

The Whartons' Fortnightly Newsletter

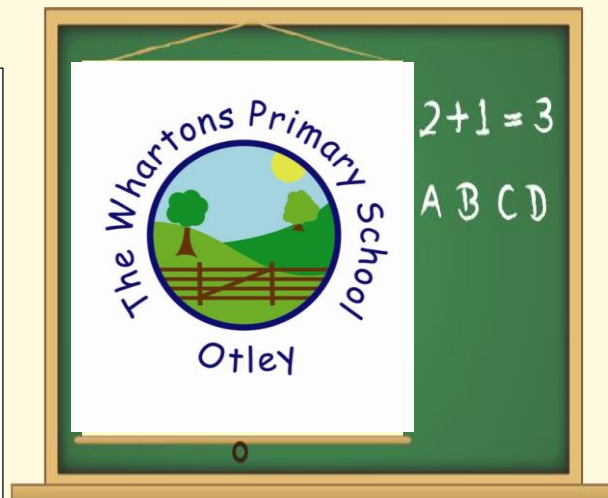
8th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last half term has positively whizzed by in a whirlwind of tests, trips and visitors with the occasional special event thrown in for good measure.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the Y6 children and Y2 children for their super hard work last half term and their determination and focus in their approach to their SATs tests/papers.

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely half term.



Assembly Themes

To finish our theme of Relationships in assemblies I have been talking to the children about the importance of loyalty and friendship. Especially when we face tricky times. Congratulations to those children who received certificates for their hard work and great use of relationships to support each other as one of our learning to learn skills.

Reception - Frank C & Jacob CH

Year 1 - Harry B & Frank C

Year 2 - Brodie T

Year 3 - All of the Class

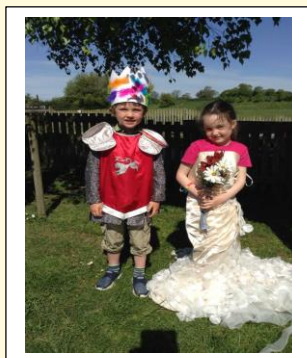
Year 4 - Michael B & Molly B

Year 5 - Magnus BP & Emma L

Year 6 - Katie W & Jacob CH

Reception Children Host Own Royal Wedding

Reception children had a fabulous day last week when they planned and acted out Harry and Meghan's royal wedding. They came to school in their wedding clothes wearing beautiful homemade hats and crowns, went through the whole ceremony and celebrated with confetti and wedding cake. The weather was kind, just like for the real occasion and there was afternoon tea in the sunshine. They had a fabulous time and learnt a great deal about weddings and the royal family.



Annual Quiz Night

Staff and parents had the most fantastic time a couple of weeks ago when they attended the event of the year 'Whartons Quiz Night'.

Able to host as usual by Cliff Cain, there was a plethora of different rounds with a subject for everyone's taste.

The questions were tough and Cliff really tested all the contestants. There was even a round of match the baby picture to the grown up which was fabulous; who knew Mr Hampson could have been so cute!!

The Parents' Association team did a fabulous job and the night flowed with nibbles and refreshments. At the staff table, we all had a great time and managed not to come last...phew. Thank you everyone for attending and organising.



- **Anti-Racism Workshop**
- **Yr1 Multi Sports**
- **Y6 Residential**

Y1 Multi-Sports

On Tuesday morning, Year 1 walked down to Prince Henry's where they took part in a multi-skills sports morning.

The activities were all led by Year 9 students from Prince Henry's who did a fantastic job helping and encouraging our younger children. The children worked hard on their agility and coordination skills which they have been practising in their PE sessions and were joined by children from Otley All Saints and St Josephs.

Thank you to Madelyn and Kristina's mums who joined us. We were all very proud of the children's hard-working and resilient attitudes and their behaviour was exemplary.



Anti-Racism Workshop

Nicki Wilce, the director of Inspiration Tree activities, visited school at the end of last half term to lead workshop for Y5 and Y6 children.

Nicki presented to the children some of the key figures in history related to racism and anti-racist movements. He asked the children to share their ideas about what racism is and isn't.

Nicki led the children in a debate around changes over time in racism and how we react to others who are different to us, who may come from other cultures.

The children found out about some customs and traditions from other cultures and considered how sometimes peoples misunderstanding of unusual practices can lead to mistrust.

The children finally considered how times have changed and how far we have come in promoting tolerance and understanding of differences, but also what still needs to be done.

The children made really considered contributions and approached the topic with maturity. Thank you to Mr Wilce for leading a thought provoking afternoon for UKS2 children.



Year 6 Residential

What a fabulous week Y6 had at their residential adventure holiday at the end of term. The weather was perfect and the children threw themselves in to all the activities on offer with determination and enthusiasm.

Going away from home with school friends, organising and challenging yourself, overcoming your fears to make great achievements is a real milestone for children. All of the children came back with a sense of pride and achievement, alongside dirty clothes and a need to sleep for a few days!

As well as learning new skills such as archery, raft building and climbing, the children also learnt how to work together in teams, how to be self-sufficient and how to compromise, great skills for moving on to secondary school. Well done to all the children whose behavior was fabulous

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to make this such a memorable time for the children.



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- *Y4 Skipping Competition*
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Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th June - Y6 Bun Sale
Thursday 14th June - Reception Trip to Hesketh Farm
Thurs 14th & Fri 15th June - Father's Day Stall
Saturday 16th June - Otley Carnival
Monday 18th June - Y1 Farnley Woods Trip
Thursday 21st June - New Parents Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 22nd June - School Closed (Training Day)
Tuesday 26th June - New Parents Children Stay & Play 2:15pm - 3:00pm
Thursday 28th June - Whole School Experience PHGS
Friday 29th June - Summer Disco
Friday 6th July - Sports Day
Monday 9th July - PTA Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 10th July - Reception Bun Sale
Tuesday 10th July - New Parents Children Stay & Play 2:15pm - 3:00pm
Tuesday 10th July - Parent Helper Tea Party
Wednesday 11th July - Y2 Class Assembly
Thursday 12th July - Reception Family Picnic 2pm
Saturday 14th July - Whartonsfest 11am - 3pm
Wednesday 18th July - Reception Class Assembly
Tuesday 24th July - Casual Day, bring £1
Wednesday 25th July - School Closed (Training Day)

Year 4 Skipping Competition

Year 4 had practiced hard over the last half term for their skipping competition at Trinity University

The competition was a culmination of 6 weeks' worth of learning new skipping techniques, creating sequences of moves and finally putting everything together to a sound track. The choreography was amazing and the children were stunning.

Mr Williamson and the children worked so hard to perfect their performance and treated both parents and children to a trail run performance on the playground ahead of the main event at the end of the half term. The children put on an amazing show both in school and at the competition, coming second in their heat. Well done to Mr Williamson and all the children.

You have inspired others to take up their skipping ropes.



Y3 Trip to Herd Farm

Just before the end of half term Y3 children spent the day at Herd Farm just outside Leeds.

The trip was a fabulous opportunity for the children to experience what it may have been like in Stone Age times. Firstly, they were able to look at a reconstruction of a stone age village, they looked at the designs of the houses themselves and found out about how settlements often had smaller dwellings and a larger communal hut space. The children dressed up in Stone Age clothing and painted Stone Age style cave paintings on stones. The children learnt about hunting and cooking through hands on activities and had a fantastic time learning to throw spears and light fires. The children found out about how Stone Age people made fishing boats to enable them to catch fish to supplement their diet. The children also built walls from twigs by using ancient and simple tools as mallets to secure their fences. The trip really helped bring the children's learning to life.



A final Note:

We are fortunate to be out on the field for many of our playtimes now so please remember to administer anti histamines and sun tan lotion before school in the mornings. Thank you.

Julia Dickson