



Long Wittenham C of E (C) Primary School

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 3rd May 2019

Dear Families,

Firstly, thank you to all of you who have signed up to our after school club so far. Feedback has been incredibly positive and it has been lovely to see our children take part in so many different activities after school. The club leaders are kind, considerate, inclusive and always have a great plan up their sleeves to entertain the children.



We've had yet another busy week with all children throwing themselves into their work and showing such a determined effort to strive for excellence. Our renewed school vision of 'Caring for others and courageously striving for excellence' certainly rings true!

Unfortunately, we received some sad news this week that Reverend Michael will be leaving us at the end of June to begin his new role as Vicar in Chalgrove. We will miss him dearly and hope we can keep in touch. The Diocese is now in the process of finding his replacement and we have been invited to take part in that process.

While we still await (with everything crossed) news of funding to fix our school roof, we have started to make some changes to our playground area and in particular, the quiet area. We therefore need some masonry paint

so if anyone has some in their garden shed or garage, we'd very much appreciate it here in school. We also have plans to replace our dilapidated sheds so watch this space! We hope to have that work completed during half term.

I have met with our Head Girls and Head Boys this lunchtime to discuss a Book Swap Shop which we would like to run before the end of term. Please look out for further details.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families who are taking part in our Clear Sky work here in school. I know you are all going to enjoy it and I very much look forward to hearing your feedback.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we'll see you all again on Tuesday.

Warmest wishes,
Alison Bellingham, Headteacher

Owls Class

Owls have been listening to the story - Meerkat mail. We found out where Meerkats lived and wrote postcards from places we had been or where Sunny, the main character, had visited.

Thank you for the donations of containers, the children enjoyed exploring capacity with them and we placed them in order from biggest to smallest. We then measured how many cups they needed to fill each container.

The class also used containers to make some really imaginative and interesting vehicles. It was lovely to see how creative they can be! We hope you enjoyed looking at the pictures on classdojo!

Parrots Class

This week Parrots class have been working extremely hard! They have produced some amazing instructions for how to plant a seed.

We have been learning about the word 'healthy'. We read Oliver's vegetables and discussed about how vegetables grow. We have been learning how eating vegetables helps us to be healthy and we have also been learning about other ways we can be healthy.

Thank you for the donations for our garden. The children have loved preparing the soil, planting seeds and then watering and checking on them each day. We hope to get some flowers out there so that we can attract some insects now.

Eagles Class

This week we have begun looking at length in maths and converting between different units. Whilst the Y4's were enjoying Forest School the Y3 built a model to demonstrate river formation. We built a mountain, poured on water and watched to see what happened. We were then able to compare this to real river formation.

We have had a super end to the week. We have researched river dolphins on the computers and have produced 2 amazing pieces of art – an observational drawing of the river (produced at our visit to the pub!) using grayscale river pictures and water colour paints.

We have also used part of a Pentecost picture to create a whole picture, using our previous knowledge of Pentecost.

In English we have been writing about a whale's journey from Iceland to London, using some amazing vocabulary. In maths we are becoming experts on time.

Penguins Class

Penguins have been continuing their work on World War 2 this week through the novel 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We have been considering how to develop character and setting in an effective opening to a story and have been writing our own openings to the book after watching the first part of the film. All the children have worked independently towards their writing targets in this piece, which we are in the process of editing and improving. I will share their final drafts with you through their portfolios, like we did last week with our work on Rose Blanche.

In maths we have continued to link our maths work with our topic by calculating and solving word problems involving imperial measures. This has been a real eye opener for the children who found it hard to believe that maths used to be 'even harder' pre-decimalisation! Year 6 have also been learning how to avoid making 'careless mistakes' rather than 'marvellous mistakes' in their SATS papers which they will be sitting in a few

weeks time. They have all been working incredibly hard in class and in our breakfast sessions and their positive outlook and resilience makes me very proud to be their teacher.

We have been learning about the persecution of the Jews this week in topic. A very sensitive and emotional topic which the class have dealt with maturely and thoughtfully. We have looked at the life of Anne Frank and her diary.

Next **Thursday, 9th May** we will be having our 'Evacuation Experience' at Didcot Railway Centre. Children should come to school wearing clothes appropriate to the 1940s. This does not need to be expensive and I am happy to offer help if any of them are struggling.

Other information

Thank you for all your donations for The Children's society at Christmas. We received the official letter from the Children's society which informed us that the amount we collected in the Christingle boxes totalled an amazing £91.00!

What's Up Next?

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| Tue 7 th May | Swimming Eagles Club Sport After School Club |
| Wed 8 th May | Forest School for Year 1 Football After School Club |
| Thu 9 th May | WW2 Trip Penguins |
| Fri 10 th May | JNBS – come and save with us! In school Eye Test Reception |
| Sat 11 th May | May Fayre |

#TeamJMS3Peaksfor3charities



3 PEAKS Challenge

31st May - 1st June 2019

This year 8 members of Team JMS are undertaking the **3 Peaks Challenge for 3 Charities**. Anthony Nolan, Melanie's Ward and The Abingdon Bridge. Training is well underway, legs are aching...But enthusiasm is high!

Please show TeamJMS your support by visiting our [gofundme page](https://www.gofundme.com/jms3peaks) and making a donation: [gofundme.com/jms3peaks](https://www.gofundme.com/jms3peaks)

Thank you



ANTHONY NOLAN STEM CELL RECRUITMENT

WHEN
May 7th
12:30 – 5:00pm

Where
John Mason School, Front
reception.

John Mason School, Watton Road, Abingdon, OX14 1JB



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UK are registered as
stem cell donors. This
compares to 13% in
Cyprus, 12% in Israel and
9% in Germany.



Festival Bake Off! - Sunday 12th May - Dorchester Abbey Marquee

Calling all children (and mums and dads!), as part of the Dorchester Festival Food & Gift Fair we are holding a Bake Off on Sunday May 12th in the marquee of the Dorchester Abbey Gardens. It will be judged by TV's Bake Off quarter finalist Christine Wallace.

Please bring along your entry cake/s to the marquee on Sunday 12th May by 11.30am.

Judging and a prize-giving will be made by Christine at 2.00pm.

Entry is only £2. Children need to make 4 cup cakes and parents need to make one family cake.

Please do come along and join us. Click on the link attached to buy your entry ticket.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/607387>

LONG WITTENHAM FUN RUN at 11am on Sunday June 2nd

Start at The Plough, Long Wittenham
Parking at The Wood Centre, Little Wittenham Road, OX14 4QT

Download an entry form from our Facebook page or
www.longwittenham.com/events or enter online www.eventbrite.co.uk
Postal and online entries accepted until Friday May 31st, or
arrive before 10.30am to enter on the day (Additional £1 for each entry on the day)

£5 adults, £1 children (under 18), £10 for family (2 adults + children)
(An entry form for each participant please)

All ages and abilities welcome!
(Children under 8 to be accompanied)



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Preschool Bank Staff

Long Wittenham preschool are looking for someone to join our preschool staff as Bank Staff. This is a flexible role covering for staff absences. It is an excellent way to start or get back into a career in childcare. It may also suit retired professionals.

You would be supported by our experienced and qualified preschool team and offered excellent training and development. It is a very rewarding role and over the years many of our bank staff have ended up as full members of staff.

We offer a competitive salary depending on experience. No qualifications are necessary but applicants will need to apply for a DBS check and undertake safeguarding training, both of which we can help you with.



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 OFSTED Registration number EY489287
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Full Circle Sports May Holiday Sports & Activity Camps

Come and join us to have fun, learn new skills and make new friends!

Focus On ... Cake Decorating Workshop Age 7-13 years

Find out about all the tips, tricks and techniques of how to decorate a cake using both buttercream and fondant icing. Each participant will take their decorated cake and cupcakes home.

Date: Thursday 30th May

Time: 9.30am- 3.00pm
 (extra time of 8.30am - 5.30pm available)

Cost: £40

Venue: Wallingford School (OX10 8HH)

MultiSport Camp

Age 4 to 13 years

Activities include: Trampolining, Bouldering, MultiSports, Lacrosse, Hockey, Football, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, Tennis, Badminton, Tag Rugby, Dance, Arts & Crafts and much more!

Date: Tuesday 28th May – Thursday 30th May

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm (extra time of 8.30am to 5.30pm available - charges apply)

Cost: £32 per day, book all 3 MultiSport Camp days in the same week for £90. (sibling discounts available).

Venue: Wallingford School Leisure Centre (OX10 8HH)

We are OFSTED registered and accept Childcare Vouchers.

For more details or to reserve your places -

Email - sam@fullcirclesports.co.uk

Call - 07751 231 090

Details and booking form also available at:
www.fullcirclesports.co.uk