



Warden Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2019



Welcome from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the first newsletter of 2019.

Our children have had a wonderful start to the new school year and we are really proud at how quickly they have settled into their new classes.

Thank you to those who have attended the curriculum evenings to find out what the year holds for our children. For those of you who were not able to make them the information is on the website on the specific year group page.

I am very mindful as to how busy school and home life can be and this may be part of the reason for a drop in parents being able to attend the evenings. As a result of this I have asked some parents how they would feel about us uploading videos of the 'Curriculum Evenings' onto the website that would allow you watch them in September at your leisure. The response has been very positive and therefore from next September we will trial this for some year groups. I still think it is very important for our Reception and Y6 parents to come in and have this information face to face as these are key year groups starting and leaving our school.

Safeguarding Review

Last term we opted to have a Safeguarding Review which was carried out by the Local Authority (LA). This process allowed us to showcase our policies and practices as well as talk through our Offer of Early Help. I am delighted to report that the outcomes were extremely positive and the LA were very impressed with all we are doing as a school for our children and parent community.

Teaching and Learning Review

On a similar note we had a LA Teaching and Learning Review carried out by an independent school Improvement Partner (also an OFSTED inspector) as well as our School Link Advisor. The day was instrumental in allowing us to show case how we have continued to move the school forward since its last inspection and that our children really do receive a broad, rich and stimulating curriculum, which is fully wrapped up in our school values.

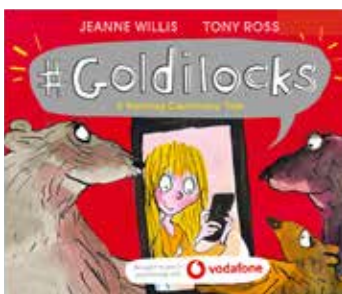
If you have not had a chance to look yet, please check out the 'Curriculum' Page on the website as well as last years' statutory results, which we are equally proud of.



#Goldilocks - Digital Parenting

KS2 have been enjoying the #Goldilocks: a fairytale for the digital age.

'The book sees #Goldilocks getting into trouble with the three bears over her pursuit of likes on social media. It aims to help educate children about the potential consequences of being unkind, getting carried away with selfies or oversharing images in a light-hearted way.'



Visit the website to receive a free copy of the book – be quick as it's on a first come first served basis with limited numbers available.

vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks

Parking

Polite reminder – please do not drive up Durham Close for the morning drop off or the afternoon pick up. Please also ensure that if you have to drive to school that you are not blocking neighbour's drives and that you leave room for pedestrians to pass safely. Remember that on a Wednesday you can drive to Morrisons and join our 'Walking Bus'. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

Dogs

Reminder to all parents and visitors - dogs are not allowed on school grounds, except for guide dogs.

Flu Immunisation Postponed

We have just received a call from the Gloucestershire Immunisation Team. Due to a delay with the nasal vaccine the team have had to cancel coming into school on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October. As soon as we have received a new date will put it on the school calendar website.

Xpressions App Issues

We are aware of issues many parents have been experiencing with the Xpressions App. Please bear with us while this is being investigated. In a meantime please check our website calendar and Recent Letters page for the latest school news and information.

House Captains

▶ **Windrush:** House - Jacob
Vice - Ruby
Sports - Eva



◀ **Leach:** House - Harry
Vice - Max
Sports - Eleanor



▶ **Coln:** House - Ethan
Vice - Molly PW
Sports - Ellis



◀ **Churn:** House - Rufus
Vice - Luke Ash
Sports - Alice



Inter-house Cross Country

On Friday 27th September everybody took part in the first house sports event of the 2019-2020 academic year: house cross-country. We had typical British weather for cross-country – lots of rain and quite cold – which made it harder to run but even more exciting!

All of the children in every year group, even our new reception classes, completed their courses, scoring points for their houses along the way. The scores were quite close throughout the day and it came down to the final Year 6 races to decide between Churn and Windrush. In the end Windrush were delighted to discover that the first house event of the year had been won by them!

A big thank you to all of the Year 5 and 6 marshals who helped in the poor weather conditions – the event couldn't have happened without you.



Pupils' success



Patrick in year 5 has become the Glevum Junior 9 Hole Champion at Brickhampton Golf Course for the third time, winning the competition 3 years in a row!



Lucas did a triathlon at the Lido recently and raised over £400 for the 'under one roof' appeal.



Gus in year 6 was awarded Manager's Player for Southside U10s football.



Leah in year 4 has grown her hair over many years. With long hair comes knots and brushing can sometimes tug and tears ensue. So we talked about if she wanted she could go shorter and donate her hair which she thought was a great idea. She didn't want just a bob though – she wanted a boy hair cut so she put it!! After much talking about it we decided to book the appointment and in August Leah donated 13 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust. As well as donating hair, we set up a social media page for donations to be given for the LPT also and incredibly raised £140!

by Leah's mum



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6 October	Harvest Festival at St Christopher's Church
Monday 7 October	Literature Festival Y3
Tuesday 8 October	Literature Festival Y6
Thursday 10 October	Photographer in School
Friday 11 October	Literature Festival Y1 and Y2
Friday 11 October	Girls' Football Tournament
Wednesday 16 October	Year 4 Assembly
Thursday 17 October	Harvest 'Celebration in Song' Festival
Friday 18 October	Parents' Social Event
Tuesday 22 October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23 October	Parents' Evening
Friday 25 October – Monday 4 November	Half Term

For times and detailed information
please visit the Calendar page
wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/events/

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