



Warden Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL



OCTOBER



Welcome from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents

This term seems to have flown by! It has been wonderful to see all our new Reception children settle into our school routines so quickly. The rest of the school have embraced their new year groups and the increased work expectations brilliantly – well done children.

It has been really lovely welcoming you all over the last couple of nights to parents evening. These meetings are vital in allowing us to keep you informed in the progress your children are making as well as highlighting the next steps in their learning or areas to improve upon. Their books as well as the displays in their classrooms and around school are testament to the super learning that has taken place since September.

Anti-Bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November.



This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme Change Starts With Us and is happening from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019.

We will be joining in with hundreds of other schools across the country on Tuesday 12th November with odd socks day. Our school council have been working with Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Antonious on updating our Positive Behaviour and Anti-Bullying, Equality and Hate policy. They are defining what bullying is and what bullying is not, the different types of bullying and how to get help if you think you are being bullied.



In a continuation from last year the school council will be taking the whole school assembly on Tuesday 12th to celebrate what makes us all unique and respecting differences. We look forward to seeing all the 'odd socks' in school that day!

Well-Being Day

We have finished the term off with a whole school well-being day. Our children have taken part in a variety of different activities linked to the 5 ways to

well-being: connect, be active, take notice, and keep learning and give.



All the children have enjoyed hot chocolate today (the staff's 'give'), Y6 pupils made 'Thank You' cards to give to our staff – some really touching comments from our children that brought smiles to our faces, Year 2 made calm jars which look beautiful. In fact, all in all, a wonderful day for all our pupils to finish off the term.

Thank you for your continued support and here's to a very happy half term.

Warmest regards
Georgina Flooks







School Lunch Menu

The new Caterlink menu will be available on our website after half term. Main changes: there will be jacket potatoes instead of baguettes.

Please go through the menu choices with your children and if they don't like any of the choices they will need to bring in a lunch box for that day.

Special Menu on the 5th November

Bonfire bangers (hot dogs) or vegetarian option
Catherine Wheels (cheese and tomato pinwheel). Both served with jumping jacket wedges and bonfire baked beans.

PTA Fireworks

PTA Fireworks ticket sales will take place after half term in the KS2 Library:

Tuesday 5th November - before school

Wednesday 6th November - before and after school

School Photographs Orders

Proofs have been distributed to children before half term. Deadline for photographs orders is Thursday 7th November. If you are missing any proofs please contact school office after half term.

Gruffalo Crumble

To finish off our Julia Donaldson topic the Reception children made Gruffalo crumble on Thursday before half term. It went down very well and, as it was the Well Being Day, some had second helpings, while a few even had thirds!

It has been a fantastic first term with the children learning new skills and routines and making new friends.

Mr Bailey



Poppy Appeal

Year 6 children will be selling poppies throughout the first week back after half term in support of the Royal British Legion. These will be on sale for suggested minimum donation of 20p, both at the start of the day and at breaktimes on the infant and junior playgrounds.

Year 6 Leavers' Event

If you would like to help to organise the Year 6 Leavers' Event in July, please come along to the Norwood Pub on Sunday 3rd November at 7.00 pm

Parent Governor Vacancies

If you would like to become more involved in our school then we will be advertising for two Parent Governor positions after half term. It would be really great to hear from you.



Don't Trash It, Smash It!

Warden Hill Eco Warriors would like you to bring your Halloween pumpkin to school, to be recycled after half term. The pumpkins will then be collected by Andigestion, who are pioneers in the UK of food-based anaerobic digestion. They process up to 110,000 tonnes of food waste per year to produce clean, green and eco-friendly energy which is used to heat and power local homes. In addition 100,000 tonnes of liquid fertiliser is also produced for use on farmer's fields.

Deadline for secondary applications for 2020

Applications for Year 7 2020 entry must be submitted before 31st October 2019.

Go to Gloucestershire County Council website for more information and to apply www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school



Ana, Sacha, Matthew, James and Dillon with Robin Stevens at her book signing at the Literature Festival



Year 2 Trip to the Literature Festival

On 11th October year 2 went to see the author of the 'The Storm Whale' called Benji Davies. Year 2 went on a double-decker bus to the Imperial Garden. From the Imperial Garden they had a short walk, and while we were walking we saw a man on stilts. Then, finally, year 2 arrived at the Literature Festival. After a while Benji read 'The Storm Whale'. After that we did a live drawing of the Storm Whale. Next he read 'Grandma

Bird'. After a while he showed us a quick snap shot of the storm whale in winter. Then it was time to go. But when we were at the Imperial garden 2H had to wait because they realised that it was 2W's bus instead so 2H had to wait for a while. After a while the bus came so 2H arrived back at school.

Rohan, year 2



Albert Dix Football Tournament

On Friday 18th October, the football A team went to St Edward's to play in the Albert Dix Football Tournament. We played four games within our group against St Edward's, Leckhampton, Holy Trinity and Christchurch. Our first game was against St Edward's, who had beaten us in the Football League final last year, and we lost narrowly 2-1. We beat Leckhampton

in the following match 4-0, with Ellis scoring all 4 goals! Our final two games were drawn, meaning we came 2nd in our group. We're looking forward to the rest of our league fixtures this season, having got off to a convincing 4-0 win against St Mark's on Monday.

Luke A, Year 6



Daily Mile Big Day

On Friday 18th October, the school was part of a record breaking event, along with 130 other schools across Gloucestershire. The challenge was for all of the children (as well as teachers and TAs) to run, jog or walk on the daily mile track for 15 minutes during the day. The children really enjoyed counting their laps as they went and encouraging each other along the way. They certainly didn't let the weather dampen their enthusiasm! Well done!



Junior Fun Run

On Sunday 13th October, Caitlin and Annabel (5H and 2W) braved the rain to take part in the Birmingham Junior Fun Run. They were part of a team raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital.



Rugby Skills Day

On Wednesday 9th October, 10 Year 6 children went to play in a Rugby Skills Day hosted at Cheltenham College. Throughout the day we played lots of skills games including: rugby rounders, the honey pot game and lots of chasing drills. After the best lunch ever, including hot chocolate, we warmed up again and played in 4 tag rugby matches. At the end of the session we were all given a bag and ball to take away – we even got these signed by a former international rugby player called Olly Morgan! It was a brilliant experience and we had lots of fun.

Harry A and Luke A, Year 6





Dates for your Diary

Friday 25 October – Monday 4 November

Tuesday 5 November

Wednesday 6 November

Thursday 7 November

Thursday 7 November

Friday 8 November

Monday 11 November

Tuesday 12 November

Thursday 14 November

Friday 15 November

Friday 15 November

Wednesday 20 November

Friday 22 November

Friday 29 November

Half Term

Start of Term 2

School Nursing Hub, 1:30pm

Open Morning

House Football

PTA Fireworks

Y6 Remembrance Assembly

Open Afternoon

Parents' Pop-in Morning

Y3 Stone Age Experience Day

Parenting and Stress Talk

Y3 Assembly

House Netball

PTA Christmas Fair

For times and detailed information
please visit the Calendar page

wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/events/

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