



Warden Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL



NOVEMBER 2020

Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

It's been a very exciting month for us as a school with the announcement of our New Building: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/new-school-for-warden-hill/>

The Gloucestershire County Council Cabinet approved the additional £1m at the Cabinet meeting, which is great news for our building budget. I hope to be able to bring you more information towards the end of this term linked to the proposed building plans and when and how we will be able to view them.

Governing Body

Congratulations to Cheryl Cummings, our newly elected Parent Governor. Thank you to all who took time to vote.

As a foundation school, Warden Hill is required to have partnership governors. Partnership governors are appointed by the governing body but can be nominated by parents of registered pupils at the school and such others in the community served by the school. Individuals are eligible to be nominated as partnership governors if the person nominating them believes that they have the skills needed to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The governing body will make the ultimate decision as to whether to appoint a person to this role based on their skills and experience.

Please note: a person is not eligible to be a partnership governor if they are:

- A parent of a registered pupil at the school;
- Eligible to be a staff governor at the school;
- An elected member of the local authority;
- Employed by the local authority in connection with its education functions.

We are inviting parents to make appropriate nominations for the role of partnership governor, based on the information above.

Please send any nominations through to Kate Shepherd, Clerk to Governors clerk@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk by Wednesday 18th November.

Parent view Survey

Thank you so much to those who have completed our short parent view survey. It has been sent to every parent. Please spare few moments to fill it in by Friday 20th November. It will really support our self-evaluation process. We will feedback on the findings and respond to general themes from the comments. Huge thanks in advance.

Staff Update

Warm welcome to new members of staff:

Nichola Roberts - Teaching Assistant

Carol Watkins - Midday Supervisor

Andrea Ologaray Guillen - Midday Supervisor



PTA

At the beginning of September the PTA gave each class £150 to buy books for each class book corner. The children were actively involved in choosing books and we were able to put the order through our local, and exceptional book shop, The Suffolk Anthology. Some of our Y6 children put together a short video to say thank you to all of you (as parents you automatically belong to the PTA). The video is available on the school website on the following link: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/pta/>

The PTA have recently held their AGM. Their latest newsletter is available on the PTA page: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PTA-Newsletter-November-2020.pdf>.

Please can I ask you to 'like and follow' their [PTA Facebook page](#): Warden Hill Primary School PTA, to keep up to date with the fund raising ideas and events for our school for this year run by the PTA.

School Policies

We have two policies that have been approved by our Governing Board. Firstly our [Positive Behaviour Policy](#) which has been completely re-written and a brand new [Remote Learning Policy](#). Please can I ask you to read these as they will affect us all at some point.

All policies are available on our website: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/policies-key-info/>

Anti-Bullying Week

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. Anti-Bullying Week will happen from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November and will start with Odd Socks Day to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd socks day is literally that - All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique. Our children will also take part in the Anti-Bullying Assembly which will be followed up by circle time/pupil discussion in class.

Remembrance Assembly 2020

I was so proud of our Year 6 pupils in their conduct throughout their Remembrance Assembly. The whole school were all able to watch this in their individual classrooms and yet, our school felt like one – hearing the singing drift down the corridors and Joanne's amazing performance of the Last Post. If you haven't had chance to watch it, please take a moment, it is incredibly poignant and brilliant.



Huge thanks to the Year 6 team for working on this so we could all be part of it again this year.

Relationship and Sex Education Consultation

As part of your child's educational experience at Warden Hill Primary, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a range carefully planned units of work from the Cambridgeshire Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) scheme of work. This scheme has been firmly embedded in our curriculum for years, with the most recent updates to the units taught in 2020. This curriculum area is essential in supporting our children's developing knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As many of you will be aware, the Department of Education announced changes to the relationships and sex education following a nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from September 2020 and all schools are required to comply with the update requirements.

The Government guidance can be found here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907638/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

Due to Covid-19, schools have been allowed to delay the start of this until the summer term 2021.

This means that we have been reviewing our RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) curriculum and policy, so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

As a school we have decided to adopt the RSE curriculum from Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning(GHLL) team (part of the LA). The whole teaching staff have been able to attend high quality training from the GHLL team over the last year and have had time to study the lessons and familiarise themselves with the resources to support our children in delivering these sessions.

Please visit our [RSE Consultation page](#)

I would ask you to take the time to look through all the information and then take a short, but important survey, as part of the consultation process. We are particularly interested in your views and any areas you might like further support at home. I am aware that there will be differences of opinion, but we will try to take your views into account. The **RSE survey** will be sent next week and the consultation process will close on Friday 11th December.

Baby News

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Harrison had a beautiful baby boy.

Welcome to the Warden Hill family, Freddie.



School Streets: get involved!

We are looking forward to working with pupils, parents and staff to help make our first School Streets trial in Gloucestershire a success.

Would you like to be involved?

We are looking for parents who can join us, perhaps once a month, as part of a Focus Group. Initially this is likely to be using an online platform. We are hoping to make this an informal and friendly platform for a group to help us work out what is going well, share suggestions and develop ideas for ways to promote fun ways for children and families to get active and stay healthy.

If you would like to join us please contact us on thinktravel@gloucestershire.gov.uk or let the school office know.

Remember you can follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)



Please complete our survey - let us know your views on the School Streets scheme on Durham Close.

<https://gloucestershire-consult.objective.co.uk/public/trp/schoolstreets/schoolstreets>

thinktravel
New sense of direction.

Computing Golden Rules

Every year we ask all parents to revisit our Computing Golden Rules with your children. These form an important part of our 'Acceptable Use Policy' and need to be agreed to each academic year. We would be really grateful if you would discuss them at home. Our full 'Acceptable Use Policy for Pupils' is available on our website and we would very much appreciate you taking the time to read this with your child. You will receive a form via Xpressions to confirm that your child agrees to the rules.

Many thanks for your support with this. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Siblings joining Warden Hill in September 2021

GCC have opened the online application facility for Reception entry in September 2021. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2021.

If you have a child that will be joining our school in Reception in September, please contact the school office to let us know.

Please see our website for key dates and useful links:
<https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/admissions/>

Christmas Lunch

We would like to invite all children to take part in our Christmas school lunch on Friday 11 December 2020.

For Key Stage 1 children, the lunch is free of charge, as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals programme.

For Juniors, the cost of the meal is £2.34, payable via ParentPay. As the Christmas meal is pre-ordered, if your child is not at school on this day you will still be charged for the meal.

This will be the only meal served on this day. If you do not wish your child to have a Christmas meal, you will need to provide a packed lunch.

The choices for the day will be as follows:

Meat option: **Roast Turkey**
Vegan option: **Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf**

Both options served with
Roast Potatoes, Glazed Carrots and Peas

Desert: **Chocolate Orange Brownie**

Please order via Xpressions Form which was sent on Monday 9 November.

Deadline for orders: Friday 20 November 2020

Christmas Card designs for Alex Chalk

Thank you to all pupils who have submitted their Christmas Card designs. We will be sending them to Alex Chalk's office shortly. Fingers crossed and good luck to all.



House Cross-Country

On the final day of the first term, all of Warden Hill Year 1 to Year 6 pupils participated in our first house event of the year: House Cross-Country.

With outstanding assistance from our house, vice and sports captains, all the children completed either 400m, 800m or 1,200m in laps of our school field, earning points for their houses in the process.

Churn's athletes were the standout performers of the day, achieving a number of race wins.

Results:

1st - Churn: 416 points
2nd - Windrush: 316 points
3rd - Leach: 293 points
4th - Coln: 285 points

The athleticism, determination and passion were clear for all to see and these values were celebrated by Josh Hanley from Move Move who had come along to support the event and provide medals to the top 3 boys and girls from each year group.

Additionally, teachers chose 3 children from their classes who embodied the school games values of 'Passion', 'Determination', 'Self-Belief' and 'Team-Spirit' who each received a wristband.

Our first house event of the year was a resounding success and we're thoroughly looking forward to getting onto more house events next term!



Immy proudly received the trophy on behalf of Churn.

House Points Update



Coln

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Windrush

1752



Churn

1713



Leach

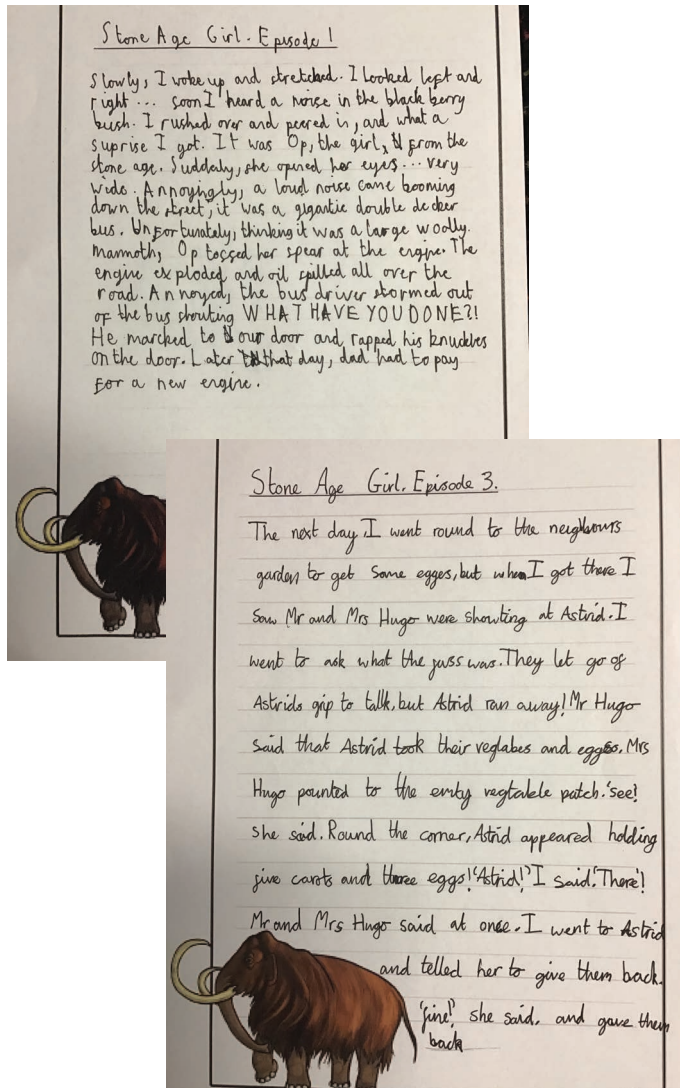
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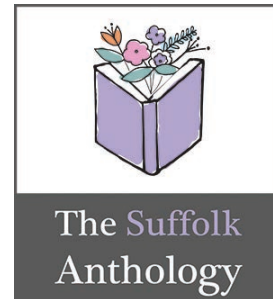
Stone Age Girl Narrative

Year 3 pupils have been writing a Stone Age Girl narrative. The children then chose which episode to wrote as their polished piece. Below are examples by Evie (3W) and Sammy (3W).



Books!

Last term, the PTA kindly donated some money to all of our classes to spend on books. The children were able to suggest books they wanted and the order went in to our local book shop, The Suffolk Anthology.



Each class now have these new books in their classrooms and many are already being shared in class and read at home. We are hugely grateful to the PTA for this donation and to parents for all their generous support given to the PTA.





Pupils' Success

Oliver (5C) plays for Southside Tigers and recently they won the football league playing against Bourton Rovers. They won 1-0 and it was an amazing match! Oliver also got player of the match. He has made so much progress and the coach said, 'Oliver put his heart and soul into the game'.



Luke (3B) and Will (3B) were selected for a trial for Cheltenham Town. The below article appeared in the first edition of the Cheltenham Post last Thursday.

Cheltenham Post

Bridge Academy youngsters at Cheltenham Trials

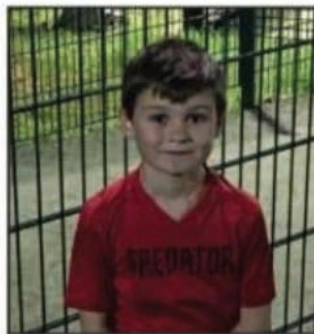
A SELECTION of talented young footballers have been asked to attend trials at Cheltenham Town's Academy in recent weeks. Bridge Football Academy which is now the largest development programme in the county has had a total of 6 players currently go on trial at the league 2 club. The programme set up in 2019 to 'bridge the gap' between Grassroots & Academy Football has already seen huge success, with a total of 11 players being signed by professional clubs including Cheltenham themselves.

The group of 6 talented children are Luke Smith, Jacob Collins, Vinne Folks, Sonny Cawdron, Isaac Winter & William Wronski who have all attended sessions at the professional club in recent weeks. In addition to these, Bridge has plans for at least an additional 6 players to attend trials at clubs in the coming months.

Nick Housden - Director of Bridge had this to say: "We are thrilled that Cheltenham have taken such a strong interest in players within the Bridge programme. These boys have worked hard for this opportunity, and we wish them the best of



YOUNG STARS: Top row, Jacob Collins, Luke Smith, and Sonny Crawford, below, William Wronski, Isaac Winter and Vinnie Folks.



luck! We have already seen 11 players sign for pro clubs, and look forward to more success stories in the coming months. "These boys have been able to showcase their talents with us at

Wolves, WBA, Bristol City & Cheltenham in the past year and have earned the opportunity of a trial through hard work and lots of practice!

"If you would like an

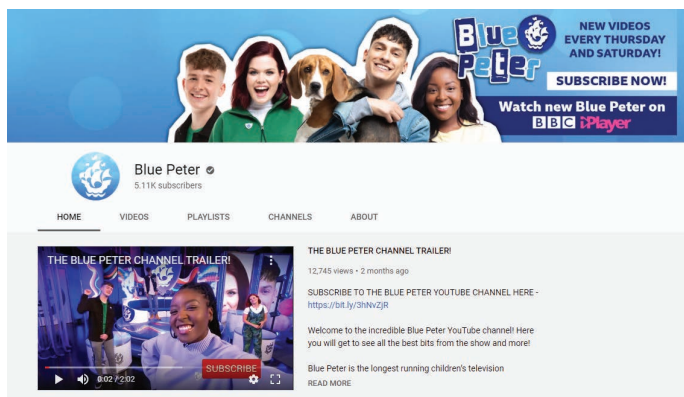
opportunity for your child to follow in the footsteps of these 6 lads, please get in touch with us and we would be happy for them to attend a trial with us at Bridge as the first step.



Autumn Time at Forest School

During 2H's sessions of autumnal forest school, Amelie made this very beautiful autumn leaf frame, reflecting the colours of the school houses.

Mrs Chavasse



Blue Peter on YouTube

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your pupils would be interested in this, please do send this out to your parents and ask them to subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

The Blue Peter Team

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This winter please support those who will go hungry

We Need You

What can you do to help?

- Volunteer?
- Donate money?
- Donate food or meals?
- Pass this message on to others?

Get in touch with
sarah@familyspace.org.uk

Spread the word

Please help us share this information far and wide so we can support as many people as possible across Cheltenham this winter.

We Urgently Need...

- Long-Life Milk
- Coffee/Tea & Hot Chocolate
- Breakfast Cereal
- Cooking Sauces
- Tinned Curry & Meals
- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Baked Beans/Soup
- Rice/Pasta
- Tinned Vegetables/Fruit
- Squash
- Crisps

'Nice to have's'

- Stuffing & Gravy
- Boxes of Chocolates/Biscuits
- Cranberry Sauce
- Yorkshire Pudding Mix
- Christmas Cake
- Shower Gel/Shampoo

#FeedCheltenham

To help us supply supermarket vouchers and support other food provision organisations, Cheltenham-wide please donate
www.crowdfunder.co.uk/feedcheltenham

Food support

Local food providers need your help to ensure they have enough food and essential items for those in need.

For more information about how and where to donate please contact the local organisations
sarah@familyspace.org.uk

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Cheltenham Borough Council

Springbank

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FOODBANK FUND**

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 November	Odd Socks Day
Monday 16 November - Friday 20 November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 1 December	KS2 Virtual Author Visit: Maz Evans
Friday 11 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 11 December	PTA Tombola, Non-school uniform day.
Friday 18 December	Last Day of Autumn Term, Finish at 1:30pm



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