

Great Wilbraham CofE Primary School

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a fabulous week it has been this week. The children have been really creative and credit to the teachers for providing such exciting activities. On Tuesday the sports morning was brilliant. All the children put in 100% effort and I was really proud of so many children showing such determination. Well done to all the adults who organised the event but particularly to Miss Luddy and Mr McGeorge who did a great job organising and preparing the children for the event. The staff v parents relay race is probably going to be a permanent fixture so bring your running shoes next year to knock the teachers off their perch.

The week however has a sad note. We will be saying goodbye to Miss Bartholomew who has been working in Badger class alongside Mrs Neish since March. She has done a great job and we wish her well in her new job in Northamptonshire. We also say goodbye to Mr McGeorge who has been with us for a long time and has been instrumental in developing the sports and after school provision in the school. He knows every child, delivers fantastic sessions and will be sorely missed. He has an amazing opportunity to play football and coach in Australia, and opportunity we know he couldn't turn down. We wish him every success and hope he sends us a postcard!

Today was a great event – our Open Morning and picnic lunch. The assembly demonstrated some of the fantastic learning going on throughout the school and was very well attended. It was great to see many of you stay for the talk on practical maths; the slides and maths challenge are on our website. The ability to come in and work with the children on some creative activities was taken up by so many people and we thank you for your support. Unfortunately we couldn't book weather as good as Tuesday but the children had great fun having a picnic on the floor in the hall and out on the benches anyway!

I have mentioned the maths challenge and thought I should expand upon this a bit further. Each term we are going to have a maths focus to think about at home and at school. This term will be time and talking about time. The handout provides end of year statements from the curriculum taught in school and ideas of how to teach them at home, building upon what we do in school. A drip, drip approach to mentioning these key aspects can be very effective and we appreciate your assistance with this.

As you may have noticed in your email inbox there are probably quite a few emails regarding GDPR and Data Protection. We are also bound by these regulations and I would like to point you in the direction of our website which has detail about Data Protection and GDPR and our Privacy Notices. These documents can be found in Key Information/Data Protection.







It wouldn't be May without congratulating our Year Six pupils upon completion of the National Tests last week. There was a great calm atmosphere and one of determination and effort, the children were understandably tired but happy that the week was over. Huge credit to Miss Chapman and Mrs Neish for their efforts in ensuring the children were calm and the week went as smoothly as possible. Year Two also completed their 'activity booklets' and worked hard over a couple of weeks in May, well done to all!

I hope everybody has a fantastic half term and look forward to the exciting events happening in June and July.

Richard Brown

Highest year group attendance to date: Year Three 96.76%

Governors

The Governing Body next plans to meet on Friday 6th July –with a Governor morning from 8.45am in school.

Clubs running after Half Term

Monday Circus Skills

Code Club

Tuesday Athletics Wednesday Hockey

Thursday Multi Sports

Drop In Sessions

Do you have a concern or query about your child, or would you just like someone to talk things over with?

Come along to one of the our Parent Drop-ins and chat to the experienced Family Workers.

No need to book - Just turn up.

Tuesdays 1.30—3.00 pm

26th June

24th July

There are other drop-ins regularly at Burwell, Bottisham, Fen Ditton, Teversham, Kettlefields, Soham and Isleham - please ask for details.

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Dates 2018

Summer Term 2018

28th May—1st June—Half Term

Monday 4th June – Staff Training day

Tuesday 5th June—School re-opens

Tuesday 5th June— Swimming starts for KS2 children

Thursday 7th June—group of 10 Yr 5/6 pupils to Quadkids

athletics

Thursday 7th June—New Parents Evening

Week beginning 11th June - Phonics Screening Check

Week

Tuesday 12th June 9am—PTFA Meeting in School

Tuesday 12th June—Mr Baker from BVC to visit Yr 6 chil-

dren

Friday 15th June – Father's Day lunch - *Fully booked*

Thursday 21st June—Yr 3/4 to Youth Games

Friday 22nd June—Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly and

'Book Look'

Saturday 23rd June—School Fete

Tuesday 26th June—1.30—3.00 pm Locality Drop In

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd July-Yr 6 to BVC

Tuesday 3rd July—'Move Up' Afternoon

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July—KS2 Play—

Treachery at Traitors' Quay—more details nearer the time

Friday 6th July—Governors Morning in school

Friday 6th July—Reports sent home to parents

Monday 9th—Friday 13th (not Tuesday 10th) -

Bikeability Training for Year 5/6—please ensure bikes

and helmets are in school on these days

Tuesday 10th July—last KS2 Swimming

Thursday 12th July—Fulbourn Library Reading Challenge

launched in assembly

Friday 13th July—Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and

'Book Look'

Saturday 14th July—Wilbrahams Flower & Produce Show

Monday 16th—Friday 20th—International Week

Tuesday 17th July—World Cup Day of Trips—no nursery

provision

Thursday 19th July—Leavers Service 9.15 am

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th—No Discovery Club

Tuesday 24th July—1.30—3.00 pm Locality Drop In

Tuesday 24th July—School closes

Monday 20th—Friday 31st August (not BH Mon 27th

Aug)—Holiday Club—please book with School Office and

pay on AGORA

Dates 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September—Staff Training Day

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

Monday 10th September—School Opens for Nursery

pupils

Wednesday 3rd October—Hedgehog Class to Ely Cathe-

dral Schools Day

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th October—Half Term

Monday 29th October—Staff Training Day

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th November—Badger Class

to Aylmerton Field Studies Centre

Wednesday 21st November—Flu Vaccinations for chil-

dren in Years R-5

Wednesday 19th December—School closes

Spring Term 2019

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

Monday 7th January—School opens

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd February—Half Term

Monday 25th February—School opens

Friday 5th April—School closes

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

Tuesday 23rd April—School opens

Monday 6th May—May Day Holiday

Friday 24th May—School closes

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term

Monday 3rd June—School opens

Wednesday 24th July—School closes