noble**

**Maths Whizz Cup – Riley Hume**

### **VIP's**

**Owl - Rhys Beattie & Jake Hume**

**Kingfisher – Melek Bilgic & Freya Bevix**

**Skylark – Stevie McNulty & Riley Hume**

**Osprey – Olivia Spencer & Danielle Taysom**



**Top house point pupils: Florence Coombes and Stevie McNulty (16)**

**Silver Awards (100 house points)**

**Bethany Bush, CJay Randall, Danielle Taysom, Gabriel Penny, Jessica Simpson, Teagan Cullingworth  
Alfie Chalk.**

**Congratulations to the following 59 pupils for achieving 100% attendance this term. Unfortunately, if your child has been late for school after the register closes (9.00 am) or had a medical appointment during the school day then they will have an absence mark in any registration session that they have missed so will not show as having 100% attendance.**

Arrington, Joan	Cooke, Phoebe	Henderson, Lilly-Grace	Piper, Alexander
Barratt, JoJo	Coombes, Florence	Henstridge, Ivy	Qiolevu, Eroni
Baxter, John	Cullingworth, Corbin	James, Dylan	Reed, Daisy
Beattie, Rhys	Cullingworth, Teagan	James, Nesrin	Reynolds, Tabitha
Bevis, Freya	De Jonge, Michael	Marchment, Leighton	Sacco, Teddy
Bilgic, Kaya	Dickinson, Finn	McCloskey, Silvie	Scholes, Siena
Bilgic, Melek	Dickinson, Jake	McNulty, Dhana	Shepherd, Alexander
Blackburn, Ella	Du Plessis, Jake	McNulty, Stevie	Smith, Theodore
Brain, Jack	Du Plessis, Lily	Noble, Henry	Sowerby, Samuel
Brain, Lily	Garrett, Darcy	Noble, Jack	Spencer, Jack
Brain, Oliver	Garrett, Henry	Noble, Tyler	Stockwell Franklin, Brayden
Brain, William	Goodship, Maisie	Pennels, Henry	Tribbeck, Poppy
Burnett, Jensen	Gurd, Charlotte	Pennels, Phoebe	Tribbeck, Sophie
Bush, Bethany	Gurd, Ivan	Pillans, Imogen	Whitby, Jake
Bush, Pixie	Hallums, Lacey	Pillans, Matilda	

**Tyler Noble and Pixie Bush will receive their 100% attendance bands at the school collective worship on Monday.**

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Last Day of Term

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October TD Day – School Closed to Pupils

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Friends Jumble Sale SN and Wishford Village Hall 9.30-11.30 am

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – First Day Back at School

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Butsers Farm – Skylark Class (To be confirmed)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Owl and Kingfisher Class Star Gazing evening 6.30 – 7.30 pm

# ONLINE PAYMENTS

## COMING SOON WITH WISEPAY

We are making payments to school easier, soon you will be able to pay online.

All major credit and debit cards are accepted. All payments are highly secure.

