



Whaddon Wheatsheaf Newsletter

(Number 1 Summer term.)

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Welcome to the jam-packed first edition of the Whaddon Wheatsheaf for the summer term.

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Welcome back!

We hope you were able to enjoy the break, over Easter and are ready for the last term of this academic year. We were all keen to see the children and have been impressed with their attitudes to learning and how excited they are about their learning and seeing their friends.

Joiners

Mrs Hall and Ms Sond have been warmly greeted into Badgers class, with a wonderful Whaddon welcome. Mrs. Hall will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Ms Sond, will be teaching the children, on Thursday and Fridays. Ms Ellis has settled into life in our school office and has already been amazingly helpful and organised!

Lunch orders for May 16th

We have our next school census on May 16th. Whereas this may sound a long time away, parents have to book school meals two weeks in advance. If you are eligible for Free School meals, please can you book a school lunch for that day. The more school meals that are booked, on census day, the more funding towards meals, the school receives.

Whaddon May Fayre

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With only two weeks to go until the big event, please can you ensure that the jars, sent home with the raffle tickets inside, are returned for the tombola stall. The jars can be filled with sweets, hair accessories, stationery or whatever you feel would be a sought after prize! Last year, the jar with the £5 note was the MOST sought after!!

Raffle tickets should be returned to FOWS in a named envelope by 22nd April.

Please also return any unsold tickets so that they can be sold on the day!

Bottles for the tombola must be in date, new and sealed. Any thing from shampoo to champagne is welcome. Last year, a rather fancy bottle of gin was most sought after!!

Teddies donated for the teddy stall, should be clean and washed prior to donation.

All stalls will be open from 1.00pm!

Please make contact with Friends Of Whaddon (Lorna, Fran, Sarah, Jess and Kate) to let them know which time slot you can cover for a stall. Alternatively, please use the link to add your name to the list.

<https://volunteersignup.org/YWYCL> **COPY AND PASTE THIS LINK INTO YOUR BROWSER TO ACCESS.**

Without your help, we can't raise the much needed funds required for the school library project, the hire of the school I-pads, the tickets for the Christmas panto, the coach for the panto or the Easter eggs for each child, after the egg hunt!

Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a foundation governor. Should you be interested, please email the school office for a form. A current or historic link to a church is necessary, but you do not have to attend a church regularly to apply.

Forest school

In order for all of the children to be able to fully participate in our forest school experience, we ask that their forest school **waterproof** clothing be kept in school. Alongside this, the children also require a complete change of clothing in school. Please ensure your child has a bag containing a complete change of clothes (including socks).

Hedgehogs request

Please can any spare plant pots, compost, seeds, plants, or bulbs be donated to Hedgehogs class, who are learning about the life cycle of plants this term. If you have any books about life cycles of plants, or animals you wish to donate, please let Mrs Marchant or Mrs Wheeler know.

Homework club

Having reviewed the homework club provision, we now offer the homework club for **Key Stage 2 children only**. This is due to the nature of the homework set, in Key Stage 1 and the support required to complete it. Homework club places should be booked through the office, identifying which sessions you wish your child to attend. Homework club is held after school, on a Friday 3.10-4.00pm.

Homework

Homework for the Summer term can be found on the class pages of our school website. More information can be found there for specific activities. We do ask that: reading is completed at least 5 times per week, TTRS and Spag.com platforms are engaged with, as frequently as possible, especially with the multiplication checks taking place in June.



As such, please can the year 4 children, in Badgers class use TTRS as much as possible, from now on, to prepare them for the times table check, in June. This is not just good for practice and recall but the TTRS platform is very similar to the format of the actual times table check format.

Distinctive Christian Vision



The distinctive Christian Vision group and the staff and children at Whaddon School have discussed what makes our school distinct from other schools. We created a list of what makes Whaddon School special and summed these up to: each individual being seen, celebrated and encouraged to be their best, and helping each other to be our best understanding our accountability to our school, our village and the wider world. The Distinctive Christian Vision group then scoured the bible for a biblical reference we felt, best represented our uniqueness and our vision for our school- the school we are and the school we wish to become so we can enable all of our all of our stakeholders to shine and flourish. This biblical reference is: **“You are the light of the world, let your light shine.” Matthew 5:14-16**

Our next step was to develop our Christian Vision and a Vision statement. **We welcome your feedback on what we have agreed:**

Challenging each other to be our best, through actions, choices and words, so we can all shine.

As a staff, we felt that this vision would be easy for the children to remember and understand and that it linked with our three core values of *compassion, wisdom and endurance* which the children understand very well. We agreed that this vision was appropriate and could be applied to any conversation with the children around their learning, behaviour and attitudes and how all we do as individuals contributes to benefiting the greater good of our relationships, our school community and as global citizens.

Uniform

Should you require more uniform items, please head to our **website and click on the uniform tab** for our providers.

Friends of Whaddon School will notify parents of the pre-loved uniform sales that will be held this term.



Please remember that our uniform **does not** include nail varnish, make up or ornate hair accessories. Jewellery, other than sleeper earrings, is not permitted, for health and safety reasons. Sleeper earrings (studs not hoops) must be covered with tape, for PE lessons. Please ensure that any post- Christmas party nails are removed for the school week.

Absence

Please can parents let the office know, **no later than 08.30am**, if your child is unwell or going to be late in for any reason. This helps us complete our registers accurately, in a timely way. Any absences that have not been reported by parents, in person, by phone or email will be followed up by the school as part of our safeguarding commitment. More information on this is available in our child protection and safeguarding policies, on our website. Children who have been reported as unwell previously still need to be reported **each day** that the child is absent from school.

Timings...

Getting to school on time really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year, you are late every day by...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	18 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	35 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	50 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	73 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	110 Lessons

You should not take holidays during term time.
Please be punctual to maintain attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Parents bringing their children onto the playground are welcome from 08.20am. When it is raining, we allow the children to go straight to their classes, without needing to line up.

We would like to remind parents that registration is at **08.30am** and parents and children should be on the playground ready for collection by the adult at **08.25am latest**.

The gate will be shut at 08.35am and late arrivals will be buzzed in and

signed in by a member of staff, who will require a reason for the late arrival, in order for us to record this for the local authority, on our registration system SIMs.

Celebration/class assemblies...

We warmly welcome parents and family members to attend our celebration/class sharing collective worships on Friday mornings. **The dates for the summer term sharing assemblies are on the school calendar on our website.** These dates have to be changed, sometimes, due to other events that arise, throughout the school year. We endeavour to communicate these to you, via Parentmail as soon as possible.

We aim to notify you, if your child is receiving an award, by the Thursday before the Friday collective worship. The children will not know if you are able to attend or not.

Should your child have been awarded a certificate or medal, outside of school, please let us know, so that we can share this, as a school. Please ensure that the school office is notified, in advance of the assembly, to manage the timings of the worship.

Please note that Friday collective worships are starting earlier, to enable parents to share their child's certificate celebration without having to wait in the hall. The collective worship will start at 08.40am.

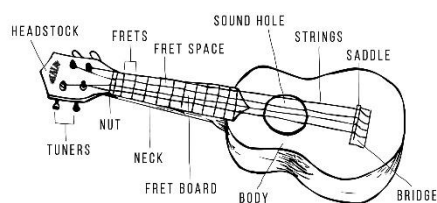
P.E days...

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit, which should be suitable for the weather, when they are learning outdoors.

Hedgehogs	Tuesdays
Squirrels	Thursday
Badgers	Wednesday
Foxes	Friday

Music lessons

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Music lessons will continue with MK music co-operative guitar and ukulele, Wednesdays 11.30-12.30pm

Mr Dunham's music lessons Clarinet, flute and piano, will remain on Thursdays **starting at 09.20 am, after Easter.**

Information about payments will follow soon.

French club

French club is now being offered to children in Key Stage 1 and if parents are interested in their child attending, over Thursday lunch time, they should **contact Madame Lepelletier via the school office email address.**





Website / dates for your diary...

April

***** please make sure that you have booked a school meal, if you are Free School Meal eligible, for the 16th May*****

Tuesday 23rd - Comprehension booster group year 6 3.10-4.00pm

Friday 26th - Homework club KS2

Tuesday 30th - Comprehension booster group year 6 3.10-4.00pm

Friday 3rd May- Homework club KS2

Sunday 5th May- May Fayre

Tuesday 7th – Comprehension booster group year 6 last session 3.10-4.00pm

Friday 10th- Squirrels' sharing assembly

Friday 10th Homework Club KS2

Monday 13th-Thursday 16th KS2 SATS week

Wednesday 16th Summer term census

Friday 17th May- Class photographs with Lisa Jeffries

Friday 17th- Badgers' sharing assembly

Friday 24th - Foxes sharing assembly



Thank you to all our forest school volunteers
Thank you to our reading volunteers, Mrs. Pit and Mr. Attwater.
Thank you to FOWS for all of your fundraising and support!



A big 'well done' to all of the children who were given a teacher award or a golden ticket last week!

Teacher award

Alma

Henry H

Golden award

Harper W

Matthew

Henry W

Thank you to all of the children, for all you have done, this week, to make our school a brilliant place to learn, for being such good role models and living our school values.