

Great Wilbraham CofE Primary School

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parent/Carer.

It is the end of a fantastic year and what a warm way to finish! We have endeavoured to keep the children as sheltered and cool as possible and appreciate all the children coming into school with water bottles and wearing hats.

The Key Stage 2 performance of Treachery at Traitors' Quay at the beginning of July was superb and the children did brilliantly. There was some fantastic singing and performing on stage, well done to the children and in particular to Mrs Neish and Miss Luddy, ably supported by Ms Chapman and Mrs Raw, who worked tirelessly to get the show on stage! Special credit to Scott, Matthew, Toby and Ned who all competed for the school at the maths challenge final on the same day as one of the performances – not only did they make it back to perform well that evening but they were in the top ten out of all the schools in Cambridgeshire.

Last week was a perfect week for the whole school to go out on World Cup inspired trips. Reception and Squirrel class had a great time at Cambridge United and came home with a full kit and scarf; they are now kitted out for supporting their local team when the season starts! I was fortunate to accompany Hedgehog and Badger classes to Wembley and was mightily impressed with their behaviour and conduct at the stadium. They asked brilliant questions and engaged in the classroom based activities with enthusiasm and effort. I would like to thank all of the staff for their efforts in organising the different trips and to the parents who helped out with the younger classes.

Fieldmice assembly a couple of weeks ago was wonderful to see, thank you to Mrs Forshaw, Mrs Rodbard and Mr Smith who worked so well with the children to perform such a great assembly. I hope the parents enjoyed it as much as I did!

Today we see the end of the primary school journey for our year six pupils. It has been a privilege to have worked with them and they will be truly missed. I am certain that Mrs Neish would agree with me that they have been a pleasure to teach; not only through their amazing progress this year culminating with performing magnificently in their SATs but in their friendliness, kindness and great personalities!

Many parents have asked what they could do over the summer to support their children further. I attach the advice I gave in May at the parent maths session about telling the time and also the school readiness document that might give some ideas but anything that fits in with your holidays and schedule is useful. Telling the time, paying for ice creams, estimating the cost of a meal encourages mental arithmetic in real situations without needing a worksheet! Visiting museums, talking about art, building a sandcastle visiting some glorious parts of our country enhances art, design, science, history and geography. Of course keeping up with reading is brilliant – and you can get involved in this years reading challenge at your nearest library.







Whilst on the subject of reading, I would like to thank Aga Hextall and Suzanne Northfield for their help and support in running the book club so efficiently. It marvellous to see it at the summer fair and the book savers bought some bargains at our book sale last Thursday. The school library benefits as a result.

I hope everybody stays safe in the sunny weather we are having at the moment, please make sure you all have a fantastic holiday and on behalf of the staff I would like to wish you all a safe and exciting summer. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Richard Brown

Highest year group attendance this year—Year 3 97.01%

Governors

The Governing Body next plans to meet on 12th September 2018.



Goodbye and Good Luck to our Year 6 Leavers



Dates 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

stay all day

Tuesday 4th September—Staff Training Day—school closed

Wednesday 5th Sept—School Opens for Years R—6

Thursday 6th September—Badger Class Den Building trip

Monday 10th September—School Opens for Nursery pupils

Tuesday 11th September—PTFA Meeting

Thursday 13th September—Fulbourn Library presenting Reading Challenge medals in assembly

Monday 17th September—1st group of Reception pupils

Monday 24th September—2nd group of Reception pupils stay all day

Monday 24th September—Mad Science Club starts

Friday 28th September—PTFA Film Night—tbc

Wednesday 3rd October—Hedgehog Class to Ely Cathedral Schools Day

Thursday 4th October—Census Lunch including Ice Cream Factory

Tuesday 9th October—Parent Tasting session for school lunches

Friday 12th October—PTFA Cake Sale—tbc

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th October—Half Term

Monday 29th October—Staff Training Day—school closed

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th November—Badger Class to Aylmerton Field Studies Centre

Friday 9th November—PTFA Cheese & Wine Evening—tbc

Wednesday 21st November—Flu Vaccinations for children in Years R—5

Friday 30th November—Christmas Lunch

Thursday 6th December—Pair of trainee teachers in Squirrel Class

Friday 14th December—PTFA Disco

Wednesday 19th December—School closes

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January—Staff Training Days—school closed

Monday 7th January—School opens

Friday 15th February—Trainees finish in Squirrel Class

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd February—Half Term

Monday 25th February—School opens

Friday 1st March—PTFA Quiz Night—tbc

Friday 22nd March—PTFA Film Night—tbc

Friday 29th March—Mothers' Day Lunch

Thursday 4th April—PTFA Easter Tea & Cake Sale—tbc

Friday 5th April—Easter Lunch

Friday 5th April—School closes

Monday 8th April—Monday 22nd April—Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April—School opens

Monday 6th May—May Day Holiday

Friday 17th May—PTFA Bingo Night—tbc

Friday 24th May—School closes

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term

Monday 3rd June—School opens

Friday 14th June—Fathers Day Lunch

Wednesday 24th July—School closes

