



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful end of term with all the Christmas festivities. It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas Service, thank you ever so much to those who helped walk the children over. The singing and the reading by the children was fantastic – well done all and thank you to Rob and Reverend Alice.

Last Friday was our Christmas jumper day and Christmas Lunch, a massive effort by Mrs Crisp and Mrs Lockwood in the organising of the tables and June and Gundega in the kitchens. We had some extremely positive comments about the meal.

Also last week was the Inn-Spectors production. The children did remarkably well and we were so proud of them. Huge thanks to Mrs Forshaw and Mr Few for leading the excellent production and also to the PTFA for organising mince pies and the raffle.

Fundraising

We have had some excellent fundraising through the PTFA – the Wilbraham Window Walk continues and today is our turn – do come and look at the Christmas window at the front of the school and listen to Squirrel class sing some of their production songs from 3pm.

The book sale is getting better and better and huge thanks once again to Suzanne Northfield and Aga Opalka.

We have also been giving as well as receiving. Thank you for the gifts donated to our 'opposite advent', Jimmy's night shelter were really pleased to receive such a generous array of donations, thank you to Mrs Lockwood for organising this and taking the collection to them.

Science Week

Next term is a science term and we will be looking at forces, space and the weather. We are also holding a science week from 14th to 20th January. I have organised a scientist to come in for three days and work with every class on different aspects of science from sight, sound, taste, germs, pH testing and chromatography. This will involve practical hands on activities and a very experienced teacher from Mundipharma who has delivered these sessions in a number of schools.





The science week will culminate with a stargazing evening which is open to all children and families from the school on the evening of the 20th from 5-7pm. I have organised for the Institute of Astronomy to deliver a talk to everyone before activities outside and inside the school and the PTFA will be selling hot drinks and sausage rolls. Any parent who thinks they would be able to talk about science to a class please let the class teachers know.

Welcome

Building upon our strong links with the Faculty of Education we would like to welcome Miss Faulkner and Miss Saunders who join Hedgehog Class in January. They will be working alongside Miss Luddy for the whole of the first half of the Spring term and have already been in to meet the children.

Holiday

Over the holidays we hope that the children will have a restful time but we would like them to continue to use ActiveLearn and/or 'Times table rock stars' for their maths and also to continue to read – perhaps some new books from Santa! There is also a wonderful opportunity from the Wilbraham Warbler which is outlined on the last page of this newsletter – a writing and poster competition with cash prizes.

Lastly, have a fantastic Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January – don't forget that school is closed tomorrow and on the 6th January as teacher training days – we start afresh on Tuesday the 7th January!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Richard Brown

Highest Year Group Attendance so far this year
Year 3 - 98.21%

Governors

The Governing Body plans to meet on Tuesday 14th January,
Monday 16th March, Friday 1st May and Friday 17th July.



Merry 
 *Christmas*



Dates 2019-2020

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January – Staff Training – school closed

Tuesday 7th January – school re-opens

Thursday 9th January—Squirrel Class—Sailing Science session in school

Monday 13th January to Monday 20th January—Science Week

Tuesday 14th January – Epiphany Service 2.30pm Great Wilbraham Church

Tuesday 14th January—FGB Meeting

Wednesday 15th January – National closing date for Primary places

Thursday 16th January – Census Day - all KS1 children will be offered lunch

Monday 20th January—Stargazing Evening

Thursday 23rd January—Badger Class Sharing Assembly & Book Look

Friday 24th January—PTFA Children's Winter Disco

Friday 7th February – Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Monday 10th February – parent consultations 4.00 – 7.00pm

Tuesday 11th February – parent consultations 3.30 – 5.30pm

Friday 14th February – Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Friday 14th February—Yr 5/6 to Kwiksticks Hockey

Friday 14th February – school closes

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – half term

Monday 24th February – school re-opens

Wednesday 4th March—Reception & Yr6 height & weight checks

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March - Hedgehog Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Thursday 12th March—Yr 5/6 to Tag Rugby

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief

Monday 16th March – Class Group photos

Monday 16th March—FGB Meeting

Friday 20th March – Mothers Day lunch

Thursday 26th March - Badger Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Tuesday 31st March – Easter Service 2.30pm Little Wilbraham Church

Wednesday 1st April – Spring Concert 9.15am

Friday 3rd April – Easter lunch

Friday 3rd April – school closes

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April – school re-opens

Tuesday 28th April—Hedgehog Class to Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio

Friday 1st May - Squirrel Class Sharing assembly and Book Look

Friday 1st May—FGB Meeting

Thursday 7th May - Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and Book Look

Friday 8th May – May Day holiday

Monday 11th –Thursday 14th – KS2 SATS

Thursday 14th May—Census Day - all KS1 children will be offered lunch

Thursday 14th May—Group of Year 3/4 to Mini Tennis

Monday 18th – Thursday 21st May – Community Week

Monday 18th May – Sports Morning

Thursday 21st May – Open Morning & Picnic lunch

Thursday 21st May – school closes

Friday 22nd May – Staff Training – school closed

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – half term

Monday 1st June – school re-opens

Thursday 4th June—Yr 5/6 Quadkids

Thursday 18th June—Year 3/4 to Sport For All Event

Friday 19th June – Fathers Day lunch

Monday 6th July – KS2 Play dress rehearsal 9.30am

Tuesday 7th July – KS2 performance 6pm

Wednesday 8th July – KS2 performance 6pm

Friday 17th July—Governor Morning

Monday 20th July - Leavers Service 2.30pm Great Wilbraham Church

Tuesday 21st July – Leavers Assembly 9.15am

Tuesday 21st July—School closes



The Wilbrahams' Warbler Awards

The editors of the Wilbrahams' Warbler and the Parish Councils wish to invite the pupils of the Great Wilbraham Primary School to submit pieces of work for inclusion in the magazine.

CLIMATE CHANGE

What is happening?

What is the cause?

If no action is taken, what changes will happen?

What can be done to slow down or stop the changes?

Your work should include comments/opinions on any or all of these questions, together with any other aspects which you feel are important.

The scope of your work should be as follows;

FIELDMICE CLASS A drawing or poster

SQUIRREL CLASS A drawing together with about 50 words

HEDGEHOG CLASS About 150 words and including drawings

BADGER CLASS 250 words and including drawings

There will be prizes of £20 for the best from each class

The closing date is Monday 13 January 2020