



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 3rd edition of our school newsletter.

School vision

This week, our children have all shone brightly- in their learning and in our school sports day; a fantastic afternoon of events where every child shone; whether they were participating or supporting. I was so proud to see the team spirit and compassion! Thank you to Mr Small for organising the events and thank you to F.O.W.S for the delicious BBQ and refreshments throughout the afternoon.

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.

Aspiration day

We warmly welcome anyone who could spare 30 minutes, on October 15th. This is our school aspiration day. We have some volunteers who are discussing their job/hobby/business and we would love more to sign up. We are aiming to provide a well-rounded selection of jobs and trades represented, so the children can start to think about careers, skills, qualities and qualifications. **If you can come in, at any time on 15th October, please let Mrs. Ellis know via the school office email.**

Site security

If you are being buzzed into school, please don't invite people to follow you through as you enter. We will buzz them in, but wish to keep our children and staff safe, by ascertaining exactly who is entering the school and their business being on site. Also, if you are the last parent to leave the playground, 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.

22nd September please bring any donations for the food bank which will be collected on the 8th October

26th September Foxes sharing assembly 08.40am in the school hall.

2nd October Census day- please order your school lunch for this day, as this will secure our funding per child in the coming academic year. If you are eligible for universal free school meals, please order a meal, it will not be wasted!

3rd October Harvest celebration St. Mary's church 08.40am

8th October MK Food bank collection deadline

Lunch clubs

We have arranged for a range of activities to be on offer every lunch time, from Sports4All, who provide our breakfast and after school clubs. There will also be a range of staff led clubs on offer across the week. These clubs will run from **15th September to 23rd October.**

The clubs will be:

Makaton signing with Mrs Prior Tuesday

Sewing with Mrs Bass Monday

Gardening with Mrs Wheeler Wednesday

Chess with Mr Small Tuesday

Please let the office know if your child is interested in attending any clubs. 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.

Compost and pots

Can you spare any compost? We are looking for compost to support our gardening club. As we are not charging for resources or time, we would warmly welcome any donations of compost or pots so the children can begin planting straight away. If you know anyone who works in a plant nursery or garden centre it would be amazing if they had any they were willing to donate- we will mention them on the website!



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



Whilst reading with your child, there are questions you can ask in order to help them retrieve information and discuss the plot and characters. Reading is really important for all of our pupils and enables access to all areas of learning. We ask that you, or someone in the household aims to read with your child, at least 5 times a week. They will also be

read with in school.

For older pupils, having someone listen to them read or taking turns to read pages helps them hear words read aloud and enhances their prosody (expression and intonation).

The 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.

For younger readers, a book matching their phonic level will be given to them to practice reading. A book for pleasure will be kept at school. Comprehension is as important as decoding, so please do ask your child questions, as you go through the book. Our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme has specific guidelines about how frequently these books are to be changed. This is to aid fluency and build up vocabulary and expression.

Break time snacks for Key Stage 2

We have had some hungry Badgers, at break time this week. Please can parents of children in Badgers and Foxes class provide fruit snacks, or healthy equivalent, for their child's morning break. Only children in Key Stage 1 are eligible for the free fruit for schools programme.

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 13th September 09.30-10.30am. 19th September 1.30-2.30pm, 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

These 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.

Bookings will be organised shortly. We will start with booking families with more than 1 child in the school, then open appointment bookings for single children families shortly after. The appointments will be 5 minutes and will be to discuss 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 school office know. Maximum time will be 10 minutes.

Panto visit

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

We are pleased to announce we have booked a whole school visit to the MK theatre 16th December, to see Goldilocks and the three bears. More information will follow, regarding permission/medical forms and contribution arrangements, to enable this visit to go ahead.



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

The winners of the house points this week were Siskins!

The winners of the sports day cup were Siskins!

