



Whaddon Weekly Newsletter

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“You are the light of the world, let your light shine!” Matthew 5-14-16

Dear parents and children,

Welcome to the 5th edition of our school newsletter.

School vision

This week, our children have been demonstrating and living our value of compassion, in their preparations for the Harvest Celebration at St. Mary’s church this morning. It has been wonderful hearing their voices, when practising the songs and hope they brought you as much joy!

The mature levels of gratitude from the children, regarding what they have, and their consideration of people less fortunate than themselves has been heart-warming. Our collective worship theme this half term has been Generosity and this value has truly been demonstrated in spirit and actions.

Thank you for the generous donations for the MK food bank. Please note, the deadline for contributions is 12pm 8th October, when the donations will be collected. Please take care to check expiry dates and only bring in non-perishable items.

School Facebook page

Whaddon C of E School and Nursery has a brand-new Facebook page Search Facebook for Whaddon C of E School to see the post regarding posts of life in school and up and coming events.

If you would like a testimonial included on the Facebook page, or school website, please email it into the school office. This can be anything from how your child or children are nurtured and supported, or how much they love learning/ forest school etc

The page will be closed to comments, but we will include images (with permission) and examples of work / activities which promote our lovely school.

Improving our community

In response to a post on the Whaddon facebook page, regarding litter around the village, the children and staff at Whaddon School were galvanised to organise a litter pick. In order to ensure this is a safe and hygienic activity, we are asking if anyone has any "grabbers" or strong gardening gloves that you would be happy for us to borrow. Please label and name the "grabbers" and gloves and bring them into school by the 1st October. We will send a separate communication regarding the date for our litter pick.

Aspiration day

Our aspiration day on the 15th October is shaping up to be an exciting day! We have representatives from the worlds of: faith, science, the arts, hobbies that have been turned into businesses, skilled trades and international animation. The children will get to ask questions about the jobs people do and learn a little about them. During the day, the children will experience a range of activities from mock-interviews, applying for jobs, exploring people who help us and recognising their own super-powers and skills that could pave the way for a future career.

Forest school volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to support our forest school sessions, which take place on Friday mornings 09.45-11.45am. If you are able to help, or be on call should we need an extra pair of hands, please let Mrs Ellis, in the school office know.

Data collection sheets

Data collection sheets, to capture the most up to date information about your child and any health needs that may have recently changed have been issued to each child. There is also a photo permission form, which helps us to know where and when you are happy for us to use your child's image. Please help Mrs Ellis collate this important information by returning it to the school office by Friday 3rd October. If you require any help please contact Mrs Ellis.

Wrap around care

Due to lack of bookings on Fridays, S4A have had to consider their staffing of these sessions and may need to remove Friday sessions from the booking system for Whaddon School. If you need wrap around care on Fridays, or any day, please book sessions using the online portal, within 24 hours of the session.

Dates for the diary

Key dates for the diary can be found on the school website and on class pages of the school website.

8th October MK Food bank collection deadline

- 15th October Aspiration day
- 17th October Badgers sharing assembly 08.40am school hall
- 20th Poppies and accessories on sale
- 21st October Parents' evening 1
- 22nd October Parents' evening 2
- 23rd October Open Day
- 23rd October Spooky Disco FOWS
- 24th INSET DAY- school closed to pupils
- 27th October-2nd Nov HALF TERM
- 10th November Anti-bullying day
- 11th Remembrance service St Mary's church
- 14th Squirrel's sharing assembly 08.40am School hall
- 18th Open morning 09.00-10.00am
- 19th Open afternoon 1.30-2.30pm
- 21st Children In Need day wear spots raise lots!
- 8th December Mr Dunham music festival school hall
- 11th Nativity dress rehearsal Jubilee Hall 1.30-2.00pm
- 11th Nativity performance 5.00-6.00pm
- 16th December Panto afternoon- later return possible
- 17th December Christmas jumper day
- 17th December Christmas lunch FOWS and volunteers
- 18th December Christmas fayre FOWS 1.15-2.25 pm school hall
- 18th December carols school hall
- 19th Christmas movie morning popcorn and juice



Uniform and forest school equipment

We are spending time relocating clothing with the owner. Please ensure your child has their name on water bottles and book bags and in jumpers, cardigans and coats. **All forest school equipment needs to be named and kept in school- including wellies.**

Without the correct forest school clothing, your child will **NOT** be able to participate in forest school.

Please ensure hair accessories are school appropriate and that long hair is tied back.

PE kit

PE kit tops should be worn to school, on the day your child's class has PE. Days can be found on the class page on the school website.

Reading records

Thank you to parents who have been recording that they have been asking their children questions, when reading with them. Reading records need to be completed and brought into school **every day**, so that when we hear readers, in school, we know what they have been doing at home and we can record when we have heard your child read.

Our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme has specific guidelines about how frequently reading books are to be changed. This is to aid fluency and build up vocabulary and expression.

Open mornings

We are holding a range of open mornings for parents of children who will be school age in September 2026. The dates are on the banner on the school gate and can be found on the school website. Please share this with anyone you know is looking for a school place for their child. If the dates and times are not convenient, we can arrange a separate viewing. Our first open morning will be held on: **23rd October 09.00-10.00, 18th November 09.00-10.00, 19th November 1.30-2.30, 9th January 09.30-10.30am.**

Parents evenings Autumn term

Our Autumn term Parents' Evening meetings will be face to face this year. If you require an alternative such as a phone call or TEAMS call please let your child's class teacher know. Parents evenings will take place on 21st and 22nd October 3.10-5.30pm Tuesday and 3.10-6.00pm on Wednesday.

Bookings have started with appointments for families with more than 1 child in the school, then appointment bookings for single children families.

We have received feedback that the slots need to be longer to enable a good conversation. The appointments will be 10 minutes and the discussion will cover how your child has settled and next steps which can be supported at home. Should you wish to discuss any SEN matters or require a slightly longer appointment, please let the teacher know and an additional meeting can be arranged.

Panto visit

It's that time of year again..."Oh not it isn't!"

The forms parents are required to complete and return for permission and health will be issued soon. Please complete them and return to the office, as soon as possible. There is a parental contribution for this visit, so if you need a discrete conversation about making the payment, please contact the school office.

