

# WHADDON NEWS

## Autumn Term 1



**How super were the children at the Harvest Festival?**

**I'm sure you'll agree that they should feel very proud of themselves!**

We have come to the end of a very long first term and the children have settled into their new classes brilliantly. A big welcome to our new foundation stage children:

Arlo, Seb, Jack, Romily, Olivia, Nyah, Renee, Flynn, Chloe, Hope and William.

We are also pleased to welcome Beau to Hedgehogs and Isla to Squirrel class .

We also welcome new staff members, Claire Darnley (Mrs Darlin' to the little ones), Clare Boradman who are Foundation Stage Teaching Assistants, and Esme Everett, a student teacher who has joined us for the term.

In Mantle this term, the Hedgehogs have had a busy term being Park Keepers whilst the Squirrels have been very busy as Woodland Rangers working with the MK Parks Trust.



We have had trips, experiences, services, special days galore. Everyone deserves a well-earned rest.

A welcome addition to the school is the trim-trail that was installed in September. The children enjoyed exploring the different pieces of equipment and were fantastic, as usual at deciding on how best to use it safely. While to us, it's children having fun, we have carefully chosen the range of equipment to ensure children build up their core and upper body strength which they need for sustained writing, their co-ordination, balance and proprioception for healthy growth and physical ability. They also develop their problem solving, collaboration and negotiation skills when using this equipment.



Looking forward to Autumn term 2, Parent-Teacher meetings for our year 1 and 2 parents will be held on the first Thursday back and may I say a huge thank you to you all for responding. This is the first time we haven't had to chase a single parent. Your children are lucky to have such caring parents. We have the popular Story-craft club that Miss Nash and Miss Cartwright will be running from 14<sup>th</sup> November. We are offering instrument lessons to year 2 children so please contact us if you would like help with choosing the right instrument for your child.

We will all be visiting Stoke Goldington Forest to select and bring back our school Christmas tree. This will mark the start of the festive season and there will be a trip to the panto "Oh no it isn't!", Christmas dinner, parties and we may even have a special visitor in red popping in. Please note the change of date for the Nativity. We are very grateful to Great Horwood school for lending us their hall for this event and so must be accommodating, hence the change of date.

So, recharge your batteries, have a lovely time together and we will see you all again on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

From all at Whaddon CE School. X





# Learning Outside the Classroom

## Autumn Time at Whaddon

Our Woodland topics have suited learning outside this autumn term and we have been outside as much as we can. Squirrel class has been on two different walks around the village this term. Once on a daring expedition to find a Gruffalo in the local woods (a baby Gruffalo was found and evidence of an adult Gruffalo) and another at the end of term to release the baby Gruffalo back into the wild. Hedgehog Class went on a rainy walk to spot signs of autumn. On our walks we spotted autumn in the leaves, conkers on the ground, mushrooms growing all around and blackberries in the hedgerows. Autumn really is the best time of year. Hedgehog Class has made a hedgehog house—we'll let you know if we get any visitors!



## Forest School





## Waddesdon Manor Tulip Planting Trip

On Tuesday we went to Waddesdon Manor. We got to drive all the way up to the big house. Thank you to George's mummy for helping out. We went into a classroom and looked at some tulip bulbs. We learnt about the tulip's protective tunic and how you need to plant them pointy bit up. Did you know if a bulb is planted upside down, it can wiggle itself to be the right way up? But it will take 3 years!



We planted 27 in flower pots and labelled them as Whaddon School. Then we made some paper tulips. After that we had lunch and went to the playground. Then we went to meet our gardening team to plant some bulbs in the grass near the aviary. It was great fun and we found loads of worms and some giant mushrooms! Our bulbs will flower in the April / May and we can go and visit them. The best bit of the day was putting the bulbs in the ground and squashing plugs of soil on top to stop the squirrels eating them!

**By George, Amy and Morgan.**









## Diwali Afternoon

On Wednesday the children celebrated the Hindu Sikh festival of Diwali. The children were very excited to see Mrs Wright dressed in a traditional dress and learn the story of Rama and Sita. They talked about why it is called the 'Festival of Light' and looked at some Diya Lamps that had been decorated in different ways. They took part in three different activities: creating Rangoli patterns on the playground using powder paints, making beautiful Diwali cards for their friends and family, and trying out Bollywood dancing and traditional saris. A big thank you to Mrs Wright for bringing in her dresses, saris and outfits for the children to see and for organising a wonderful afternoon celebrating the Festival of Light.



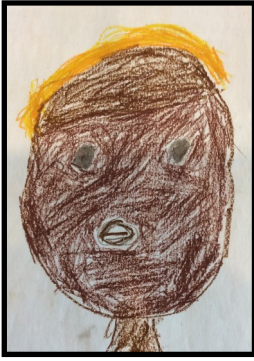


## KS1 Gymnastics Festival at MK Springers

On Friday 4th October Elizabeth, Mercy, Callie and Sienna went to MK Springers for an afternoon of gymnastics with lots of different schools from Milton Keynes. There were lots of different challenges available from obstacle courses, jumping, spring boards, rolls and lots more. They also took part in team work challenges including 'cross the lava', 'hover balloons' and passing a hoop around a circle without breaking hands. The girls particularly enjoyed the obstacle course and the long trampoline that they could run or bounce down! The girls interacted with the instructors, teenage helpers from Slated Row School and children from other schools very well, giving each other support and cheering other children on. Well done girls!







Ms Ade  
Breakfast Club



Mr Batchelor



Mrs Boardman  
1:1 support



Miss Cartwright  
Squirrel Class



Mrs Darnley  
1:1 support



Mrs Davies  
Head Teacher



Mrs Gyau-Awuah  
Hedgehog Class



Miss Lawrence  
MSA/Caretaker

**Meet**

**the**

**Whaddon**

**Staff!**



Miss Maguire  
Squirrel Class/Latestayers



Mrs McKee  
Music Teacher



Miss Nash  
Hedgehog Class



Mrs Rogers  
Bursar



Miss Swain  
Hedgehog Class/ Forest School



Miss Taylor  
1:1 support



Miss Worsley  
Administrator



Mrs Wright  
Squirrel Class



# Dates for your Diary for 2019-2020

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Inset	All Day	Whaddon School
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Inset	All Day	Whaddon School
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	School Reopens	8.50	Whaddon School
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	'Welcome back everyone' barbecue	15.00	School field
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	New Foundation Stage begin full time	8.50	Whaddon School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Phonics information meeting for Foundation and Year 1 Parents	8.50	Whaddon School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Individual Photographs	AM	Whaddon School
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Open Worship – Everyone welcome Hands up for Jesus	14.40 15.00 – 16.00	Whaddon School
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival – Everyone welcome	13.00	St Mary's Church
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open Worship – Everyone welcome Hands up for Jesus	14.40 15.00 – 16.00	Whaddon School
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Tulip planting Waddesdon Manor	All day	Waddesdon Manor
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Spooky Disco—Details to follow	16.00—18.00	Whaddon School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Key Stage 1 Parent Teacher Meetings	All Day	Whaddon School
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisations	TBC	Whaddon School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Worship – Everyone welcome Hands up for Jesus	14.40 15.00 – 16.00	Whaddon School
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Whole school Christmas Tree trip	All day	Christmas tree farm and Salcy Forest
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Rehearsal	All day	Great Horwood School
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Play	18.00—19.00	TBC
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip	9.20 – 14.00	Aylesbury Theatre
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Crafts, Lunch and Christmas Party	All Day	Whaddon School
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open Worship – Everyone welcome Hands up for Jesus	14.40 15.00 – 16.00	Whaddon School
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Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Whole school trip to MK Museum	All day	MK Museum
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Key Stage 1 Parent Teacher Meetings	All Day	Whaddon School
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	All day	Whaddon School
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Trip to Christchurch Cathedral Oxford	All Day	Christchurch Cathedral Oxford
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	MK Music Festival	TBC	The Ridgeway Centre MK12 5TH
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Tea Party	13.00	Whaddon School
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service – Everyone Welcome	14.00	St Mary's Church
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Fayre	All Day	School Field







# Super Squirrels

## Shout Out!

Henry W has really challenged himself in maths this term. He is already starting to check his work to see if he's right, and he's working hard on his number sentences.

Elizabeth has shown compassion this term, being a great thinking friend to Morgan, Teddy and Vincent.

Callie and Arrany have chosen to take on some of the Year 2 writing challenges this term.

Archiejack has shown a great imagination this term when we have been mantling and he has helped the less-experienced Grey Squirrels during mantle.

Millie and Stevie have worked on their artistic skills over the summer and have encouraged others to practice them too.

William has been sharing his nature knowledge with us and taught us all about nocturnal animals.

Vincent has welcomed the new foundation stage children to join in games at breaktime.

Well done to all of Squirrels class for settling into the new term brilliantly and trying their best in their learning.



# News from the Hedgehog Burrow



Elena, Evan, Hattie, Izzy, Jonny, Logan and Sienna read the story 'The Bog Baby'. They made their own bog babies from clay, painting them bog-coloured and adding eyes and wings. Then the children made a bog baby habitat, considering their needs and how to make it attractive for bog babies. They were, very proud of their work!

**Arlo** has been doing an incredible job with his reading this half term.

**Elena** has been doing a LOT of writing, at every opportunity.

**Evan** has had a great attitude to learning and has been working particularly hard on his hand writing.

**Hope** has been trying out lots of different activities and learning new things.

**Isobel** has shown incredible endurance with her writing.

**Jack** has had some very creative ideas during our Mantle of the Expert sessions.

**Jonny** has produced some very neat, careful work across a lot of our learning

**Nyah** has been very smiley and friendly and always joins in with enthusiasm

**Romily** has been very creative and has been teaching other children some of her skills

**We've had a great half term in Hedgehog Class - well done everyone.**