

WHADDON NEWS

September 2017

Wow! Hasn't September flown? I can't believe we have been back at school for a whole month already. Signs of Autumn are around us and we are busy preparing for Harvest Festival. We hope you can join us to mark such an important time for our Farming community, as we give thanks and celebrate together.

Our School Council 2017-2018

Our school Council have been duly elected by their classmates and held their first meeting. They introduced themselves to the rest of the school during Collective Worship and explained they are there to help all of the children in the school and to listen to their ideas about how to improve the school and how to make learning even better.

Year 1—Dylan and Maggie

Year 2—Kaleb and Lily

Year 3—Ella and Johnny

Message From the School Council: We are worried that cars have been parking opposite the school at the start and end of the school day so please will all parents please park further away and walk to school to keep all of us children safe.

Thank you from The School Council



Trip to Waterstones

We went in a mini bus and a teachers car to Waterstones. We met Mrs Bloomer who works there and an author called Paula Harrison. First Mrs Bloomer took us on a tour of the shop. Then she showed us all the information about the books and where they are in the shop. There are different types of books in different places. We went downstairs to the children's books and Paula Harrison sat down and told us what it was like being an author. She was always writing lots of ideas down at school and in different places, because she really wanted to be an author. She said it is fun being an author. Paula told us a little bit about her books and showed us her plans from writing the books. She draws pictures to help her ideas and makes lots of mind maps.



Then she told us about some of the books she has written that are coming out soon. We asked her lots of questions and so did the teachers. It was very interesting to meet a real author. After that we went to look for books to buy. Ella found her favourite book but she didn't buy it. Johnny bought a book by Tom Gates. It's his favourite. We took it in turns to buy the books ourselves. Some children bought Paula Harrison's books and she signed them. Then some of us got back on the minibus and some of us got back in teachers' cars to go back to school. The books we bought will go in the school library and we will put our names in the one we bought for the school. By Ella and Johnny.

Foundation Stage News

Our Foundation Stage children have settled in beautifully. They are such an interested, happy bunch, they brighten up the school and everyone loves them! As I look around, I am so proud of how kind everyone is to each other. Year 1, 2 and 3 children have been so welcoming and helpful that I can honestly say we have never had a Foundation Stage class that have established themselves into school life so smoothly. Well done children! What a great year we are going to have!

This month, they were inspired by a book they had read and decided to go on a Bear Hunt. So, donning wellies (Essential Bear Hunting Clothing) They bravely set off, encountering: Swishy, swashy grass, Splash, splashed through a deep, cold river, Squelched through deep, oozy mud and finally, ... One shiny wet nose!

Two big furry ears!

Two big googly eyes!

IT'S A BEAR!!!



Phonics Information meeting for Foundation Stage and Year 1 Parents

We will be presenting an information meeting on Wednesday 11th October at 8.50am in the new classroom. The meeting will explain how children learn their sounds and how they use these to begin to read and write.

Year 1 parents will find out about the Phonics test your children will sit this year. You will receive helpful advice on how you can best support your child with their learning and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Living Streets

Did you know ..

Only 25% of children walk to school?

Over half of parents who live within a mile of their children's school, drive them to school?

Our school is part of the Living Streets campaign. Each child, who walks, or rides a bike/scooter to school or whose parents park on the edge of the village and walks to school from there will earn points towards a monthly badge in recognition of this.

Remember, the nights are drawing in and it is important to wear bright, reflective clothing so stay safe!

Congratulations to our Illustrators!

As part of the whole-school trip to Waterstones earlier this term, the children in Years 1,2 and 3 each designed a dragon to enter into a competition judged by none other than Cressida Cowell, author of How to Train your Dragon!

Each child spent a whole morning on their design and the results were very impressive. They ranged from four-headed rainbow dragons, to ice-breathing dragons and friendly purple dragons. The children proudly took their work to Waterstones to be handed to Mrs Bloomer, who displayed them in the shop.

This week we had some exciting news. The **winner** of the **under 12s category** was **Susannah Muston** with her incredibly detailed rainbow dragon. Well done Susannah!

Furthermore, **Kaleb Olupitan, Anna Williamson and Camron Johnston-Bolton** all received a 'highly commended' certificate for their designs.

Each of the children was given a very special certificate created and signed by Cressida Cowell.

Congratulations Susannah, Kaleb, Anna and Camron!

And of course, well done to everyone else who took part. Cressida Cowell was so impressed with the children's designs that she mentioned them on Twitter.

Footsteps

Some of our Year 1 children began their Footsteps journey this month. Two parent volunteers, Camilla Bach-Williamson and Alexis Mitchell, took small groups of children out onto the pavement to learn how to keep themselves and their friends safe near the roads. The children learnt that there is a lot to look out for, before they even think about crossing a road. They spotted hazards such as driveways and the edge of the pavement. They also learnt how to determine what cars are up to by looking at their lights and indicators. Mrs Bach-Williamson and Mrs Mitchell were very impressed with the children's ideas and how seriously they took their road safety mission. Thank you very much to our two volunteers, who will be back next half-term to carry out the children's next session.



Forest School News

Year 1

The Year 1 children have settled in well to Forest School over the past two weeks. They have learnt important Forest School safety rules including how to conduct a 'safety sweep' at the start of each session. From the start they have been learning how to work as a team; this was particularly important when the children had to move a large cauldron together. They began chanting 'keep going, keep going!' to encourage each other!

The children were immediately keen to light a fire and learnt that they needed flint; they managed to find a lot of flint around, both at forest school and subsequently during class time. Forest School is always a good time to talk about seasons and the children have identified that Autumn is coming; they are learning how to measure the temperature each week, and notice seasonal changes around them such as the leaves falling off the trees.

One of Year 1's favourite things to do, wherever they are, is to find minibeasts! At Forest School they have seen and identified millipedes, worms, slugs, spiders and woodlice. They even saw a Red Admiral!



Forest School News

Year 2 and 3

Following on from last year, Year 2 and 3 quickly remembered the rules and routines of Forest School. They have become adept at the 'safety sweep' and work well together as a team to have a good time.

This month they have enjoyed using the Forest School area to create a fairy garden and to pretend to cook on the outdoor oven. Johnny and Camron used the tripod, hooks, chain and pan to role play creating a stew for the other children; roasted blackbird was the treat of the day!

The children continue to learn about the creatures and plants around them; they found a white flower which they identified as 'white clover'. Apparently, Lily's horse likes to snack on it! The children noticed seasonal changes around them and that the temperature is getting colder each week. They have become very good at reading the thermometer. Their favourite thing at the moment is to light a fire - though they didn't quite find enough sticks this week!

Golden Awards!

Congratulations to all of the children who achieved a Golden Award this week:

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 9th October	Harvest Festival—Everyone welcome	9.00—10.00	St Mary's Church Followed by Tea, Coffee and cake in the Chapel for parents
Wednesday 11th October	Phonics information Meeting for Foundation Stage and Year 1 parents	8.50—9.30	Year 1 classroom
Tuesday 31st October	Year 1, 2, 3 Parents Evening—Letter to follow	12.00—17.00	School
Sunday 26th November	Christingle—All children and families	17.30-18.30	St Mary's Church
Friday 8th December	Nativity-All children	18.00-19.00	Village Hall
Tuesday 19th December	End of year Carol Concert	14.00-15.00	St Mary's Church

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

AUTUMN TERM 2017	Monday 4 September	Friday 20 October
	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 19 December
SPRING TERM 2018	Wednesday 3 January	Friday 9 February
	Monday 19 February	Friday 30 March
SUMMER TERM 2018	Monday 16 April	Friday 25 May
	Monday 4th June	Tuesday 24 July

TERM TIME BANK HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

Monday 7th May 2018 – May Bank Holiday

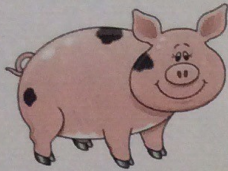
INSET DAYS 2017/18

Monday 4th September 2017
 Tuesday 5th September 2017
 Wednesday 3rd January 2018
 Monday 23rd July 2018
 Tuesday 24th July 2018

Year 1

Work to be Proud of

Milk to be proud of



How did you get on?

I wrote questions with question marks

I can use my sounds to words.



Dear

Farmer James,

We would like to find out about pigs. We have some questions for you.

What do pigs eat?
do pigs like jumping?
do pigs like presents?
do pigs like to play?
do pigs like to jump?
do pigs like to play?
do pigs like to jump?

😊 Amazing work - you worked so hard!

Archie's questions about pigs

Year 1

Work to be Proud of



Claudia's Dragon Design

Year 2 and 3

Work to be Proud of

ORCA WHALE



Size: 9.8 m.

Weight: 9 tonnes.

Age: 50 years old.

Habitat: seas and oceans.

Diet: white sharks crabs seals. carnivore.

Swimming ability: up to 50 mph.

Strength: No predators and Hunt in packs.

Weakness: They can't smell.

Fun fact: They live groups called pods.