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# Warden Hill Primary School

## 2016-17 Newsletter 10

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. I do hope that everyone had a good **half term. The staff certainly had a good break and even if we all didn't get away, it was nice to spend time at home.**

**'Take One Book Week' finished today and I can truly say that our children loved it! Each year group delved into one book for the entire week and produced: writing, art, maths and spoken language from it as well as developing the love of reading. World Book Day yet again was a huge success and as a staff we would like to say thank you for the fantastic effort that went into the 'hats' this year it was like being surrounded by 3D books!**

We have our second set of reports coming out later this term followed by round two of **parents' evenings which will focus on the report. I'd like to thank all those parents who contributed feedback on the content and structure of the last report and, as a result, we are changing the format to be something similar to previous years. The most important fact however, is that it will focus on the core subjects, with teachers reporting attainment and effort as well as general comments.**

**Please can I urge you to take the time to sign the petition about school's loss of money linked to the new National Funding Formula. We are due to lose £42,000 as of next year from our budget and every year thereafter your support in this matter is greatly appreciated (see page 6 for further detail).**

**Finally, I'm delighted to inform you that the newest addition to our Warden Hill 'family' has arrived safely, Charlie George Williams was born on 2nd March. Mum, Charlie and Mr Williams are doing really well!**

That just leaves me to wish you all a very happy weekend.

Warmest regards,

Georgina Flooks

Acting Head teacher



Following the themes of Respect and Tolerance, the British Values Assembly themes this term will be on: Individual Liberty and The Law.

# CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday 24th February all of the children took part in House Rugby. The morning consisted of skill-based drills where we practised carrying, passing and scoring tries. The current holders of the cup, Churn, got off to a good start, winning the skills games and giving themselves a healthy lead going into the afternoon tag rugby tournament. During the tournament, **Windrush** succeeded in winning all 3 of their games, meaning that they narrowly beat Churn to lift their 3rd house cup of the year.



'Our' ducks have returned again this year and were delighted to find a new improved pond that they are making full use of!

## Spotlight Warden Hill

At Warden Hill, we are always looking to celebrate all the wonderful achievements of our children. This week, we have had the chance to focus on a class in more detail and celebrate all the brilliant work that goes on.

1A have had an exciting start to the term and the children are enjoying their Ready Steady Cook topic. They started the term, by writing a set of instructions for making some delicious gingerbread men. The children loved making them but enjoyed eating them more.



The excitement continued into week 2 with the whole school being involved in Take One Book Week. Year 1 wanted to continue their focus on food and **chose to do all their learning through 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'**. The children did their English, maths, science, art and DT through the story.

The children have loved Take One Book Week and have been so proud of their writing.

**They changed the story to 'The Very Hungry Tadpole'.**

They all worked very hard to create interesting and exciting stories, where the tadpole went on a food adventure to get ready to turn into a frog. This is an **extract from Russ's story:**



Once there lived a tadpole in an egg and he was waiting to hatch. One morning the little tadpole felt that the egg was cracking. When he came out he was very hungry.

1A are always excited about maths but they have been particularly enthused by all the practical and exciting activities. The children have each made fruit shaped collages and a caterpillar to show the days of the week and what he ate, They have also printed caterpillars and used them to count and write numbers in words, solved caterpillar addition problems and finally used positional language to complete the caterpillar maze.



As a teacher, it has been wonderful to see the buzz and excitement in the classroom from Take One Book Week and it has been a great extension of World Book Day. This year, the children made amazing hats inspired by books. It was great to see such a variety of different hats.

Finally, thank you to all the parents for coming to our class assembly. It was great to share all our learning and work with you. Mr Antonious



World Book Day  
in Pictures





Message from our

## Eco Warriors: Waste Week 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March

As part of our ongoing work towards achieving a **'Green Flag' status as an Eco-School**, we have decided to take part in Waste Week, a campaign which is running across the country to raise awareness of waste and the different ways we can process it

We are encouraging children and adults in school to try to be more aware of the waste they produce during the week and to think about ways they could minimise this by: reducing, reusing and recycling.

We have come up with some suggestions for how to make your lunch box more eco-friendly (see poster by Jamie) and will be keeping an eye on the amount of paper each class is reusing/recycling throughout the week (see poster by James).

We will be thinking about the current recycling systems we have in school and coming up with ways we can improve this even further.

During the whole school assembly, we told all of the children about our mission this week, as well as the Upcycling Competition (details to follow).



Please support us in preventing Government funding formula cuts of over £45,000 per year.

Two school governors (Iain and Tony) are available to answer any questions you may have.

Iain and Tony have been and will be handing out the letter below on the playground. Copies of this letter are also available in the school office.

Please return your completed slip to the brown box in the school office.

We need as many replies as possible.



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Dear Parent,

We are writing to you as local councillors for Warden Hill and also as Governors of Warden Hill Primary School, to ask you to sign our petition opposing the Government's new funding formula for schools.

Under this formula Warden Hill Primary faces a cut of over £42,000 a year. That is the equivalent of a teacher and a teaching assistant.

Gloucestershire schools have long been underfunded in comparison with London, which currently enjoys an annual premium of more than £2,000 per pupil over us. This differential would essentially continue unchanged under the proposed new funding formula.

Cheltenham Conservative MP is Vice Chairman of the f40 campaign group founded to argue for a "fair formula" for school funding. It is now clear that the government's proposed new funding formula will actually leave most school pupils in Gloucestershire worse off.

The public consultation on the government's proposed "fair formula" for schools runs until 22nd March. **Please can you take a moment to complete the tear-off strip below and return it to Warden Hill Primary School Office.** We will collate all returns and send them to Cheltenham's MP so he gets a clear message from parents that these cuts must not proceed.

### Don't cut funding to Warden Hill Primary School

We, the undersigned, call upon Cheltenham's Conservative MP to oppose the government's proposed new funding formula for schools, which would leave our primary school £42,000 worse off.

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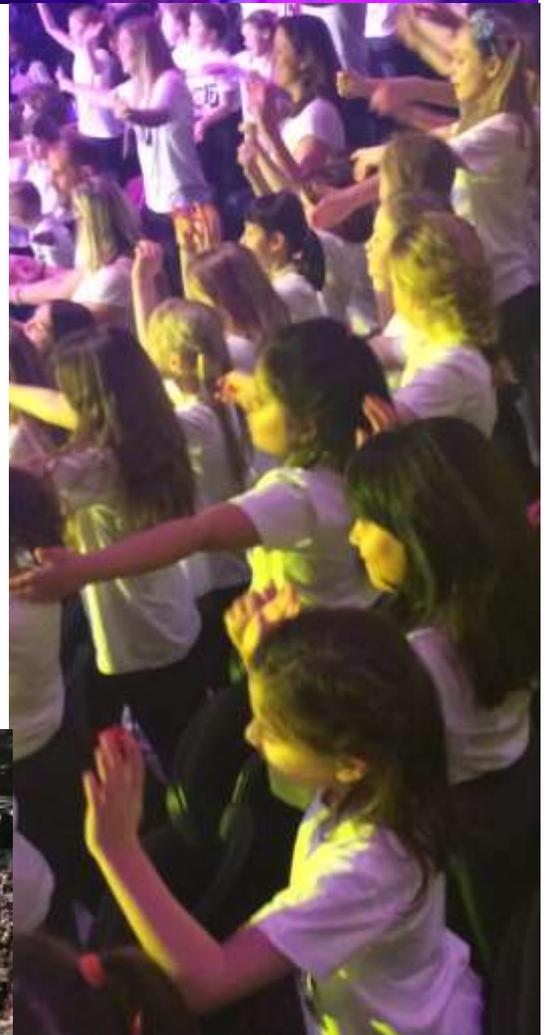


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## Young Voices

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2017 70 children from Warden Hill and an entourage of adults made the trip to the Genting Arena in Birmingham. to sing with 6000 other children. We had lunch as soon as we arrived and at 13:00 we went into the arena itself to rehearse for the real the thing at 19:30. We rehearsed for 4 hours and met some people we would be singing with: There were The Beatbox Collection, a guitarist, a jazz singer and Urban Strides. In the real thing we sang a variety of genres including jazz, rock, pop and blues. A special thank you goes out to Mrs Flooks, Ms Albertsen, Mrs Mayo and Mrs Toesland for all their time. Written by Sam Y6





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## Pupil Success



Some of our very talented children (Phoebe, Emily, Daisy, Jessica and Ben) are appearing **in the production 'Worlds Apart' on the 14th and 15th April** in The Parabola Arts Centre. It promises to be a thrilling evening if you would like to attend and support them.



Fleur Y6 and Sophie Y5 both swam in the Gloucestershire County Championships. Fleur received four medals.



This month, in the official England Squash rankings, Harry Y5 became number 1 in the country in the under 11 age group.

School Lunch must be ordered by 9:30am

Please be aware if your child requires a hot school lunch and they are attending an appointment first thing before school, please phone the office by 9:30am with the lunch order choice. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Parent Governor Nomination Form

There is still time to put your application form in for the parent governor positions. Please consider taking the time to do this and refer back to my last newsletter for information.

Games/PE Kit

Can I please remind parents that the official PE kit is as follows: house t-shirt, black or navy blue shorts and daps. Games kit (predominantly for the winter months): house t-shirt, navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms and tracksuit top (these must be plain in colour). Children have started to bring in other coloured tracksuits and this is not part of our uniform. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Blue Junior Gates

**For the pupils' safety the junior gates open at 8:45am each morning.**

**Final Word...**

**I'm sure lots of you are up to speed with the latest change in legislation linked to car seats, but I thought it was worth sharing this link with you: <https://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk/travelling-young-children/>**