

23rd July, 2024

# Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Despite it being the final days of term, we have continued to be very productive and as busy as ever. I must mention Sparrowhaws and House Martins' performance of The Amazing Adventures of Superstan. Our children have been simply outstanding in their performance and we are so incredibly proud of them. Thank you to Miss Ball and Miss Cammack for leading the children so well. It was a joy to see children having so much fun and performing with such energy and talent.



Thank you all for your contribution to the school this year. We are very grateful indeed to the supportive team of parents who do so much: transport children, bake cakes, listen to readers, help on school trips and residentials, donate books, loan gazebos. The list goes on. You contribute in so many ways to making Wherwell the happy, 'family' school that it is.

Thank you also to our Friends of Wherwell. Your help is invaluable. Financially, the contribution given by the PTA is very significant. We were reminded of that again last week at the latest Listen2Me concert when Sparrowhaws proudly demonstrated their ukulele playing to their parents. Some years ago the school decided that Listen2Me could no longer be funded from the ever-tightening school budget and the Friends of Wherwell have funded it for several years now – allowing all children in Sparrowhaws to experience learning a different instrument each term and introducing them to the joy of making music. Over the summer, our Year R area is going to undergo a transformation with some new surfacing and we are very grateful to the PTA for everything they do throughout the year to raise the funds to do such projects which we would otherwise struggle to do.



Our Governors are an often 'unsung' team, working very hard indeed, for the benefit of the school and all the children. We offer our very warm thanks to them for all their efforts on our behalf this year, both on official 'Governor' responsibilities, and in taking on so many tasks that need doing around the school and in supporting school events.

It's always sad to say 'Goodbye' to the Y6 children leaving us to go on to secondary school. This year we're saying farewell to Leo, Evie, Daisy, William, James, Joseph, Caitlin, Josiah, Amelia, Robyn, Georgina, Amber and Tola.



We wish them all every success in the future. We know that they will always remember their time at Wherwell and hope that the attitudes and values they have acquired here will stand them in good stead when facing all the exciting challenges ahead! Good luck!

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff who make Wherwell such a great place to be. Everyone works exceptionally hard but we also have fun and I am immensely grateful to work alongside such dedicated staff. Then of course, our children, the whole reason that we are here. They have simply been brilliant and I am just so very lucky and proud to be part of all this.

I hope you all enjoy health and happiness over the coming weeks and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Very best wishes,

Mandy



## ROBINS

Robins Class have been painting pictures of jungle animals, after being inspired by the wonderful book Rumble in the Jungle. Robins Class also worked on a last big piece of writing, creating sentences to describe their jungle animal, without using the animal's name. We had fun guessing what the animals could be from the descriptions.



## PUFFINS

We hope that you enjoyed Puffins round-up of their learning last week. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, we have covered so many different things and they have all shown curiosity and motivation with their learning so they should be very proud of themselves!

Thank you to parents for all of the support you have shown throughout the year by getting involved with home learning, regularly reading at home and coming along to the various outcomes, it has been much appreciated. It has been a pleasure to teach Puffins this year, I hope that you all have a restful summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.





## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been very proudly presenting their projects about various landmarks to the class. They enjoyed wandering around reading each others work, and everyone (adults included!) learnt something new. We had a wide range of projects such as The London Eye, Durdle Door, The Eden Project, Rufus Stone and The Angel of the North. Well done, Kingfishers!



## SPARROWHAWKS AND



## HOUSE MARTINS

This week, Sparrowhawks and House Martins wowed everyone with their fantastic performances of The Amazing Adventures of Superstan. The children should be incredibly proud of the hard work, patience and resilience that they put into the production, it really paid off. Congratulations everyone!



## Thank You



A big thank you to Leo and Rory for their generous donation of 'According to Humphrey' books for our library, which we are sure our children will enjoy reading .

We wish them well for their next big adventure.

## Safeguarding

Keeping Children Safe - if you have any safeguarding concerns about any of the children in our school during the summer holidays, you can email one of our Designated Safeguarding Leaders. Remember that any concern, however small it may seem, is still a concern that should be reported to a responsible body.

Email addresses are as follows:

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Alternatively, you can also call HantsDirect on

**0300 555 1384**

# Diary Dates

Activity	Date
Inset Day	Monday 2nd September 2024
First day of Autumn Term - except Year R	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Year R Start school - 8:40 - 12:00	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Year R 8:40 - 13:00	Thursday 5th September 2024
Year R 8:40 - 13:00 (following week full days)	Friday 6th September 2024
Personal Best Sports Day - arrive in PE kit Including Year R for the morning	Friday 6th September 2024