

West Witney Primary School

Newsletter

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A message from your Headteacher

What an active time we are having in school this term! We have visited castles, climbed walls, had fun in the woods and danced our socks off; all part of the exciting time we have at school. Our new topic 'Dungeons and Dragons' has been a huge success and we still have some exciting visitors for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children and archery for Key Stage 2. We are looking forward to both sports days on Friday and truly hope for glorious weather, please keep an eye on your phones in case we experience awful weather and have to postpone! I must say a big thank you to all our staff and volunteers who helped out at Youlbury and Warwick Castle; two amazing trips for the children made possible by the commitment of staff and the generosity of the volunteers. We would like to thank parents for their financial contributions, as without these, experiences like this for all the children would not be possible. We would have to seriously consider how viable these trips are in the future without these contributions.

Nancy Darby

Diary Dates

Wed 28 th June	KS2 Archery Day
Wed 28 th June	No Class Band
Fri 30 th June	9.15 - 11.15am Reception & KS1 Sports Day
Fri 30 th June	1.15-3.15pm KS2 Sports Day
Fri 30 th June	3.30-5.30pm - Young Enterprise Film Night
Mon 3 rd July	11am - AM Nursery Sports Day
Mon 3 rd July	2.30am -PM Nursery Sports Day
Tues 4 th July	9.15am - Bears Assembly
Wed 5 th July	Year 2 Ultra Olympics at Henry Box School
Thur 6 th July	Year 3/4 Tennis County Finals
Sat 8 th July	Witney Carnival
Mon 10 th July	TRANSITION DAY
Mon 10 th July	10-11am - New AM Nursery children visit
Mon 10 th July	9.30am - 11.30am - New Reception children visit
Mon 10 th July	11.15-12.30pm - New Reception Parents Lunch
Mon 10 th July	2-3pm - New PM & All-day Nursery children visit
Mon 10 th July	6-6.30pm - New Year 1 Parents meeting
Tues 11 th July	Reception & KS1 Dungeons & Dragons Day (£3.50 donation)
Wed 12 th July	9.15am - Giraffes Assembly
Wed 12 th July	Last Year 5 Class Band
Thur 13 th July	3.30pm Wood Green Year 5 Event
Fri 14 th July	PTA Disco
Mon 17 th July	6.30pm - End of Year Production
Tues 18 th July	6.30pm - End of Year Production
Wed 19 th July	2.30pm Reception Leavers Assembly
Thur 20 th July	2pm - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thur 20 th July	6pm - Year 6 Leavers BBQ
Fri 21 st July	2pm - End of Term 6



Sports Day



Please make a note of our Sports Day which this year will (weather depending) be held on Friday 30th June with Reception and Key Stage One at 9.15 - 11.15 am and Key Stage Two at 1.15 - 3.15pm. Ducklings' class will have their Sports Day on Monday 3rd July at 11am for the morning children and 2.30pm for the afternoon children.



Excel Tennis Academy



Tennis & Multi-Sports courses will be held in Witney and Standlake throughout the Summer Holiday for children aged 4-16. All courses have flexible bookings so you can choose one day or a whole week. For more information please visit www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk/holiday-courses

Did you know....

West Witney Primary School is the local helipad in the event of emergencies? Last week one such emergency required our school field. Our nursery children attending football club, the children in Little Treasures and various staff, cleared the field and opened the gates to aid a rapid response to someone in need in our community. This is a reminder to all of us that our school is indeed at the heart of our community.



School Book Club



Please join us on Thursday 6th July, at 7.30pm in the staff room, where we will be discussing our latest book club choice **'The Smell of Other People's Houses'** by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
Alaska 1970: Growing up here is like nowhere else. Four very different lives are about to become entangled. An intertwining story of love, tragedy, wild luck and salvation on the edge of America's Last Frontier.
Parents, carers and staff are all welcome.



Ducklings Nursery



Will your child turn 3 before September 2017? Here at West Witney we have our Ducklings class which can offer either 15 or 30 (if eligible) hours of FREE childcare. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you require a place for your child as we are now in the process of allocating places. For further information on the 30 hour funding please visit www.westwitneyprimaryschool.co.uk



Story Museum

The Story Museum must gather the greatest stories of all time and the greatest ways of telling them. So it has dispatched 'Ever After' its fantastical Story Craft on a mission to collect the best stories of all. We must therefore congratulate three of our Year 5 girls who have had their stories published on the Ever After blog. Well done to Olivia, Eva and Rosemary. For more information please visit www.storymuseum.org.uk/visit/whats-inside/ever-after



First Steps Community Project

Drop in sessions are available for children under five and their families at Little Treasures Academy, Thorney Leys on July 26th and August 16th & 30th.

Sessions cost £1 per family and places must be booked in advance by calling Helen on 01993 700123 or email helen@ltawitney.co.uk



Hot Weather!



Reminder to parents to send children in with named sun hats with this warm weather. Sun cream can be brought in to school but must be named and children are to apply it to themselves.

Brigade Uniform

Last date to order your new uniform for September is the 7th August 2017.

Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/west-witney> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by July 14th, 2017.



Summer Art Workshops



Jessie's Art Shed in Standlake will be running various Art Workshops for children aged 5-14 throughout the summer holidays.

For more information or to book a place please contact Jessie Whealy on 07530 669696 or email jessie.whealy@gmail.com



School Lunch menu provided by Food & More



Please note that after half term the menu will continue as it has even though the copies sent home and on the school website only say it will run until May 22nd. Thank you.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week Commencing 3rd July 2017				
Ham & cheese pizza or pasta with roasted vegetables, sweetcorn and baked beans. Melting moments.	Sticky chicken noodles or cheese & potato pie, green beans & sweetcorn. Pear sponge & a glass of milk.	Roast pork or Roast Quorn with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy. Rice crispy cake.	Pork sausages with mashed potato or Vegetarian bolognaise & pasta with mixed seasonal vegetables. Apples & custard.	Breaded fish fillet or vegetable sausages with chips & baked beans. Chocolate shortbread
Week Commencing 10th July 2017				
Ham pizza or Vegetable Frittata with mixed peas & sweetcorn. Sticky ginger cake with custard.	Beef meatballs in freshly made tomato sauce with pasta or cauliflower & broccoli cheese bake with baked wedges and mixed seasonal vegetables. Chocolate & mandarin brownie	Roast chicken breast or Roast Quorn with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrots & gravy. Shortbread biscuit with orange wedge.	Beef & vegetable hotpot or Cheese whirl with new potatoes, broccoli & Apple cake with custard.	Battered fish fillet or veggie sausage roll with chips and baked beans. Arctic roll.

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 **£2.10** per day, and cheques must be made payable to Oxfordshire County Council. Thank you.

Pictures from some of our recent events.



Our Year 3 Science Evening went down with a 'Bang'. We had children, parents and siblings attend and were able to all take part in various experiments - it was a wonderful evening.



Last week we had some representatives from Food & More come along to one of our assemblies to present some presents to our Head Cook, Mrs Harris, as she has been cooking dinners in schools for 25 years!! We took our Year 3 and 4 dance troop to Northampton to compete in the Dance Schools UK Final and our Key Stage Two choir performed at the Nor Lye Music Festival.



KS2 had a wonderful day trip to Warwick Castle where they behaved impeccably and learnt lots about life in a castle over different time periods and how castles were protected from their enemies!



KS1 had an exciting time at Youlbury Scout camp with the Year 1's enjoying a full day of activities and Year 2 staying overnight.

