

The Whartons' Newsletter

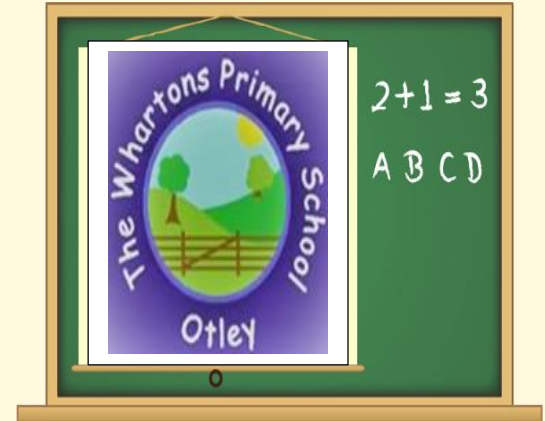
29th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been so short and has flown by. I can't believe we have reached our Easter holiday already.

We have had a great last few weeks in school. The children have been working hard and there have been some sporting successes over the last couple of weeks too.

There have been lots of opportunities to learn and play in the outdoors too.



Assembly Themes

Assemblies this week have been very informative in a variety of ways; Year 5 children shared their work from this term through their class assembly, one pupil shared their fundraising ideas and teachers lead assemblies which focused on using online platforms safely.

Well done to our 'Best I Can Be' certificate winners who shared their work or great learning behaviours with the school in Friday Assemblies. Their work will be displayed on our writer and mathematician of the week display boards

Reception – Elise B, Arvin J-C, Jessie D & Sophia D

Year 1 – Justin C, Maisie B, William B & Charlie W

Year 2 – Whole of Year 2

Year 3 – Lucy P, Skye L, Ella T, Oriah N & Jacob P

Year 4 – Sam C, Okezie N, Matthew T & Millie M

Year 5 – Ellie W, Evie C, Alfie H & Molly B

Year 6 – Ellis H, Charlie G, Joe D & Ellie H

Faster Egg Competition

It is that time of year again when the children's creativity can come to the fore. As the Easter holidays this year are actually before Easter weekend it is an ideal opportunity for the children to spend an afternoon during the break, decorating their egg/eggs.

As usual please try to keep your creations to the size of a shoe box, so we can display all of the entries. There is no set theme so let your imaginations run wild. I am excited to see what the children create. Please bring your eggs back on the Monday and Tuesday of the new term and place them in the entrance hall next to their year group labels where they can be judged.

Pennies to Pencils Assembly

Last week I received a wonderful letter from Emily in Year 3. She had been watching a programme called 'Our School' on the CBBC channel. The programme explained all about a fabulous organization called 'The Memusi Foundation'.

The Foundation support children in Kenya by offering school places for children who would otherwise be unable to attend school. A good education is so vital to children and echos the work we were doing earlier this term linked to the UN's Sustainable goals.

Emily wanted to help and has forgone her birthday party this year, diverting the money instead to support 'Teesho' a Year 2 girl at The Memusi School in Kenya.

Emily asked if she could organize a fundraiser at school called Pennies to Pencils, with the children perhaps forgoing tuck shop money for a day and donating to the fund. Emily told the children all about it in assembly. More details will follow after Easter. Great work Emily, we are behind you.

- **Outdoor learning**
- **Year 5 Assembly**
- **Gift Stall**

Mothers Day Stall

Once again a great big thank you to the Parents Association for running the Mothers' Day and 'Thank You' stall again this year.

It is a real challenge to source the lovely gifts they do for just a few pounds. I know they scour warehouses and retail outlets as well as using their bargain hunter skills.

It is such a great opportunity for the children to really choose and buy a present for someone they care for. This could be Mum but also Auntie, Grandma or anyone special to them, to show their appreciation



Year 6 Outdoor Learning

With the weather this week being so lovely, the Year 6 children took the opportunity to lead learning for their 'buddies' from the Reception class, outside in the sunshine.

The children spent the afternoon in the wildlife area and used the outdoor classroom.

The Year 6 pupils lead their younger wards in den making, twig whittling, wand making, mini beast hunting, drawing the wildlife and a game of hide and seek.

All the children had a fabulous time and finished the afternoon reading books together.



Year 5 Assembly

"Fantastically fun and filled with interesting information"- This is how Year 5's class assembly has been described and I could not agree more. Showcasing lots of their learning in class from a range of subjects such as English, Maths and PE, Year 5 gave us a great insight into what goes on in their classroom.

Parents were undoubtedly proud to see their children showing such confidence in speaking in front of an audience, such great teamwork in helping one another with their words and such obvious enjoyment in their learning. Well done Year 5!



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- Multi-Sports
Tournament
- Skipping
Competition

Diary Dates

Friday 29th March-School Closes for
Easter Break

Monday 15th April-School Reopens

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7.15pm

Thursday 18th April-School Closes
for Easter weekend

Tuesday 23rd April-School Reopens

Tuesday 30th April-Year 2 Bun Sale

Friday 3rd May-School Closes for
May Day weekend

Tuesday May 7th May-School
Reopens

W/C May 13th-SATS Week

Monday 13th – PTA Meeting 7.15pm

Handball Tournament

As part of their PE lessons this term Year 4 have been learning how to play the new sport of Handball, from our PE teacher from Prince Henry's.

They have really enjoyed their PE lessons with Mrs Fenton-Green, who has been working with all the Year 4 children across our Family of Schools teaching them the rules of this new team game.

On Monday this week, the children spent half a day at Prince Henry's with other schools from the Cluster in a team tournament. When they arrived and had assembled the children enjoyed a mass game of 'Polar Bears and Whales' to warm them up and stretch them out before they started playing in their team competitions. Our teams had to play a carousel of matches against children from other schools.

The children themselves told me that they were proud of the great collaboration and positive communication skills that had been used, each team and school cheering on each other.

Having played all their matches and when all the points were 'counted and verified' The Whartons team came joint first. We are so proud of you, well done!

Year 4 Skipping Competition

On Wednesday the 27th March, Year 4 competed in a Skipping Festival against four other Leeds based schools. They have been practising really hard over the last few weeks in school and this practise really paid off. They had an amazing time and took part in individual events such as the Double Bounce and the Pretzel.

Year Four then performed a team skip dance routine to score extra points.

With over 1000 points won, The Whartons qualified for the

Leeds' Schools Grand Final, which will take place on

29th April at Leeds Beckett University, and are in the

top ten of the seventy schools that took part.

Well done Year 4, you were amazing.



A final Note:

Have a wonderful break. Remember to decorate your eggs and to try to swap the car for some of your school journey as part of our 'BIG Pedal' when we return to school.

Julia Dickson