

# WHADDON NEWS

October 2015

Issue 1

Hello to all our families and friends. We hope you have had as enjoyable a week as we have.

Thank-you for your understanding about the change to the start of the day. I am sure you agree a secure site to ensure the safety of the children at all times is paramount. If you are worried your child may forget to hand a letter in or wish to pass on a message to their teacher, you are more than welcome to give them to me as I will be on duty in the playground each morning.

The website is undergoing a face-lift at the moment. We are trying to make it simpler to locate pages and so have reduced the tabs at the top of the page and organised the information under:

About us, Communication, Curriculum, Class Pages, News, Calendar and Contact.

The calendar is now regularly updated so if you cannot remember when an event is happening, or where, just click on that event and read on.

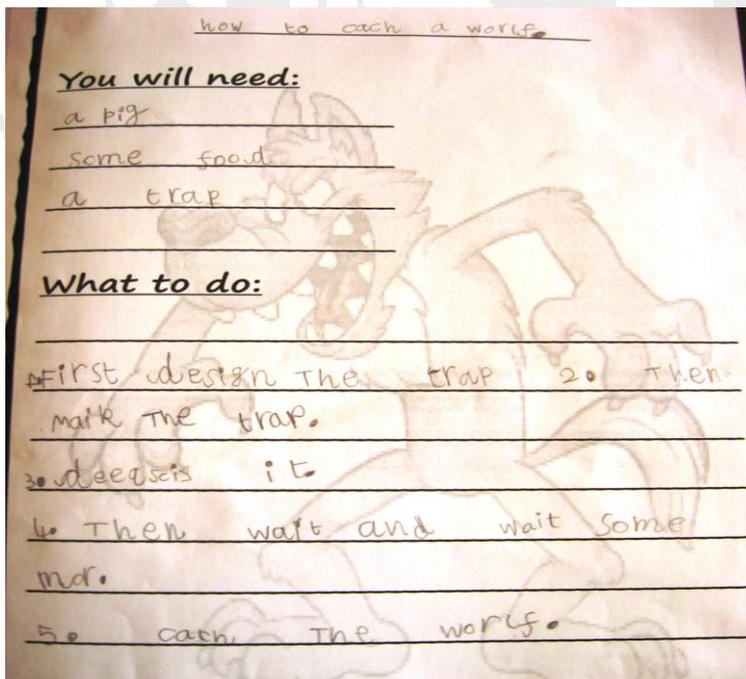
A new addition to the website is Class pages. Here we post news, homework, resources to help your children with their learning and resources to help you support your children. Any advice on what you would find useful on these pages would be gratefully received.

A copy of all the letters we send out is kept on the Letters page under Communication. In our effort to be as eco-friendly as we can, please email back replies to letters as often as you can, instead of printing them.

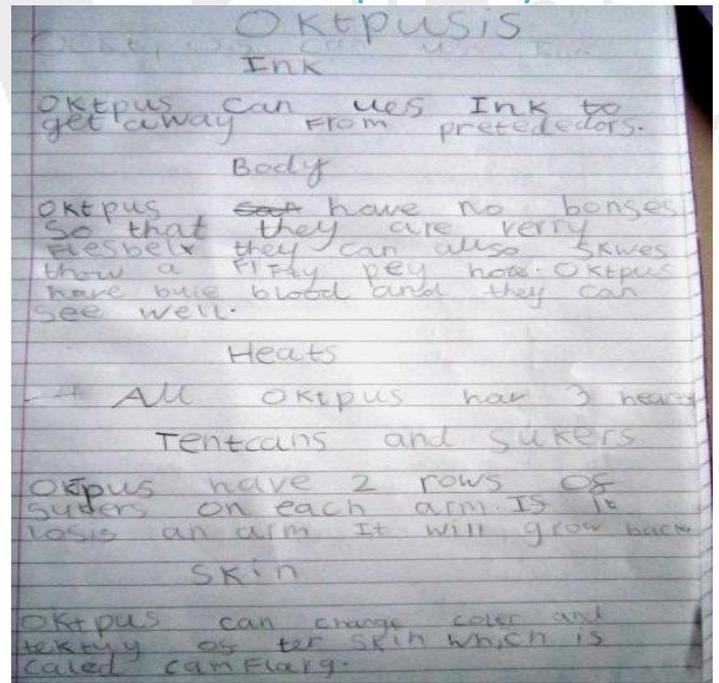
Under Curriculum, you will find a Termly overview that shows in more detail what the children in Year 1 and Year 2 are learning each term and the interesting activities they will be participating in.

If you have any helpful suggestions about the website, please speak to myself or Mrs Mallabar.

## Year 1 Work to be proud of – by Rose



## Year 2 Work to be proud of – by Stella



## Foundation Stage News

The children were very interested in a story about pirates this week and they decided to make a treasure map. They drew different parts of the playground and field and placed them in the correct places on a large sheet of paper. They then set about making a Treasure Chest and some treasure. Once this was finished, the children took the treasure up the field and buried it, using two sticks to mark the place with a cross. Finally, a cross was drawn on the Treasure Map. The next morning, they presented the map to me and I used it to look for the treasure. It was very exciting. I am pleased to say I found the treasure!!! Although it wasn't quite enough to retire on.

## Plea to Parents

We are lucky to have 3 volunteers who give up a morning each week to hear children read and help them to progress in their learning. If we could just have 2 more parents it would mean the children who need a bit more practise with their reading would be heard every day. This would make a real impact on their progress. If you are able to spare a couple of hours per week, please let us know. Training and support will be given.



Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Macmillan Coffee morning in the Chapel last Thursday. We have been informed that they raised over £300 which will be donated to Macmillan cancer support. One in three of us will face cancer during our lives, and the money raised at Coffee Mornings across the country will help them to make sure no one has to face it alone.

### 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.

Thank-you to everyone who has already sent in wellies. In the Foundation Stage, every child now has wellies in school which has meant we can use the field all day, even in the morning when the dew causes the grass to be wet.

### Harvest Service

Our Harvest service this year will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### Golden Awards

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

#### Week 1

- FS: Tyrone Darrell
- Year 1: Oscar Lenart Stewart  
Alice Kinns
- Year 2: Izzabella Wilkin  
Jude Williams

#### Week 2

- FS: Olivia Lowe
- Year 1: Oliver  
Indiana Wilsher
- Year 2: Monica Paizee  
Lachlan Thomson

## FOWS

Friends of Whaddon School invite you to come and have a cup of tea or coffee and cake at the Chapel on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 8:50am. This is a lovely way to support the school while getting to know other parents better. Please feel free to inform others about this coffee morning. Everyone is welcome.



**Whaddon C of E First School**  
**Open Morning**  
**20th October**  
**2015**  
**9:30 - 12:00**

**01908 501719**

**Come and see for yourself**

**Whaddon C of E First School**  
**Stock Lane**  
**Whaddon**  
**MK17 0LS**

*Friendly, village school*  
*Small classes*  
*High standards*  
*Dedicated staff*

**Open Morning**  
**Tuesday 20th October 2015**  
**9:30 - 12:00**

**We would love to meet you and your child**  
**Telephone anytime to arrange a visit**

**01908 501719 whaddon.eschools.co.uk**

## Dates for your Diaries

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	FOWS Coffee Morning – Everyone welcome	8:50 am	Chapel
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	1:30 pm	St Mary's Church
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 trip to Sea-Life Centre	8:50 – 3:00	Sea-Life Centre Birmingham
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of Whaddon School AGM – Everyone welcome	8:00 pm	School Hall
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Whaddon Open Morning – Tell anyone you know who might be interested	9:30 – 12:00	Whaddon School
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle	8:50 – 3:00	Warwick Castle
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Half Term	3:00 pm	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School reopens	8:50 am	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent - Teacher Meetings for Year 1 and Year 2 Parents	1:00 – 6:00pm	School Hall
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play Dress-Rehearsal Parents with younger siblings welcome	2:00 pm	Village Hall
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play Evening Performance	6:00 pm	Village Hall
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Everyone welcome	1:30 pm	St Mary's Church
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> February.