

WHADDON NEWS

Final Newsletter 2018

Goodbye... We will miss you!



Good bye and good luck to our Class 2 children who are moving on to new adventures!

Goodbye **Anna, Camron, Caylee, Ella, Evelyn, Harriet, Kaleb, Lily and Molly!**

We are also sad to say good bye to Matthew from Class 1. Matthew and his family (including Lachlan who also came to Whaddon) are moving to Australia! We are sure they will keep in touch and we are looking forward to hearing all about their new adventure.



From the Head Teacher

We have come to the end of another school year and it has finished beautifully. We had a great OFSTED inspection and will send the final report to you all as soon as we receive it. Everyone has worked incredibly hard this year and the academic results are fantastic! While these outcomes are super, they are only part of the story. Seeing how increasingly confident, happy, motivated, compassionate and intelligent the children are by the end of the year, is very rewarding. Everyone who works with the children are full of pride for them.

While we are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful year 2 and 3s, we look forward with excitement to the next school year. In the meantime, I wish you all a restful and happy Summer.

Sports Day

Sports Day 2018 was arguably the hottest sports day since records began. The sky was blue, the sun was shining and the children were suitably excited. This year's sports day was a little bit different; instead of the teachers planning Sports Day, the job was given to nine year one children: the Sports Day Committee. They decided which races each year group should do, made posters, welcomed spectators and handed out programmes. The participants were fantastic: everyone tried their best, finished some tricky races (notably the 'leap frog' race) and showed what great sportspeople we have at Whaddon. It was great to hear them cheering each other on, right to the very last person in each race. Some highlights included the sack race, during which several year one children showed us how to get back up and carry on, and the frog race which every adult watching was glad they did not have to attempt. A very special race was the Dylan race, created by Committee member Dylan Dooney. We are already looking forward to what next year's Sports Day Committee might plan for us! Well done everybody, and thank you sun, for a fantastic Sports Day.



Head Teacher, Miss Ella Harvey

Our resident Year 3, Ella, is always a good role model to the rest of the school and is also very good at looking after others. She had mentioned a couple of times that she'd like to be head teacher of Whaddon School one day. It just so happened that there was a Monday when Mrs Davies wasn't able to be in school, so Miss Harvey stepped in. She began the day on the playground, greeting parents and children and telling the children when to line up. After that her day was filled with head teacher duties:

She completed a (very thorough) safety sweep of the school; she spent some time doing a learning walk around the classrooms; she chose several children to interview about their learning. After that, Miss Harvey led the lunch time prayer and then planned and led collective worship. It was a busy day! To add to it all, Miss Harvey had to ensure that she recorded her findings to report back to Mrs Davies. The other members of staff were very impressed with Miss Harvey's professional approach to the job and with how she led the whole school at the end of the day; particularly when she started worship by asking the children about their days. Well done Miss Harvey; we shall look out for you leading a school in a few years' time!



U.K. Day

You may not have been aware of this, but on Tuesday 17th July the children of Whaddon journeyed all over the U.K. Their base was Buckingham Palace, and in groups during the day they flew to Scotland, travelled by train to Wales, drove and hopped on a ferry to Northern Ireland and walked or rode horses down to Devon. In each 'country' the children heard a traditional tale (ask your child to tell you about the Wee Wee Mannie and his Big Big Coo), listened to music, learnt the name of the capital city and took part in a related activity. Down in Devon the children made some scones for a traditional English cream tea ; up in Scotland they enjoyed creating watery pictures of the Loch Ness monster; in Wales they learnt all about the red dragon that adorns the Welsh flag before drawing their own dragons; and across the Irish Sea they took part in Miss Padbury's Riverdance. Between visits the children gathered at Buckingham Palace to discuss what they had been learning and to look at a map to plan their next move. A fantastic day was completed with a quiz with such questions as 'what is the Scottish pronunciation of 'cow'?' and 'what colour are Irish leprechauns'.



Goodbye, Miss Padbury!

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to the wonderful Miss Padbury. For two years she has cared for and taught our youngest children, choreographed Christmas and Maypole dances, led singing assemblies and looked after our late stayer. The good news is that Miss Padbury has two exciting adventures ahead of her. Firstly, on Friday 24th August she will become Mrs Last. Following this, a mere few days later, she will embark upon her teacher training. Exciting times ahead! To say goodbye, the children secretly prepared a cream tea (as part of U.K. day) and presented Miss Padbury with cards and paper flowers. We are sorry to see Miss Padbury go but we know that she will make a fantastic teacher. We will make sure that she comes back to visit!



A Year of Forest School



End of Year Awards

Congratulations to all of our children who received an end-of-year award:

School Values Award:

Lily Kirby

Fred Green Citizenship Award:

Ella Harvey

Sportsperson of the Year:

Caylee Bell

Mathematicians of the Year :

Camron Johnston-Bolton and Harriet Mitchell

Writers of the Year:

Anna Williamson and Molly Adams

Artist of the Year:

Evelyn Harris

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Wednesday 5th September	Back to school	8.40	School
Monday 10th September	French Club begins	15.00	Classroom
Friday 14th September	Multisports Club begins	15.00	School
Wednesday 19th September	Hands up for Jesus	15.00	School Hall
Friday 28th September	Internet Safety Parents meeting	14.00	School Hall
Monday 8th October	Harvest Festival—Followed by Tea and Cakes	9.00	St Mary's Church
Wednesday 17th October	Hands up for Jesus	15.00	School Hall
Friday 19th October	Half-Term begins	15.00	

2018/19

AUTUMN TERM	Wednesday 5th September	Friday 19 October
	Monday 29 October	Wednesday 19 December
SPRING TERM 2019	Wednesday 2 January	Friday 15 February
	Monday 25 February	Friday 5 th April
SUMMER TERM 2019	Monday 22 April	Friday 24 May
	Monday 3 June	Wednesday 24 July

TERM TIME BANK

HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

Monday 6th May 2019 – May Bank Holiday
Monday 22nd April

INSET DAYS 2018/19

Wednesday 2nd January 2019
Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Monday 22nd July
Tuesday 23rd July
Wednesday 24th July