

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

PARENTS NEWSLETTER Spring 3 [www.greatwishfordschool.co.uk](http://www.greatwishfordschool.co.uk)

10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Thank you to everyone who attended the Key Stage 1 Reading Morning we hope that you found it useful. The children were really proud to show off their reading skills. Feedback received so far "Wow! Lots more covered than I was expecting"..... "Useful"..... "Informative about the leap in the expectations for Key Stage 1 reading SATs".... "I didn't realise the importance of reading together every night for at least 30 minutes!"

We will be organising a similar session for the Key Stage 2 parents on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall 9.00 am - 9.45 am.

## Staffing

The Governing Body are delighted to let you know that following an interview process this week we have appointed Mr Stuart Jones as Osprey Class teacher. Mr Jones will start after the Easter Holidays and we look forward to welcoming him to our team of staff.

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Bown back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Armstrong who has been teaching Kingfisher Class during Mrs Bown's maternity leave will continue to provide the teaching in the class until the end of the Spring Term to allow a smooth hand over to Mrs Bown who will take over the teaching after the Easter Holidays.

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Wiltshire Police: ENCOMPASS is the reporting to schools, by the next school day, when a child or young person has affected by a domestic incident.

*"ENCOMPASS will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be shared the information in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, affected or exposed to a domestic abuse incident."*

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

## Friends of the School

Following a very successful second meeting of the Friends of the school, the following officers have been appointed:

**CHAIR PERSON - NIKKI McNULTY**

**VICE CHAIR - LISA NEWMAN**

**TREASURER - MAAIKE McCLOSKEY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> TREASURER - TO BE DECIDED**

**SECRETARY - CLAIRE TRIBBECK AND KATE BYDLON**

Some initial dates for events have been set, and we look forward to hearing about the future plans for fundraising events.

The next meeting of the Friends of the School will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 8 pm at the Greyhound in Wilton, please do go along and support this group.

## Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair from 21-24<sup>th</sup> March. The Friends of the School will be organising a fundraising storytelling and hot chocolate session for pupils on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 3.00 - 4.00 pm. Pupils will be able to come to school on this day in their Pyjamas for a donation of £1.00 or £2.00 if they would like to stay at the end of the day for the storytelling and hot chocolate.

## Collective Worship

Please take a moment to enjoy our 'Peace' responses by the children displayed in the corridor as we conclude with this term's value focus. Next term we will be reflecting on 'Justice'.

We will be holding a special assembly for parents on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm "Restorative Justice What is it?". A short presentation showing pupils, staff and governor responses to Restorative Justice followed by an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Last Day of Term**

**11-19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term Holiday**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Back to School - Term 4**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March - Friends Meeting 8pm Greyhound in Wilton**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March - Tea and Biscuits with Debi Downing and Debbie Newman together with a member of the behaviour support team - 1.00 pm in the School Hall**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March - 2.00 pm Online Safety Workshop for parents NSPCC speaker Kevin West - School Hall**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March - First session of after school Owl Class Art Club 3-4 pm**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March 2pm - Assembly "Restorative Justice What is it?" School Hall**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> -Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair - School Hall**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March Pyjama Day followed by 3-4.00 pm Storytelling and Hot Chocolate**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March Class Photographs**

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March - Friends of the School Disco 6-8pm**

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

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April - Last Day of Term**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> May - Whole School Photo**

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May - Jumble Sale - South Newton and Wishford Village Hall**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Evening and Friends of the School BBQ**

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Salisbury Cathedral**

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July - Friends of the School Disco 6-8pm**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Individual School Photos**

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct - Jumble Sale - venue tbc**

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Christmas Craft Day**

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - Posada Service**

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances 1.30pm and 6pm- School Hall**

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

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December - Friends of the School Disco 6-8pm**

## **After School Clubs**

Next term we will be continuing with the Key Stage 1 Gymnastics and Key Stage 2 Martial Arts Clubs.

We would like to thank Mrs Constantine for supporting the football club during the last term. Mr Doug Small is no longer able to undertake this club due to other commitments. We are however excited to let you know that we have been able to organise for the Chelsea Football Foundation to operate this club after half term. There will be a separate letter sent out with details of how the club will run and details to sign up for this. If you have already paid in full for this term's club we will refund this to you after half term.

Miss Sparre will be running an after school art club for pupils in Owl Class on a Wednesday from 3-4 pm. If your child would like to attend this club please sign up at the school office. There will be a small charge of £2.00 per week to fund the purchase of art materials. The first session of this club will be on Wednesday March 1st 2017.

