

# West Witney Primary School

## Newsletter

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### A message from your Headteacher

A very warm welcome back to school, it has been an absolute pleasure to return with such a calm and settled start.

We are all already completely engaged, extending the children's learning across the whole school. In Key Stage One there is a great sense of the topic 'All about Me' with hospital role play, x-rays and skeletons all around!

In Key Stage Two 'Merry Monarchs' are the topic of the moment and we have been hugely impressed by the effort and creativity the children have shown through their summer holiday projects. Our classrooms already reflect the learning that has and is taking place in each of these classes.

Our Nursery and Reception children have settled in well and are enjoying the Foundation Stage learning environments both inside and out. The school has made some excellent changes to the inside environment of The Nest, where our Nursery Children and before and after school care is based. However we still await Oxfordshire County Council to finish the vital work needed to the roof and can only apologise on their behalf that this work was not completed during the summer break.

*Nancy Darby*

### Diary Dates

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Chameleons & Meerkats swimming
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 - Junior Citizenship trip
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Violin lessons start
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6pm - Year 5 Parents Class Band
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Flute lessons start
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Henry Box Open Evening for Yr 6
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Henry Box Open Morning for Yr 6
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Jeans for Genes Day
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 3 & 4 to Sulgrave Manor
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5pm - Wood Green Open Evening for Year 6.
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Wood Green School Open morning for Year 6.
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm - PTA AGM
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>End of Term 1</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Term 2 Starts</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 to Woodlands
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Year 6 back from Woodlands
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Photos
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccine for Reception & Years 1 to 4
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6pm - Bangers & Books Evening
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Reception & KS1 to Chipping Norton Theatre
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	KS2 to Chipping Norton Theatre
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Concerts
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm - <b>End of Term 2</b>
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Term 3 Starts</b>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Recep & Yr 6 Heights & Weights
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>End of Term 3</b>



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017**



### Jeans for Genes

Your child can come to school wearing jeans along with their school jumpers on this day in exchange for a donation to the Jeans for Genes charity which helps transform the lives of children with life-altering genetic disorders.

### After School Clubs

Please look out for text messages to confirm if your child has a place in their chosen after school club. Once received, payment must be made on the School Gateway App before the first session.  
Thank you

### Excel Tennis Academy

Calling all children born between 2009 - 2007. Excel Tennis are offering 10 places on a Friday evening from 4:30 - 5:30pm at Witney Tennis Club with a 50% discount.

The aim of the Excel Tennis Academy is to increase participation in tennis and to create opportunities for everyone to get involved in this amazing sport for life. The Friday sessions are taught by one of the Excel Tennis Academy Coaches and will run for 12 weeks from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of the 12 weeks of coaching will be £51 which includes the 50% discount.

Places will fill up fast so please contact me directly if you would like to book onto the course:

[Edward.large@exceltennis.co.uk](mailto:Edward.large@exceltennis.co.uk)

### Communication from school

Please can we remind all parents that we are trying to save money and the environment by using less paper for communication to parents. We will now be sending as much information as possible via email so please check your emails on a regular basis. We will also be utilizing the School Gateway App more for you to give permission for your children to attend certain events and to make payments for trips etc. If you experience any trouble with this App then please contact the school office who will be happy to help.



### Book Club



Please join us in the school staff room at 7.30pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September to share the books you may have read over the summer. All parents, carers and staff are very welcome.



### Ducklings Nursery



We currently still have places available in our nursery for both part-time (15 hours) and full-time (30 hours) children. We have a wonderful dedicated space for our three year olds in 'The Nest' so if you know anyone who has a child who turned three before September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 who may require a nursery place then please send them to the school office.

### Managing Children Positively Programme

Mrs Ambrosini is starting this exciting new programme next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 1-3pm and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> from 9.15-11.15am. This is a free 10 week programme held in school. We have several parents already signed up but we still have places available. If you would like to join us for either session, please leave your details with the school office on 01993 706249. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends, learn how to have fun with your children, boost your confidence and have two hours to nurture yourself. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Scholastic Book Club

Leaflets will be sent home shortly with some amazing offers from Scholastic Books. Please follow the details to order online before Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October as the school will earn commission back to then buy books for the school.

### Musical Instrument Lessons

This week Key Stage Two had a demonstration from two local tutors for violin and woodwind. If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument then please send them to the office for a leaflet or visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest) for further details of lessons which take place in school time.

### Giraffes' Class Parents' Evening

Due to impending Paternity leave, Mr Daniel would like to ensure he sees all his parents and therefore would like to offer an early parents evening on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Please sign up with a member of staff at the cloakroom door.

### FREE Martial Arts

Oxford Sport and Traditional Martial Arts are offering a FREE MONTH of taster sessions for anyone who would like to give it a go. Classes are available in our area now for children as young as 3 years old. If you would like to find out more about getting your child fit, confident and school/street safe, then please feel free to call 07540 316 188 or email [cmmartialarts@live.co.uk](mailto:cmmartialarts@live.co.uk)

### ★ ★ ★ Celebrations ★ ★ ★

During our last Celebration assembly we awarded certificates to children who have shown Respect to others during our first week back.

Well done; Javari Nliam, Ella Haydon, Annabelle Parker, Kimberly Bywaters, Albie Mason, Katie Hoare, Ella Godden, Lily Denham, Luke Sutton-Taylor & Tilly Pendrey.



## School Lunch menu provided by Food & More



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week Commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>				
Chicken korma & rice or margherita pizza (v) served with baked beans and sweetcorn. Lemon drizzle cake.	Pork sausages with mashed potato and gravy or macaroni cheese (v) served with mixed seasonal vegetables. Crispy cake.	Roast gammon or Roast Quorn (v) with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrots & gravy. Banana cake.	Cottage pie or mixed bean casserole (v) served with broccoli and peas. Oaty fruit flapjack.	Fish fingers or veggie sausage (v) with chips and baked beans Arctic roll.
<b>Week Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>				
Lasagne with garlic bread or margherita pizza (v) served with sweetcorn & lettuce. Cherry shortbread.	Sticky barbeque chicken with rice or pasta with roasted vegetables (v) served with mixed seasonal vegetables. Chocolate & mandarin brownie.	Roast chicken or Roast Quorn (v) with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, savoy cabbage, carrots & gravy. Melting moment.	Meatballs with pasta or cheesy topped vegetable pasta bake (v) with garlic bread, green beans & sweetcorn. Strawberry jelly with peach slices.	Breaded fish fillet, pink salmon nuggets or Quorn burger (v) with chips and baked beans. Ice-cream with pears.

A selection of seasonal vegetables will be served daily along with fresh wholemeal bread and a salad bar. Payments for school meals need to be sent in on a Monday with your child to their teacher in a sealed envelope.

Meals cost **£2.20** per day and payment must be made on the School Gateway App. Thank you.