

Great Wishford C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

PARENTS NEWSLETTER Spring 6 www.greatwishfordschool.co.uk

5th April 2017

We are delighted to let you know that we raised £112.00 for Comic Relief from our 'wear red day' and selling of red noses.

The friends of the school hot chocolate and storytelling raised £158.00 and the commission from the sales at the Book Fair raised a further £86.00 for school funds.

Many thanks to everyone for supporting these fundraising events.

Class Photographs

Unfortunately, the photographer booked to take the class photographs was unwell on the scheduled day so this has not yet taken place. We are hoping to be able to re-schedule the class photos after the Easter holidays. The whole school photograph will take place as planned on Friday 5th May.

Bikeability

Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who took part in the Bikeability training and all passed Level 1 and Level 2. We were also grateful to Glenside Nursing Home for donating 10 cycle helmets to the school.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Our usual open classrooms will be taking place tomorrow Thursday 6th April. A reminder of the timetable is at the end of this newsletter. We would like to thank the Friends of the school for undertaking to provide the refreshments for this event.

Health and Well-being

We have experienced a high level of pupil and staff illness over this term. We have been advised that locally there has been an increase in cases of Scarlet Fever and Chicken Pox. Please see below the advice from Wiltshire Council to protect children from these infections.

Chickenpox

Chickenpox is a mild and common childhood illness that most children catch at some point. It causes a rash of red, itchy spots that turn into fluid-filled blisters. They then crust over to form scabs, which eventually drop off. To prevent spreading the infection, keep children off nursery or school until all the spots have crusted over. For most children, chickenpox is a mild illness that gets better on its own. However, some children can become more seriously ill and need to see a doctor.

Scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is also a mild childhood illness but unlike chickenpox, it requires antibiotic treatment. Symptoms include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting, followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. As the rash fades the skin on the fingertips, toes and groin area can peel.

If you think, a child has scarlet fever:

- They need to see their GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that the child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.
- Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for **at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment**, to avoid spreading the infection

Complications

Children who have had chickenpox recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and vigilance is required. Scarlet fever is also a mild childhood illness for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis. If you are concerned for any reason, please seek medical assistance immediately.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thurs 6th April - Easter Eggstravaganza/open classrooms Key Stage 1 9.30 - 11.30 am
Key Stage 2 1-3 pm**

Fri 7th April - Last Day of Term

Mon 24th April - Start of Summer Term

Fri 5th May - Whole School Photo

Sun 14th May - Jumble Sale - South Newton and Wishford Village Hall

Fri 16th June - Sports Evening and Friends of the School BBQ

Tues 20th June - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral

Fri 30th June - Friends of the School Beach Party 3-4 pm

Fri 7th July - TD Day - School Closed to pupils

Mon 10th July - TD Day - School Closed to pupils

Fri 14th July - Friends of the School Disco 6-8pm

Wed 19th July - Year 6 Leavers' Service in the School Hall 10 am.

Fri 21st July - Last Day of Term

Sun 10th Sept - Great Wishford 10k and 3k run

Mon 2nd Oct - Individual School Photos

Sun 15th Oct - Jumble Sale - South Newton and Wishford Village Hall

Wed 29th Nov - Christmas Craft Day

Thurs 30th Nov - Posada Service

Wed 6th Dec - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances 1.30pm and 6pm- School Hall

Wed 13th Dec - Key Stage 2 Christmas Performances 1.30 pm and 6 pm - South Newton and Great Wishford Village Hall.

Fri 15th December - Friends of the School Disco 6-8pm

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

8.45 - 9.15 Tea/Coffee School Hall (Friends of the School)

9.15 - 9.45 Owl Class Open Classroom

9.50 - 10.30 Kingfisher Class Open Classroom

10.45 - 11.15 Key stage 1 Presentation

1.15 - 1.45 pm Skylark Class Open Classroom

1.45 - 2.15 Osprey Open Classroom

2.15 - 2.45 p.m. Key Stage 2 Presentation - School Hall

2.45 pm Tea/Coffee - School Hall (Friends of the School)