

WOLLASTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Welcome to the Spring term at Wollaston Community Primary School. So far this winter we have been lucky with the weather and have not had any snow—perhaps that is tempting fate!

Now the building project has come to its completion we are appreciating having the school back to normal and enjoying the new facilities and easier access between the infants and juniors. Those of you who come in to Walk-in-Wednesday may have seen the new library, situated in the old hall. We are still in the process of purchasing new books and also finalising the displays however, when complete, this is going to be a fantastic resource for the school.

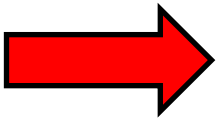
Just a reminder that it is important to remember to send your child with coats, gloves and hats during these cold days. The wind blows across the open playground and although the children do run about it is essential that they are wrapped up warm.

An important date to remember is the residential visit to Wales for our Year 6 pupils which is the week beginning the 22 June. Letters have already been sent out asking for interest and a letter asking for your deposit, if your child is lucky enough to secure a place, will follow shortly. We do invite you to pay the balance by instalments to help with the cost of this trip, and you will receive further information in due course.

Please note the information in this newsletter regarding the closure of the school in the case of severe weather.

- *Friday 6 February—Fund Raising Day—Wear it—Beat it*
- *Thursday 12 February—Mrs Frost—Class Assembly*
- *Tuesday 24 February—start of Mad Science After School Club*
- *Thursday 12 March—Mr Goacher—Class Assembly*
- *Friday 13 March—Red Nose Day*
- *Thursday 19 March—Mrs Brown—Class Assembly*
- *Tuesday 24 March—Parent/Teacher Consultations*
- *Thursday 26 March—Parent/Teacher Consultations*
- *Thursday 23 April—Mrs Brown & Mrs Jones—Class Assembly*
- *Thursday 30 April—Miss Pullin—Class Assembly*
- *Thursday 7 May—Miss Willoughby—Class Assembly*
- *Thursday 18 June—Miss Robinson—Class*

OTHER REMINDERS AND EVENTS



MOBILE PHONES

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school unless there is an extremely valid reason to do so. In this instance they **MUST** hand it in at the school office. Children can then come and collect their phone at the end of the school



Pizza—Scones—Bread!

One exciting opportunity that has arisen following on from the new build has been a classroom kitchen dedicated to whole class cooking. As you can see many exciting foods have been prepared and baked by children in the school. It is certainly a feast for our taste buds with such lovely smells emanating from the room!

SATS REMINDER!

KEY STAGE 2 SATS

These important assessments will take place for all Key Stage 2 (Junior) children during the week **11-15 MAY 2015**.

Tests for KS1 children also take place throughout May.

Please note that you can order school uniform on-line through Tesco as well as from the school!



Recent fund raising events have raised £70.05 for the **POPPY APPEAL**, £203.37 for **CHILDREN-IN-NEED** and £152.54 for **JEANS FOR GENES DAY**. Thank you for your support.

WALK-IN-WEDNESDAY—GUIDE-LINES!

It is lovely to see so many of you here for Walk-in-Wednesday and I feel that the support that you give us is a huge strength. Most of you will be aware that the new library is nearly at completion and many thanks for your patience during the re-fit. However, it has taken weeks to order, sort through and register all the new books—a big thank you to Mr Goodman for his continued help every Tuesday assisting Mrs Freeman with this.

Having parents in school—even for the short time that you are here—is really beneficial to the children but can be a challenge for the teachers! To help us, please can you remember to ensure you follow our Walk-in-Wednesday guidelines, to make certain it runs as smoothly as possible:

1. Please do not remove your child from the class until the register has been taken.
2. Feel free to share books with your child but ensure that the class teacher knows if you are working out of the classroom and with other children.
3. Teachers are also working with other children while you are here so please be mindful of taking up their time. If you need to meet with a teacher then please call into the office to make an appointment.
4. Please be aware that mobile phones are not allowed to be used by adults whilst in the school due to child protection regulations.
5. Finally, unless it is raining, please leave your buggies outside the entrance doors.



Despite regular reminders there are still a few irresponsible parents who insist on blocking the zebra crossing in South Street to drop off their children at school. This is not only breaking the law but also is a great danger to the children who do not have a clear view of the crossing. PLEASE do not continue to do this as our children's safety is very important to us. Thank you.

College Street continues to be a source of congestion and an option, tried before, is that school traffic enters College Street from St. Michael's Lane end and exits into South Street.

Now the evenings are getting lighter Miss Loasby's Gardening Club has started up again on Thursday evenings between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.



Although all infant children are now entitled to **free school meals** if you are claiming government benefit it is in your interest to apply for free meals through Northamptonshire County Council to see if you are eligible for further financial support through the school.



If you are, we will receive funding called Pupil Premium, and then we can support you with other costs such as half price uniform, school trips and music tuition. Please call the local authority on 01604 366656 to enquire.

CLOSURE DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

If weather conditions become so bad that you think it is unlikely the school will be open, please check via the following:

- ParentMail – if you have subscribed to this service then you will be notified by e-mail and/or text first thing in the morning.
- Northamptonshire County Council website using the following link: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/ismyschoolclosed
- Local radio—**BBC RADIO NORTHAMPTON (104.2 & 103.6 FM)** or **CONNECT FM (97.2 & 107.4 FM)**
- School answer phone (if a member of staff is in school to leave a message)

SEVERE WEATHER STRIKES WHILST CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL

If weather conditions deteriorate badly during the course of a normal school day when all the children are in school, a decision will be made whether to close the school early. In such an emergency parents will be informed via the methods above.

Please make your child aware if you have arranged for someone else to collect them if school closes early and it would be helpful if you could inform the school as soon as possible too. Remember if they are not known to the school a password will be required.

TERM DATES 2015

TERM 3

Term ends: Friday 13 February

TERM 4

Term starts: Monday 23 February

Term ends: Friday 27 March

TERM 5

(Monday 13 April—Training Day)

Term starts: Tuesday 14 April

(Monday 4 May—Bank Holiday)

Term ends: Friday 22 May

TERM 6

Term starts: Monday 1 June

Term ends: Tuesday 21 July