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Warden Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As I write this the sun is shining and teams of our children are running around outside with determined smiles on their faces, which means one thing - Inter-house Orienteering **is underway!** **Read more about today's results on the next page.**

Our children have taken part in many curriculum enriching experiences over the last few weeks in and out of school. Whilst we actively encourage you to capture these special moments (class assemblies, Feet First Festival, football tournaments etc) in the form of photos and videos, I must remind you to keep them solely for your own personal use. Uploading images and videos onto social media accounts, which will invariably contain other children, is not permitted as per the Parental Permissions form that you have all signed (see below).

"I understand that when I am invited to watch school functions I may take photographs and videos of my child and other people's children. However I am not permitted to upload photographs or videos containing other people's children to any form of social media."

Thank you for your ongoing agreement with this.

Our infant children had very special visit earlier this week from Joe and Andrew as seen on The Rhyme Rocket on CBeebies . Anna and Zara (both 2A) have written a wonderful report all about the visit, which is on page 4. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and so did the staff!

Our PTA met on Wednesday to continue with the planning for our Summer Fayre and Motor Show. If there is any parent who has a specialist/vintage car that they would like to show at the fayre on the 24th June, please either get in touch with either myself or leave a message at the school office with Miss Nelson.

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

Warmest regards,

Georgina Flooks
Acting Head teacher

Inter-House Orienteering 2017

Warden Hill has had a wonderful, energetic and exciting day competing in the House Orienteering. The juniors competed around an orienteering course and the infants completed a treasure hunt. The infant and junior scores were then combined to award the House Orienteering Cup. The eventual winners were **Churn - congratulations!**



A special mention must go to Churn 7 led by Phoebe, who broke the school record. The team completed the course in an amazing 5 minutes and 56 seconds. Well done to everyone!

Year 3 Egyptian Day!

Year Three had an amazing Egyptian day...

We made clay cartouches which had hieroglyphics on them.



We did an ancient Egyptian quiz in groups of five, the winning group [the kings of Egypt] names were Thomas, Rhys, James, Barney and Ciaran [the questions were really hard]. Barney even asked a question to his mum during the assembly (and she knew the answer).



ASSEMBLY TIME!

Year Three did an amazing assembly about the Egyptians. Everyone looked awesome in their outfits/costumes. Some people were even wearing mummy costumes.

Later that day, it was time to...MUMMIFY A TOMATO! We thought about the song 'Make a Mummy' that we sang in the assembly. We washed the tomato and took out the pips. We then cleaned the inside of the tomato. Then filled it with ACTUAL NATRON and we are going to leave it for 2 WHOLE WEEKS! We will then see what happens to the tomato!

We also did some awesome and fun activity booklets. They contained crosswords, wordsearches and puzzles.



We also made some super fans out of paper plates and anything shiny that we could find in the cupboards. They were all different and looked very beautiful.

Thank You for reading

Written by Lucy and Lottie !



Joe and Andrew as seen on The Rhyme Rocket

On Tuesday the 14th of March First Officer Ditty and Professor Poet came to Walden Hill Primary School from the Rhyme Rocket to sing Rhyming Songs with us. In the hall all of the infants came to see First Officer Ditty and Professor Poet. The infants did some rhymes together. Then Professor Ditty made a cake. When they were waiting for the cake to ~~to~~ bake we sang songs with First Officer Ditty and Professor Poet. Finally the cake was ready. First Officer Ditty ~~and~~ went to the kitchen to get the cake. Professor Poet found some chocolate then First Officer Ditty came with the cake he tried to get the chocolate off Professor Poet but by accident he put the cake onto Professor Poet's face. After that First Officer Ditty and Professor Poet came to our classes and had a photo and we asked some questions. We had lots of fun!!

By Anna and Zara 2A





Girls' Football Tournament 2017

Last week, on Friday, the Warden Hill girls' football teams held a tournament with the one and only Mr Antonious and the brilliant head teacher Mrs Flooks. It was great fun and we all had a wonderful afternoon. Unfortunately, in the **first round, the B team didn't make it to the semi-final** but, luckily the A team played brilliantly and just made it in to the next round. Although Warden Hill didn't make it to the final, we congratulate **Cleeve Primary School for their successful win**. We hope to play more matches in the future in the summer.

By Becca and Evie, 6P.





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Pupil Success

Oliver received his yellow belt in karate.



Hal represented Cheltenham Boys' Cross-Country Team in the Gloucestershire Cross Country Championship in Newent. Hal's team won the team event.

Ofsted

If you have the time, please could you let Ofsted know your thoughts on our school, even a little comment would be very much appreciated. Thank you - Mrs Flocks.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Funding Cuts

Thank you so much to all of you who have taken the time to fill in the funding cuts petition. If you haven't managed to complete one, please take time to pop into the office and fill one out - everyone's support in this matter is really valuable to our school.

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Dear Parents,
 We are writing to you to help ourselves for Warden Hill and also as Chairmen of Warden Hill Primary School to get you to sign our petition opposing the Government's new funding formula for schools.

Under the formula Warden Hill Primary faces a cut of over £5000 a year. This is the equivalent of a teacher and a teaching assistant.

Disadvantaged schools have long been underfunded in comparison with London, which currently enjoys an annual premium of more than £3000 per pupil above us. This difference should naturally be made up by the Government's new funding formula.

Cheltenham Conservative MP's, the Chairman of the Hill average group founded an argue for a 'top freeze' for school funding. It is now clear that the Government's proposed new funding formula will actually mean more for pupils in Gloucestershire schools.

The public consultation on the government's proposed 'top freeze' for schools has just finished. Please can you take a moment to complete the top off only before and return it to Warden Hill Primary School Office. We will collect it from us and send this to Cheltenham MP as he gets a clear message from parents that they are not prepared.

John Smith *John Smith*

Don't cut funding to Warden Hill Primary School
 We, the undersigned, will urge Cheltenham Conservative MP to oppose the government's proposed new funding formula for schools, which would mean we primary school £4000 a year cut.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

Stamp: **STOP! CUTS TO EDUCATION**
 I have signed this petition to oppose the government's proposed new funding formula for schools.