



Update from the Head Teacher

Our school has seen lots of visitors over the last few weeks: perspective parents and pupils, governors, local authority personel and ex-pupils. Each group has commented on our children saying how polite and well mannered they are as well as their ability to explain what they are learning and what a supportive and engaging atmosphere we have in the classrooms. When you see this day in day out, you treat it as the norm. It is lovely to be reminded how very special our school is. I am very proud of our children.

Y6

Our children look forward to the Y6 responsibilities and our current Y6s were no exception. They have shown us their Warden Hill spirit this term in leading the school and Y6 parents in a poignant Remembrance Service. They did us and those we remembered proud.

Timings

School begins at 8:55am. Please ensure your child is at school by **8:55am** to ensure your child's day begins positively.

WHPS PTA

Thank you to all of you who have supported the Fireworks & Christmas Fayre. The Fireworks raised £1,475 and the Christmas Fayre raised £2,900. We have now been able to buy another iPad for each class – which is just fantastic.

Xpressions

Thank you all for the positive feedback and for efficiently downloading the APP for school communications.

Absence Form

The absence from school form has changed. Please [take a look at the form](#). The attendance descriptors & banding give you a very real feel for what our children will end up missing when absent.

Online safety

I'd like to remind you of the brilliant website: www.thinkuknow.co.uk This is full of supportive information for parents and fun educational games for children, reminding them of the importance of staying safe online. We have also been made aware that some of our KS1 children are playing Fortnite. Please see the handy parents' factsheet to allow you to be on top of the safety options.

And Finally...School Closure Procedures

Whenever I need to close school I will communicate this in the first instance on the Xpressions APP. I will also put it out on the GCC website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures Please also take a look at the Adverse Weather Policy on the [Website](#) for additional information.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Georgina Flooks

Recent news

House Netball



Well done to everyone for their fantastic efforts during house netball. It was a great day. Y5 and Y6 showed off their amazing skills during their afternoon matches and this resulted in a small point difference between each house. However, Churn were the overall champions!

Mrs Taylor

School Council Children in Need



This year School Council decided to do 'Guess the Spots in the Jar' (smarties) and 'Design Pudsey's Bandana' to raise money for Children In Need. It was great that so many children took part and Amber Y5 guessed the exact number of sweets and won the jar! We had so many lovely bandana entires, but the overall winners were Natasha & Chloe, runners-up were Bella & Joseph. Thank you to everyone who took part - we raised a spectacular £312.86 Emily Y6

Y5 Greek Day



Year 5 took part in the first ever Warden Hill Ancient Greek Day! The day started off with learning about the gripping story of the Trojan horse. Then we went into the hall and created a video using the green screen, imagining that we were in the city of Troy when the horse arrived. After that we made a 3D model of the Trojan horse and created our own Greek plate with a Trojan horse design. Close to the end of the day, we took our plates to the hall and had a banquet where we tried ancient Greek foods. There were mixed opinions about some of the tastes! The day was amazing! Written by Lucy Y5

Y2 & Y3 Bournside Multi Skills Festivals



Y2 & Y3 had a fantastic morning at Bournside with their Y10 pupils, taking part in a multi sports festival. Despite the rainy weather, we walked to Bournside and were greeted by a team of Bournside pupils. In small groups we took it in turns to do activities led by the Bournside pupils. Lots of the activities had a Christmas twist making it even more fun! Luckily, the weather changed and we were able to walk back without getting wet!

Y4 Maths Challenge



On 9th November, we went to a maths challenge at St. Edward's School. I was partnered with Sophie and Isaac was with Joanne. We had to do about 6 different activities such as making 24 with 4 numbers and working out number patterns. We came 4th and there were a lot of schools there. The best thing was it was fun and challenging. Written by Molly Y4

Y5 Maths Challenge



On Friday 23rd November we went to St. Edward's School to the Year 5 maths challenge. For some of us this was the second challenge we have been to. There were six rounds. I liked the domino matching challenge and Thomas liked making tangrams. Thomas and Luke came 6th and Fred and I came slightly lower. It was a really fun afternoon. Written by Rhys Y5

Y5 Greek Pottery Workshop



Year 5 had an unforgettable morning with Jon from Eastnor Pottery. It began with Jon showing us how to make a pot on a potter's wheel. Everyone was stunned! After that, he let us have some clay to add our own Ancient Greek design to the pot. Next, we were given a ball of clay to make a 3D head of a character from an ancient Greek myth. We were all very upset when the session ended as everyone loved it! Written by Luke Y5

WHPS A Netball Team



The Warden Hill A Netball Team went to a tournament at Chosen Hill. We came 7th out of 13 schools and 3 children were given awards. Abbie 'for passion', Gabby 'for teamwork' and me for 'for being an outstanding player'. Although we didn't win we had lots of fun on the day. Written by Jasmine Y6

Reception Diwali Celebrations



Last month the Reception classes celebrated Diwali with a special day. We tasted a variety of Indian foods and sweets kindly brought in by some parents. We made our own Rangoli patterns and created, then decorated salt dough diva lamps. It was a great day for us all.

Pupil success

Elena Y5 & Ewan Y3 took part in the 2018 GTI British Open Taekwondo Championships and came away with Bronze (Elena) and Silver (Ewan) medals.



Harriet, Maisey & Emily were in the Memorial march that walked through Cheltenham.

Phoebe Y4 participated in Santa's Fun Run at Pitville Park. People ran dressed as elves or Santas to raise money for charity.



Bonnie Y6 & Jasmine Y6 excelled in a recent Swimming Gala.

Other news

School Uniform

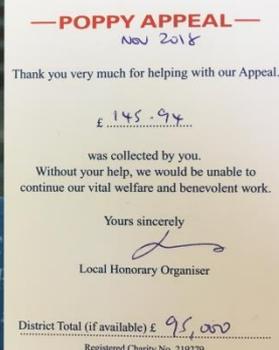
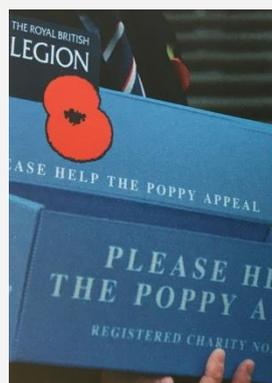
Excluding the Y6 children & infant book bags from January 2019 the new school uniform is compulsory. This includes the PE t-shirt.

Please see details of the uniform [here](#). Branded uniform orders should be made through your child's [ParentPay](#) account.

Thursday 20th December
School finishes at 1:30pm.

easyfundraising

Thank you for using the [easyfundraising](#) whilst completing your Christmas shopping, you have now raised over £20.



Dates and other information are all available on the school website

Calendar Dates: www.wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/events/

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