



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> edition of our school newsletter.

## **School vision**

This week, our children have been shining brightly especially new members of our school family and we extend a warm welcome to them. This week we captured pupil voice about their experiences and views of being a member of Whaddon School. They were lovely and heartening to read; we endeavour to share these on the website soon.

The children have been demonstrating endurance and compassion in abundance and the wisdom shown in choosing their learning was demonstrated abundantly in the Foxes class sharing assembly, this morning. Well done to all involved!

## **School Facebook page**

Whaddon C of E School and Nursery has a brand-new Facebook page where we will be promoting all of the wonderful things our children engage with at school. Search Facebook for Whaddon C of E School to see the post regarding sports day, yesterday- please share!

If you would like your testimonial included on the Facebook page, 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 1<sup>st</sup> October. We will send a separate communication regarding the date for our litter pick.

### **Aspiration day**

Our aspiration day on the 15<sup>th</sup> October is shaping up to be an exciting day! We have representative from the worlds of faith, science, the arts, hobbies that have been turned into businesses and international animation.

### **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**

We will be issuing data collection sheets to capture the most up to date information about your child and any health needs that may have recently changed. There will also be a photo permission form to enable 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 as soon as possible.

### **Site security**

If you are being buzzed into school, please don’t invite people behind you to follow you through. We will buzz them in, as we wish to keep our children and staff safe, by ascertaining exactly who is entering the school and their business being on site. Please close the gate behind you.

### Dates for the diary

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

2<sup>nd</sup> October Census day- please order your school lunch for this day. If you are eligible for universal free school meals, please order a meal, it will not be wasted!

3<sup>rd</sup> October Harvest celebration St. Mary's church 08.40am

### 8<sup>th</sup> October MK Food bank collection deadline

15<sup>th</sup> October Aspiration day

17<sup>th</sup> October Badgers sharing assembly 08.40 school hall

20<sup>th</sup> Poppies and accessories on sale

21<sup>st</sup> October Parents' evening 1

22<sup>nd</sup> October Parents' evening 2

24<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY- school closed to pupils

27<sup>th</sup> October-2<sup>nd</sup> Nov HALF TERM

### Lunch clubs



Please let the office know if your child is interested in attending any lunch clubs this half term. The clubs will run from 12.30-12.55pm each day. There is no cost for these clubs, however, if your child misses 2 consecutive sessions the session will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

### 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 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 09.30-10.30am. 19<sup>th</sup> September 1.30-2.30pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 09.00-10.00, 18<sup>th</sup> November 09.00-10.00, 19<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-2.30, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3.10-5.30pm Tuesday and 3.10-6.00pm on Wednesday.

Bookings will be organised shortly. We will start with booking appointments for families with more than 1 child in the school, then open appointment bookings for single children families shortly after.

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.





Congratulations to those children who have been awarded star awards and golden tickets -for shining in their learning and living our school values and vision, this week!

