

10th November, 2023

# Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



At the point I needed to make a decision about our walk to the War Memorial to commemorate Armistice Day, it was pouring with rain so I decided that just House Martins and Sparrow-hawks would go. Typically, the sun then came out so sorry to the children who were left disappointed. The children were an absolute delight and full of respect demonstrating our core values that we work so hard on in school. Many thanks to the volunteers who came along to walk the children and help direct the traffic and to Andrew Kent for leading the service. The children in school also thought about Remembrance.

I would like to say thank you for your support in helping our day run smoothly by sending emails to reporting rather than admin. If there are messages that you would like to send to the teacher then you can still do this via reporting with *For the Attention of the class teacher* as the subject. Alternatively you can send it to me and I will pass it on.

You may have noticed that we are very lucky to welcome back Mrs Pritchard to the front office for some of the time that Mrs Hall is away. She has kindly come out of retirement temporarily and is no stranger to Wherwell, having previously worked here for 22 years. We are also seeking to recruit an Admin Assistant on a temporary basis and the advert for this can be found on [www.educationjobs.hants.gov.uk](http://www.educationjobs.hants.gov.uk).

I am always so appreciative of the generosity of our parent community in helping out in so many different ways. I drove in on Monday and instantly saw how immaculate the grounds were; free from leaves and debris. It must have taken Mr Faye a long time and it was such a help when we don't currently have a caretaker. Thank you.

We have another request of help if you have any spare time on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, to clear our woodland area which would be such a fantastic area to use in so many different ways. Details are below if you can help.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mandy



## Dates for your Diary

**Don't forget that we have an INSET day on Monday 13th so we will see you on Tuesday 14th.**

- ◆ November 17th  
Individual Photo Day (Please note this is a change of date)
- ◆ November 14th  
Parent Appointments 3.30 - 6:00pm
- ◆ November 15th  
Parent Appointments 3.30 - 6.30pm
- ◆ November 29th  
Sparrowhawks Tree Planting (Details to follow)
- ◆ December 1st  
Parents and community event in the hall (Details to follow)
- ◆ December 4th  
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity at 6pm  
December 5th  
Puffins and Kingfishers Nativity at 2pm
- ◆ December 4th to 7th  
Year R, Balance Bike Training
- ◆ December 7th  
Listen To me performance to parents 11- 11:30
- ◆ December 13th  
Robins Nativity at 2pm
- ◆ December 14th  
6pm  
Carol Service, Wherwell Church
- ◆ December 15th  
Last Day of Term  
Christmas Dinner
- ◆ February 12th to 16th  
HALF TERM
- ◆ February 19th  
INSET DAY
- ◆ March 29th - April 12th  
EASTER BREAK
- ◆ May 27th - 31st  
HALF TERM
- ◆ June 3rd  
INSET DAY
- ◆ June 7th  
SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VISIT
- ◆ June 19th  
Class photographs
- ◆ July 15th  
INSET DAY
- ◆ July 23rd  
Last Day of Term

## Robins visit from Perform for Schools

Last week, Robins had a visit from Charlotte from Perform for Schools. We had a great morning taking part in acting and storytelling activities, we explored a forest, became different characters and even met a naughty witch! During our Forest school sessions, Robins have enjoyed using paper cutters to cut different shapes out of a variety of leaves from our school field.



## Puffins visit to Milestones Museum

Puffins had a fantastic time at Milestones Museum last week looking at all of the old toys and playing some traditional games such as Hopscotch and Dominoes. The experience really helped to bring their learning alive. This week, the children brought in their own toys to talk about and we heard some great stories about why they were their favourite toys. We have also really enjoyed exploring the book 'Lost in the Toy Museum'.





## Our Learning in Kingfishers

Kingfishers were learning about taking photographs in landscape or portrait so they had to take pictures of various things around the classroom to decide if they were better in landscape or portrait. One child took a picture of our new Geography learning in portrait.



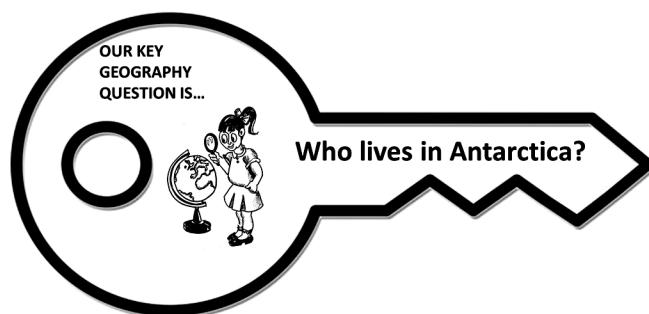
Don't forget to have a look at our Curriculum maps to see what we are learning this half term. Lots of our learning is led by a key question and we try to answer by the end of our learning unit.

Here are some examples of our key questions:

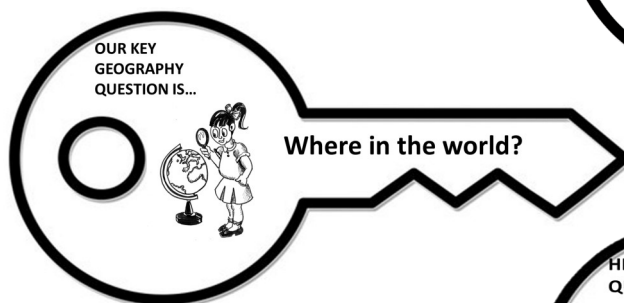
**Puffins**



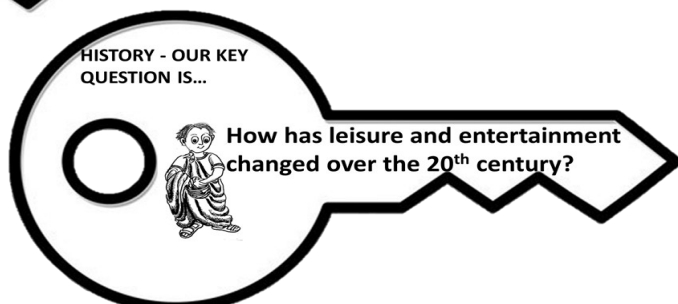
**Kingfishers**



**Sparrowhawks**



**House Martins**



## Sparrowhawk's Art work

Sparrowhawks have been looking at fireworks and had a go at creating their own firework display using paper cups, paint and chalk which left them all covered in chalk dust. I think you will agree that the mess was well worth the effort and resulted in some fantastic art work!





## District Sports Football tournament

Seven boys from House Martins took part in a football tournament at Wallop with other schools in the test valley Cluster. The boys all showed great determination and resilience and came 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 6 schools that took part.

