



Warden Hill Primary School

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Coming Week

A Message from the Governors

As you are aware Mr Hiatt will be retiring in January. There will be opportunities to thank Mr Hiatt formally later in the year for his exceptional leadership of Warden Hill over the last 5 years but I will record my personal thanks here.

We are in the very fortunate position of having a superb staff team at Warden Hill with a wide range of experience and

strengths. This includes, of course, an excellent and very experienced Deputy Headteacher. Governors are confident that the expertise within the staff is such that we do not need to rush to appoint a new headteacher but can take time to ensure we appoint the right person. We have, therefore, asked Mrs Flooks to be Acting Headteacher from

January for the rest of the academic year.

Warden Hill is an outstanding school and requires an outstanding headteacher. Our intention is to advertise for a new headteacher in the Spring Term with a view to the new appointment starting in September.

Yours sincerely

Tim Connole
Chair of Governors on behalf of the governing body

Curriculum Evenings and Reading Lists

Thank you to everyone who has been able to attend the curriculum evenings - just Year 5 left for next Tuesday.

The staff will be putting the notes on the website for you to revisit at any

time. If there is a part of the curriculum that you are unsure about please let us know and we will find some way to support you further.

The website has a number of links to

useful sites to help support children in all areas of their learning and the overviews of the curriculum for each year groups.

The school website also has recommended reading

Mon	
Tue	<p>Y3 Macmillan coffee morning</p> <p>Football vs St Edwards (away)</p> <p>Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6pm</p> <p>PTA Meeting @7pm</p>
Wed	<p>Rec & Y4 Macmillan coffee morning</p> <p>2B Class Assembly @ 2:45pm</p> <p>Book Fayre 3:15pm-4pm</p>
Thu	<p>Y2 & Y6 Macmillan coffee morning</p> <p>Y4 Roman Trip</p> <p>Book Fayre 3:15pm-4pm</p>
Fri	<p>Y1 & Y5 Macmillan coffee morning</p> <p>Meriti Mark Assembly</p>

lists for each year group. Please have a look at them and direct your children towards the recommended books.



The new Reception classes have started with a smile!

Bishop's Wood

Trip for Year 5 - reports from Laila and Bethan



Last Tuesday, the whole of Year 5 time-travelled into the Viking age and when they went to Bishop's Wood Viking Centre.

First, everyone boarded the coach and we sang the whole 45 minutes there. As soon as we alighted, we met our amicable leaders, Thordis and Inga. My leader was Inga but Thordis would have been just as great. Inga led us to the Woodside Room and the loo. After dumping our bags, eating our snacks and doing all our little necessities, we headed off to our meeting place. I was stunned by the amazing woodland scenery as we learnt tons of fascinating facts about Viking Runes. We didn't have much time, so we moved along to our longboat, ready to sail the seas. Chanting rhymes, we rowed to the shore. The activity workshops were waiting for us, and after a brief explanation, I was ready to set off to the copper brooch making. I was so excited! I had used a hammer and anvil for the very first time! My second activity was wood-spinning, and I worked

Last Tuesday, Year 5 sang their way to Bishops Wood Viking Centre to become Vikings. The sun was shining, it was a beautiful day and Year 5 got a day out of school, what could be better?

As soon as, we alighted off of our coach, we were welcomed by our very own Vikings, Thordis and Inga. After being separated into 2 groups we were told our activities. Our group set off happily ready to build a Viking replica of a Viking Shelter. After an hour Year 5 had constructed a shelter using a tripod shape and lot's of logs and bracers to hopefully keep it watertight, It was so great some people wanted to stay the night!

Skydive for Charity

Mrs Matthews, who is one of our Year 1 teaching assistants, is throwing herself out of a plane, strapped to a very able instructor on October 1st to raise money for Maggie's, who are supporting her friends family and many

other families through very difficult times.



If you fancy supporting her to raise money for this

amazing charity, it would be much appreciated.

Below is a link to her fundraising page or you can talk to the office staff to find a sponsor form.

<http://www.everyclick.com/juliematthews>

House Captains, School Council and Eco-council

Our new Captains for the Autumn terms are as follows:

Leach
House: Joe
Vice: Molly
Sports: Charlie
Windrush
House: Lily
Vice: James
Sports: Tommy

Churn
House: Ben
Vice: Daisy
Sports: Joe
Coln
House: Hollie
Vice: Guy
Sports: Harry

Year	School	Eco
6P	James	Amy
6H	Jess	Sam
5B	Aoife	Ben
5W	Jack	Katie
4B	Maya	Noah
4R	William	Carleigh
3C	Luke	Maya
3T	Molly	James
2B	Sebastian	Hattie
2A	Lucas	Anna
2W	Poppy	Caitlin
1A	Jacob	Oscar
1B	Eva	Lola

Academic Results from 2015-16

We are very proud of the achievements of our children and results in national tests and assessments is one of those areas in which we take pride.

We will be putting a comprehensive report on the results on the website soon but in the meantime the main headlines are:

Year 6 children achieved well above the national average for the new tests.

From Year 3 to 5 all results were above national comparators.

Year 2 results for the new assessments were broadly inline with county averages in each subject with the combined figure 5% above.

The expected level in Year 1 phonics assessment was achieved by 98% of children which is well above local and national averages.

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Pupil Success

Molly in Y6 achieved Grade 3 piano with distinction.

Sam achieved a merit in his Grade 1 singing exam.

Isabelle Y4 achieved Highly Commended grades in ballroom and freestyle exams.



Harry Y6 & Harry Y5 were both selected to play in the Cheltenham & Gloucester District Cricket Festival. Teams from Bristol & Worcester competed.

Congratulations to the Y4 Rugby League Team last term. Isobel was awarded the overall Team Player Award for the Tournament.



Tommy scored for Cheltenham Town against 'premier league' Bournemouth.

House Cross-country Gallery - **this year's winner** - Coln

