



WOLLASTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter

Firstly we must apologise that some of our class assembly dates have had to change due to other events within school that have arisen. However, we hope that you can still attend on the new dates listed in the Diary section.

As you all are aware the school recently had an Ofsted Inspection and we were very pleased to achieve the grade of GOOD that under the new legislation is more difficult to achieve. Thanks go to everyone, pupils and staff for their hard work and also for parents supporting the school.

I am sad to report that Mr Gwynne will be leaving at the end of the academic year to take up a headship at a school in Northampton. We will be very sorry to see him go but wish him every success in his new position. We are also pleased to welcome back Miss Pullin in July, after her maternity leave and new teacher Kate Robinson who most of you will know trained with Mr Gwynne this year.

As you have probably noticed the building of the new hall is gathering momentum although the final completion date may be delayed slightly as there appears to be a country-wide shortage of bricks! Nevertheless we are still excited with Phase 2 of the project and look forward to taking ownership early in the Autumn term.

Most of our Year 6 pupils have two induction days to look forward to at Wollaston School on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July.

This final term is always very busy and you can look forward to the KS2 Production and also Sports Day. As our field is out of action at the moment, Sports Day, which will be a multi-skills event, will be held at Wollaston School this year. It will be taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 17th July from 1.30pm until 3.30pm and the children will be taken by us to Wollaston School and then we ask that parents collect the children from Wollaston School at 3.30pm.

Further information about all Diary Events will be communicated to you nearer the time.

Finally, in order to protect our children, can you please ensure that your child has sun cream on before they come to school in the morning and if they are really fair they may need to bring a tube of cream with them to add more before lunch. The children should also have hats to protect their heads from the sun. We will ensure that they get plenty of water to drink.

COMMENTS FROM OFSTED - GRADED 'GOOD' MARCH 2014

Two consecutive inspections graded 'GOOD'

"Pupils made good progress in English and Mathematics and attainment is well above average by the time pupils leave Year 6."

"Children progress quickly in Reception because teaching is good. They are well prepared for Key Stage 1. Across the rest of the school, teaching is equally good and sometimes outstanding."

"Behaviour in lessons and around the school is good. Pupils feel safe and well looked after by staff. Their attendance is above average"

"Teachers pay particular attention to the development of pupils' reading skills; consequently, reading standards are high."

"Support for pupils' spiritual, moral and cultural development is very effective."

"Governors bring considerable expertise to the school. They are well aware of pupils' performance and know how well the school compares to others nationally. Their regular visits ensure they are knowledgeable about the school and in a good position to challenge staff about their teaching quality and

"Senior and middle leaders regularly check the quality of teaching and pupils' progress and quickly identify and address any emerging weaknesses however minor."

"Leadership and management are good. The headteacher looks constantly for ways to improve the school and staff are all equally committed to doing their best for every pupil."

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Wollaston Community Primary School has achieved level 3 in the RHS Campaign for School Gardening!



At the beginning of 2011 our school garden was transformed, with the help of Mr Marriott, from an old overgrown bog garden to an area with raised beds that soon included a greenhouse, compost bins, wormery, potato and strawberry planters. A thriving Gardening Club has planted seeds and seedlings of ever increasing varieties of flowers, vegetables and fruit, filling

the beds and tubs over the last 4 years while learning some of the skills involved with gardening.

At the end of last summer we started off the wildlife garden thanks to donations sent in by parents and that is really taking shape this year. We also received our fruit trees from the "fruitshare" scheme and they are now planted alongside the foundation stage's apple tree thanks to Emily Robins' dad, who kindly came in and helped us dig some holes. To complete our award the school needed to provide evidence showing various things like gardening having been used in different curriculum areas and with children of different ages. We had to show that children could use tools correctly and do tasks like weeding and planting as well as showing some of the labels they had written for the seeds. We also sent photos showing the wide variety of flowers, fruit and vegetables that we grow.

So thank you to everyone who has been involved in this achievement, we are always looking for adult helpers so please get in contact if you feel you could help out.

There are always new projects we are trying to develop and this year we will be starting on a sensory area in the



Another successful residential trip to **Govilon** in Wales was enjoyed by many of our Year 6 children who undertook various outdoor activities including caving and also a visit to the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff!

All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and a big thank you to staff

A reminder to some parents who insist on blocking the zebra crossing in South Street to drop off their children at school. This is not only breaking the law but also is a great danger to the children who do not have a clear view of the crossing. PLEASE do not continue to do this as our children's safety is



Reception and KS1 had a very successful fund raising **EASTER SALE** and raised £537 that will be going towards purchasing classroom resources.

Thanks to everyone who



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- *Thursday 12th June—Class Assembly—Mrs Richards*
- *Book Fair—from Tuesday 17th to Monday 23rd June 3.30-4.00pm*
- *Thursday 19th June—Class Assembly—Mrs Frost/Mrs Brown*
- *Thursday 19th June—Meeting for September Intake Parents 6.00-7.30pm*
- *Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th June—Church Holiday Club Registration at 3.30pm*
- *Thursday 26th June—Class Assembly—Mrs Cole*
- *Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd July—KS2 Production*
- *Monday 7th July & Tuesday 8th July Induction Day for Y6 at Wollaston School*
- *Thursday 10th July—Class Assembly—Mrs Timms and Miss Wilson*
- *Thursday 17th July—Multi-skills Sports*

TERMS DATES—2014-15

TERM 1

(3 September—Training Day)

School Opens to Pupils: Thursday 4 September

Terms ends: Friday 24 October

TERM 2

(Monday 3 November—Training Day)

Term starts: Tuesday 4 November

Terms ends: Friday 19 December

TERM 3

(Monday 5 January—Training Day)

Term starts: Tuesday 6 January

Term ends: Friday 13 February

TERM 4

Term starts: Monday 23 February

Term ends: Friday 27 March

TERM 5

(Monday 13 April—Training Day)

Term starts: Tuesday 14 April

(Monday 4 May—Bank Holiday)

Term ends: Friday 22 May

TERM 6

Term starts: Monday 1 June

STAFFING STRUCTURE 2014-15

The Staffing Structure for the next Academic Year will be as follows:

EYFS (Reception)	-	Yvette Timms
EYFS (Reception)	-	Trisha Wilson
Years 1 & 2	-	Zoe Richards
Years 1 & 2	-	Rebecca Brown
Years 1 & 2	-	Kate Robinson
Years 3 & 4	-	Tom Goacher
Years 3 & 4	-	Aleshia Frost/Hayley Brown
Years 4 & 5	-	Jenni Willoughby
Years 4 & 5	-	Alison Pullin
Year 6	-	Phil Robinson
Year 6	-	Alison Cole

The Senior Management team are:

Sally Hamson	-	Headteacher
Zoe Richards	-	Deputy Headteacher
Alison Cole	-	SENCo
Jean Buttell	-	School Business Manager

FREE MEALS FOR INFANT CHILDREN

As you may have heard in the news, from September 2014 all infant pupils in England and Wales will be entitled to free school meals, funded through central government. It has been placed in the hands of individual schools to make suitable provision so that a healthy hot meal can be provided every day, free of charge, for all pupils in the Early Years Reception classes and in Years 1 and 2.

As a school we are working with our current hot meal provider to ensure we are able to make this provision. These hot meals will not, of course, be compulsory and if you prefer your child can still bring in a packed lunch. The provision for the older children in years 3 to 6 will not be affected.

It would assist us in our forward planning if you would kindly complete the box below and return the slip to school by the end of June. Thank you.

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Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I am likely to book free hot meals for my child every day	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am likely to book free meals for my child two or three times each week	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am likely to book an occasional free hot meal for my child	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am unlikely to ever book free hot meals for my child	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please ✓