



Whaddon C of E School newsletter number 5

25th October 2024

Welcome to the Whaddon family Amber Rose...

We can proudly announce that Mrs Marchant has had her daughter Amber Rose. Both mum and baby are doing well and we all look forward to meeting her, when mum and baby are ready. Congratulations to Mrs and Mr Marchant!

Parents evening appointments

Thank you for attending parents evening appointments. We apologise for the technical issues, but these appear to have been overcome by the second day of appointments. We are so pleased to be able to share how well your children have settled into their new classes/year groups and how they are making progress.

Clocks bounce back!

A note to say that the clocks are due to go back 27th October. This will mean slightly brighter mornings but evenings will be drawing in. If out and about at early evening, please ensure children have reflective elements to their clothing or light coloured clothing bikes and scooters etc...

Poppy appeal

We are raising funds for the Royal British Legion by selling a range of poppy related items, in school. We have slap wrist bands, book bag poppies and pocket tags. Please speak to Mrs Ellis for more details. We hope to beat our target raised last year of £26. The items and money tin are in the office.

Yoghurt pots and small containers

Please can all pudding pots, yoghurt pots and other small containers be washed and brought in for Hedgehogs to create bird feeders. We would like to help our feathered friends stay well fed, in the winter months, and will be making bird feeders with the children.

Children in Need 2024

This year we will be raising money for charities that support children around the U.K by asking for donations to wear Pudsey related clothing or spotty clothing. Any clothing worn must be suitable for PE or Forest school, as this is a Friday. Any ears, or other accessories, must be named so we can make sure they go back with the right child. These will not be worn at break times, lunch times or during forest school or PE.

We have arranged a carousel of activities which involve learning about food and completing a food related activity. If you DO NOT wish your child to consume what they have made, at school, please let the office know.

Activity 1- Cheese and cracker Pudseys: cheese, crackers, carrot, tomato, pepper and cucumber.

Activity 2- Smoothie making: apple juice, banana, oranges, strawberries, pineapple, mangoes

Activity 3- decorating biscuits: shop purchased biscuits, variety of edible decorations and icing

Activity 4- Pudsey pancakes: egg, flour, oil, butter

Secondary school placement deadline

Parents of pupils in year 6 must have made their choice of secondary school placement, by 31st October. Please ensure that you have at least two choices to avoid being placed in a school you do not wish your child to attend.

Panto forms

Please ensure Mrs Ellis has the completed and signed consent and health forms for the panto trip. Without these, we cannot take your child with us.

Reading logs

Please can reading logs and reading books be brought to school in book bags, to enable a swift change round of books.

Lego Club

We are implementing Lego Club, which is an intervention to promote speech and language and social interaction skill development. This excellent and evidence-based intervention relies on the children involved using Lego sets to complete the tasks. We are sending out this request for any Lego sets that are no longer required, or which come up on Whaddon Facebook page or any others for that matter. We appreciate any help you can offer and appreciate your donations.

Clothing

For Hedgehogs and Squirrels classes, please can a complete change of named clothing be sent into school in a separate, named bag to ensure full access to outdoor learning and keep the children dry and warm in case of muddy puddles. In the same vein, please can forest school kit be kept in school all week.

For Badgers and Foxes, please can parents ensure that the children have wellies or a change of socks and shoes available to them. Please ensure all items brought into school are named in permanent marker; biro washes away making it hard for us to ensure all items get to the correct person.

Sports festival participation

A year **5/6** tag rugby event is being held at Buckingham Primary School **Tuesday 5th November- time of start and end to be confirmed**. Please let the school office know if your Fox would like to participate and we can put a team forward. Parents will need to transport children to the event and remain on site for the duration of the event.

Royal Latin School are offering **Squirrels** children the opportunity to participate in a mutli- sports event on either **18th or 19th** November. The event will take place at the RLS from **4pm- 5.30pm**. The team needs 8 pupils to participate as a team.

If you would like your child to participate, please let the office know which date suits you best and we can put a team forward. Parents will need to transport their children, but I will be present as a member of staff. Parents are encouraged to go off site for a coffee, as the hall can't contain that number of adults.

4th December, The Royal Latin School are hosting a mixed football tournament for Foxes class. **4.00pm-5.30pm** at the RLS. A team of 8 will be required.

More dates/events to come!

Forest School

Please ensure that your child has a pair of named wellies that can be kept in school. Without them, children **won't** be able to participate in outdoor activities, in wet weather. When the children choose to work outside, it is essential that they have a complete change of clothing to keep them comfortable, if they get wet or muddy. Please ensure all kit and spares are **named**, so we can reunite errant clothing with their owners, easily. Practicing dressing and undressing would be a great way for the children to gain independence and we appreciate the support from home in this area.

Forest School club is available to all pupils, on Friday afternoons. Please visit the Green Planet forest school website and search for clubs, select Whaddon School and book the places you require.

School lunches

Please ensure that school meals are ordered, by the deadline, to ensure your child has the lunches you require in the coming weeks. There is a Wisepay link on our school website home page.

Key dates and Communication

Our website is a good source of information and gives you details about your child's learning, when you ask "What have you done today in school?" and they give the age old answer of "Nothing!"

There are also details of homework and vocabulary for the units they are learning- this is a work in progress. By sharing the key unit vocabulary in this way, parents can go through this with their children, so that they have a good understanding of the vocabulary meaning, ahead of their learning.

School open days

We have a wide selection of open days available to parents with children who will be school aged, in September 2025. A copy of the open day poster can be found on our website and bookings can be made through the school office. There is also a F.A.Q sheet to help answer some of the questions parents may have about their child joining Whaddon School. Please spread the word among your friends and any toddler groups or pre-schools you know of.

Key dates for your diary

4th November Back to school!

8th November Foxes sharing assembly

11th November Remembrance service 10.30am St Mary's church

11th November Anti-bullying week

15th November Children in Need- wear spots "No child goes hungry!"

25th November Peter Pan week

26th November Year 6 height and weight checks, NHS nurse team

12th December Nativity Jubilee Hall 5.00-6.00pm

13th December Christmas Fayer School hall 1.45-2.45pm FOWS

17th December Whole School visit to the theatre Panto 11.45-16.00pm

18th December Christmas jumper day

18th December Christmas lunch FOWS

19th December Carols in the courtyard 2.15pm

20th December Christmas movie morning

With thanks for your support. Have a happy half term break! Mrs Prior and the Whaddon School team.