

WHADDON NEWS

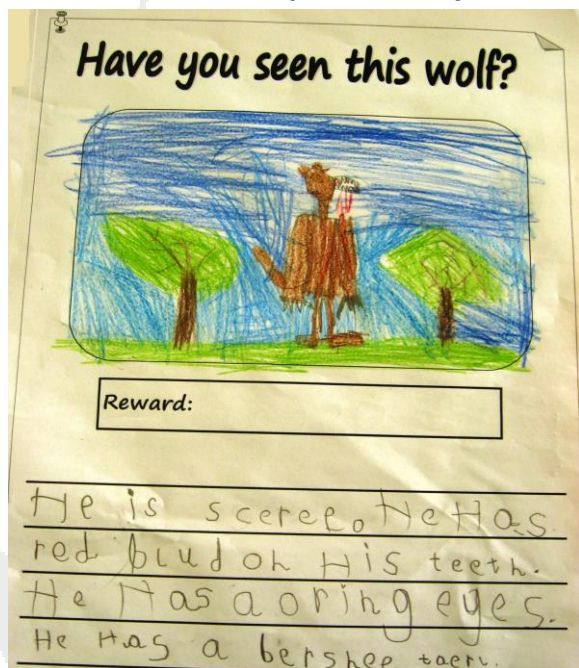
September 2015

Issue 1

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a restful and fun summer and everyone has now settled back into school. Thank-you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome. Whaddon C of E First School is clearly a fantastic place to be, with happy, kind children who want to work hard and really enjoy being here and I consider myself very lucky to be head of such a great school.

It was lovely to meet so many families at the Welcome Back Picnic on the first Friday of the new term. I am looking forward to meeting everyone eventually so please come and introduce yourselves to me when you see me on the playground. I am sure I will remember everyone's names by the end of the year!

Year 1 Work to be proud of – by Oscar



Year 2 Work to be proud of – by Phoebe

One warm evening, Tilly Octopus went to Tickle Oyster. He couldn't resist giving Oyster a little tickle. But suddenly she dropped her flesh on the floor. In the oyster, Octopus gasped. Then he said sorry, Oyster said that's okay then Octopus zoomed like a wing. Down but starfish grabbed the oyster. But Octopus came and tugged the oyster. And ping the oyster got to Octopus. Meen while Oyster was wetting. Cwicker cwicker as a flash Octopus sprade some ink. and starfish got wash away. Starfish shouted HELP. and cween starfish came. Then she told Little starfish of. Then she told Octopus that he was very helpful. then she gave Octopus a qeacone. to by himself a dimanda. he said thank you and swam for meen while Oyster was abower to to get him. and banna he came. Oyster said thank you.

Foundation Stage News

There was great excitement this week as two new members of our class moved in: 2 baby bunnies! The children adore them and they are now found hopping around the classroom and climbing onto children's laps to help them with their work! The children decided we needed to go to the pet shop to buy them some essentials so we all set off on Friday. It was very interesting. The Pet Shop owners talked to us about how to care for the Rabbits and we got to stroke some of the animals that were being sold.

The whole school has been voting for names for the bunnies and Year 2 created a Pictograph and announced the results in assembly today. Their names are...(drumroll please)... Betsy and Amber!!!

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CANCER SUPPORT



9:30 – 12:00

At Whaddon Chapel

Start of the day arrangements

In order to provide extra sessions to support children, your committed teachers will be teaching from 8:30 am. To enable this to work well, from Monday 21st September, please could the children remain on the playground until 8:50 am, where they will be supervised by a member of staff if you wish to leave them. So, to clarify, the children will no longer need to come into class at 8:40 to put their book bags away. As the Foundation Stage children are new and still getting used to being left for the day, you are welcome to bring them into class to settle them from 8:40am.



If you are interested in becoming a Cub Scout leader and would be prepared (excuse the pun) to volunteer some of your time, the 1st Great Horwood Scout Group need you!

Please contact Paul Ketteridge on: 01296 670 663 for more details.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest service this year will be held on Monday 12th October at 1:30 pm in St Mary's Church. You are more than welcome to join us at the church for the service. Afterwards we will all walk round to the Chapel to take our gifts for the Food Bank, where there will be refreshments for everyone. Please send donations of tinned, dried or packets of food (no fresh) in to school on the morning of the 12th October.

Wellies

We were blessed with good weather for the first week of term but it has already turned much wetter. In order for the children to make the most of the field for as late into the year as possible, please could you send in a pair of named Wellies that can stay in school?

The children could also do with having a warm, waterproof coat in school each day from now on.

Golden Awards

Well done to all the children who have achieved their Golden Award!!!

Week 1

Year 1: Phoebe Taylor
Charlie Bonson

Year 2: James Christie
Tamzin Chandler

Week 2

FS: Anna Williamson

Year 1: Johnny Lockett
Ella Harvey

Year 2: George Cole
Theresa-Marie Wilsher



Dates for your Diaries

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Wednesday 30 th September	Individual Photographs	9:00 am	School Hall
Monday 12 th October	Harvest Festival	1:30 pm	St Mary's Church
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 2 trip Details to follow		Sea-Life Centre Birmingham
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 1 trip Details to follow		Warwick Castle
Friday 23 rd October	Half Term	3:00 pm	
Monday 2 nd November	School reopens	8:50 am	
Monday 2 nd November	Parents Meetings for week commencing 2 nd November. Dates and times to be confirmed		
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Play Dress-Rehearsal. Parents with younger siblings welcome	2:00 pm	Village Hall
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Play Evening Performance	6:00 pm	Village Hall
Friday 18 th December	Christingle Everyone welcome	1:30 pm	St Mary's Church
Friday 18 th December	End of Term	3:00pm	

Term Dates 2015/2016

Term	Open on the morning of	Close on the afternoon of
Autumn Term	Thursday 3 September	Friday 23 October
	Monday 2 November	Friday 18 December
Spring Term	Tuesday 5 January	Thursday 11 February
	Monday 22 February	Friday 24 March
Summer Term	Tuesday 12 April	Friday 27 May
	Tuesday 7 June	Thursday 21 July

*Schools will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 2 May 2016

Inset Dates

Wednesday 2nd September 2015
Monday 4th January 2016
Friday 12th February 2016*
Monday 11th April 2016
Monday 6th June 2016

*Please note – There has been a change to the February inset training date. Instead of the 23rd February, it will now be held on the 12th February.