



## Whaddon C of E School newsletter number 3

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### **Badgers sharing assembly and celebrations**

Thank you to Badgers for their sharing assembly, this morning. It was lovely to hear about their learning about Pompeii and Vesuvius. Congratulations to those pupils who have been living our values and working hard in lessons. You are shining your light brightly and making our school a better place.

### **Harvest festival and food bank**

Thank you for the generous donations for Milton Keynes food bank, this year. The volunteer from the food bank was grateful to the children and their families for their support. The harvest festival, despite the technical hitch, was a lovely occasion with the children demonstrating their understanding of the importance of giving and gratitude for what they have. The Hedgehogs showed their skills and confidence performing in the church- we were all so proud of all our children.

The children had a special collective worship, in the afternoon, whereby Mr Small senior visited us to answer the questions the children had about the food bank and the process of distribution.

### **Congratulations!**

A huge congratulations to Miss Lawrence on her 10 year service award. We are all grateful to Miss Lawrence for her hard work and all she does to keep Whaddon School safe and tidy and well fed!

### **Flu vaccination letters**

Please read the letters that have gone out about the NHS nursing team's flu nasal spray vaccinations. This is a vital commitment to protecting children from what can be a debilitating virus. Help protect your child and those around them who may well be immune compromised or vulnerable. Information about how to complete the consent form, can be found as a link is embedded in the letter. The code you need is also in the letter.

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### **Book bags**

Please can book bags and water bottles be kept separate. We have had one of our new books accidentally damaged by a leaking water bottle. We don't have many books and we would love to keep the ones we have useable for everyone to use.

### **Clothing**

For Hedgehogs and Squirrels, please can a complete change of 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.

### **See-Saw**

Thank you to the Hedgehog parents for the lovely responses on our See-Saw platform. We are glad that you have enjoyed seeing what the children have been learning about and the progress they are making.

### **Sports festival participation**

Unfortunately, due to excessive rainfall, the sports ground that the festival was to take place on, is water-logged and the festival cannot take place. There will be another opportunity to take part and we will let you know when this has been reorganised. We are sorry to disappoint the children.

### **Forest School**

Forest school was attended by both Hedgehogs and Squirrels this week and they had an amazing time. With the weather due to change soon. **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.

### **See-saw**

We have sent out links, to new Hedgehog parents, to gain access to our See-saw platform. This is an opportunity for parent to see what their child has been participating in. You will only be able to see your own child's photos. We hope you enjoy seeing their learning experiences.

### **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.

### **P.E**

Our sports4All coach, Miss Hall, has lots of exciting P.E lessons planned for this term.

To ensure full participation in PE lessons, we ask that children come to school, on their P.E days, in their school P.E kit, as they did last year. The class P.E days can be found on the class webpages, on the school website. As the weather changes to more typically autumnal temperatures, we ask that children are clothed so they are warm, for outside P.E activities. To ensure hoodies get back to the right owner, please ensure they are named.

### **Key dates and Communication**

All key diary dates are now on the calendar of the school website and the key dates, for this half term, have been sent out to all parents via Parentmail.

Parentmail should now be working for all parents. If you find that you are not receiving communications via Parentmail, please let the school office know, so that we can look into it and rectify any issues.

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.

With thanks for your support. Have a happy weekend!

Mrs Prior and the Whaddon School team.

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