

1st March, 2024

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents,

Last week in assembly, Miss Ball asked the children the question ***“What makes Wherwell a good place to learn?”***, and we had a lovely range of responses which validates what I feel it’s like here. Here are some of the responses.

The teachers are kind.

We are good listeners.

You can talk to the adults in school.

The children are friendly.

We have a tidy learning environment.

Everyone is supportive.

Our learning is interesting.

Don't forget that we are celebrating World Book Day. World Book Day takes place on March 7th this year. Children are invited to wear an item of clothing, or a whole outfit, that represents a character from a book but we do not want this to be either expensive, or onerous. A single accessory or an outfit put together from things found at home is fine—in fact the more homemade and imaginative the better! Clothing should be school appropriate and be safe for running around at playtimes.



Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mandy



ROBINS

Robins have enjoyed using their wonderful new art easel in the outside area, which was purchased with art funding from The Test Valley Arts Society. We are extremely grateful for their generous donation.



PUFFINS

Puffins have had a very busy few weeks with all of their new learning! In English we have been looking at 'Oliver's Vegetables'. The children enjoyed exploring the vegetables that are mentioned in the story and we have been using that initial exploratory lesson as the basis of our learning.

In Science the children have been sharing their knowledge of plants. We have planted some seeds this week so the children are eagerly awaiting what happens next!





KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers were extremely excited coming into school last week and could be heard repeating the phrase 'pneumatic aliens'. They were making toys which use pneumatics as mechanisms to make them move. They could not wait to get stuck in and their final product was fantastic. They used lots of problem solving skills and helped and supported each other through a very fun day!



SPARROWHAWKS

A few year 3s from Sparrowhawks and Kingfishers went on an outdoor learning morning, where they got to make clay faces using materials that they found outside, made real-life stickmen and went on an adventure trail. Despite the cold weather, they all had fun and enjoyed a warm drink and cookie.

In English, Sparrowhawks have created brochures to persuade people to visit to ancient Egypt. They all worked really hard and created some great brochures on laptops.

In Geography, we are looking at food and where it comes from. This week we explored fair trade and what it means. To do this, Sparrowhawks created some great posters to explain why fair trade is important.





HOUSE MARTINS

House Martins have been acting out the Circulatory System in Science this week. The children first moved through two of the heart's chambers before being pumped to the lungs to pick up oxygen (a red cone). As oxygenated blood, the children returned to the heart to be pumped around the body.



Reminder

School Dinners

School dinners should be booked and paid for in advance. If you are happy to leave it to your child to make their choice in the mornings, please ensure that you have added a credit to your child's account to cover the number of dinners required each week.

Donations

Mrs Shaninian's daughter and ex-pupil Megan, is going to Kenya during the Easter Holiday to volunteer at a school and is collecting supplies to donate.

If anyone has any of the following items, she would love to take them with her:

Pens, Pencils and small stationery items

Chalk

Balls which can be deflated

Sports shirts for children aged 3-15 years

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for the position of Parent Governors. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form. Closing date for applications is Friday 15th March.



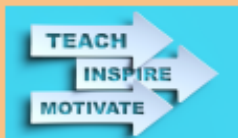
| Activity | Date (New Dates) |
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| World Book Day - come as a favourite character | Thursday 7th March |
| Puffins and Robins Afternoon Tea 2:15pm - 3:10pm— in school hall | Friday 8th March |
| Reports go home | Friday 15th March |
| School Help Out 1pm - 4:30pm - details to follow | Sunday 17th March |
| Optional parents evening | Wednesday 20th March |
| Puffins History Walk - details to follow | Wednesday 20th March (21st March reserve date) |
| House Martins outcome to parents at 2:50pm | Friday 22nd March |
| Kingfishers outcome to parents at 2:50pm | Tuesday 26th March |
| Sparrowhawks outcome to parents at 9:10am in school hall | Tuesday 26th March |
| Robins trip to Hilliers - details to follow | Tuesday 26th March |
| Robins and Puffins outcome to parents at 2:50pm | Wednesday 27th March |
| Student teachers last day in Sparrowhawks and Puffins | Thursday 28th March |
| Last day of school | Thursday 28th March |
| Easter Holiday | First day -Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April |
| Harewood Run - details to follow | Monday 6th May |
| Year 6 SATS week | Monday 13th—16th May |
| Year 4/5 residential to Liddington | Monday 13th—Friday 17th May |
| Walk to School Week - details to follow | Monday 20th May—Friday 24th May |
| Last day of school | Friday 24th May |
| Half Term Holiday | Monday 27th May—31st May |
| INSET DAY | Monday 3rd June |
| Sports for Schools visitor | Friday 7th June |
| Year 6 residential to Runways End | Monday 10th—14th June |
| Class Photos | Wednesday 19th June |
| INSET DAY | Monday 15th July |
| Last day of term | Tuesday 23rd July |
| Sports Day | Thursday 11th July |
| Reserve Sports Day | Thursday 18th July |



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FACE it!



Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.
National Standards CPD accredited with certificate

Thursday
21 March
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION
Understanding Addictive Behaviour - Screens, gaming, drugs and more

Tuesday
19 March
19:00 - 21:00
£24



What is ACT?
An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Thursday
28 March
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**
THURSDAY MARCH 7th. 7-9PM £24
Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Are you or your children struggling to get a decent night's sleep?



Supporting Healthy Sleep

5th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**
giving a two hour online talk on what interferes with healthy sleep and how we can make small changes to reduce insomnia and sleep disturbances.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

ENDANGERED SPECIES



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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



FREE TUITION!

FREE INSTRUMENT LOAN!



Saturday 9th March 2024 10am- 11am or 11am - 12pm

We are looking for Year 4 or 5 students to be the next generation of tenor horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba players

The Hampshire County Youth Bands are re-launching their highly successful Endangered Species programme on Saturday 9th March 2024. Students will take part in fast-track learning every term-time Saturday at our rehearsal base in Alresford, before joining the Hampshire County Junior Band



FREE RESOURCES!

Scan the QR code to register your interest



Hampshire
County Council

www.hants.gov.uk/hms



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EASTER DRAMA CLUB!



Dear Parents/Guardians

I am pleased to let you know that **Thespis Performing Arts Company** run by Mrs Blackmore (Rookwood School Drama/LAMDA teacher, will be running a three day club on **Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th April**. The sessions shall be held at **Wherwell Village Hall**. The sessions will begin at **9am** and end at **4pm**. On the Friday there will be a performance for family and friends at 3pm in the drama studio.

Every child shall have the chance to experience the three disciplines of **music, drama and dance** while working towards a fun and rewarding performance. The drama club is open to children from the ages of **7 to 16** and places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. The cost of participation is **£105** per child. All children must bring a **packed lunch** with them each day-we are a nut & pineapple free club.

If you would like your child/children to attend please e-mail Mrs Blackmore directly on the e-mail below in order to book your space and receive an application form.

heather@thespis.co.uk

Facebook Page: 'Thespis Performing Arts Company'

Kindest Regards



**£20
PER DAY**

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Enham Junior
School,
Andover

**£90
WEEKLY
RATES**

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