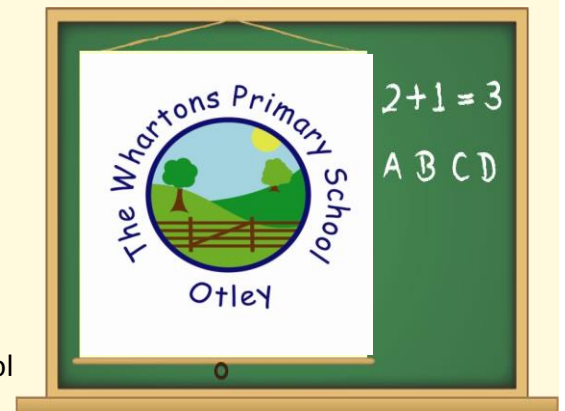


The Whartons Fortnightly Newsletter

26th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I talked to the children this week in assembly about road safety when riding their scooters to school, following concerns passed on by parents. It appears that some of the children are riding very fast and not looking out for cars as they ride down the road. There have been a couple of near misses. I would be grateful if you could reiterate this message at home in order that the children understand the dangers. Riding to school is great exercise; but we want all the children to be safe.



Assembly Themes

We have finished our Jigsaw theme this week which has focused on building relationships and just how important the wide range of connections we make both in and out of school are in our learning and growing. The children have considered their friendships and how they can manage these successfully to ensure happy outcomes for all. Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week for their great interactions with others:

Reception - Samwise B , Kristina S, William H, Tomas M **Year 1** - Charlotte B, Una J-C, Lucas B, Lilly-Mai T

Year 2 - Miles A, Lily C **Year 3** - All, for the Herd Farm Trip **Year 4** - Ellie H, Jack B **Year 5** - Oscar C, Amelia K

Year 6 - To be added to the next newsletter.

Litter Picking

I am sure many of you enjoyed the Otley Show last weekend despite the weather.

With such a vast number of attractions and crowds of people attending the clear up job on Sunday morning is a huge undertaking for the event organisers.

In line with annual tradition Mrs Dowell organized a small team of volunteers from school to play their part in this community event.

We arrived at 9.30 and armed with litter pickers, gloves and sacks we had cleared two fields of all the rubbish in under an hour. What a fantastic job! The organisers were extremely grateful. A huge thank you to Mrs Dowell for organizing, Mr Reynard for collecting the equipment from the council and of course all the volunteers including parents who turned up to help. Gold awards to all!



Setting Off on a Big Adventure!

Year 6 set off for a well-earned holiday on Monday to The Lake District. There was much excitement as parents and children gathered in the school hall bright and early with enough luggage to survive for a month!

As a lovely surprise Mr Hampson had organized the purchase of matching residential holiday sweatshirts.

They arrived safely at Great Tower Centre near Windermere by early afternoon and were climbing hills before tea! Mr Hampson has kept us all up to date with tweets of their adventures.



- Y1 visit Bridge Street church
- Inspiration Tree workshops
- Y3 Herd Farm visit

Racism and Diversity Workshops

Last Wednesday, we had a visitor called Mr Wilson. He came to talk to us about the meaning of diversity (it means different).

He showed us a video based on a Native American Indian story about two wolves; one was a good wolf and the other, a bad wolf. They were fighting in the video and Mr Wilson asked us if which one was the good wolf and which one was the bad wolf.

He told us that we make our own decision as to whether we are good or bad wolves.

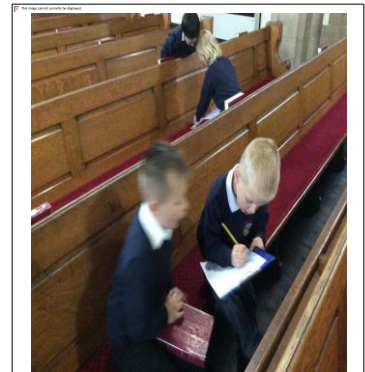
By Emily B, Freya R and Ewan F

Year 1 Visit Bridge Street Church

Last week Year 1 braved the torrential rain and walked down to Bridge Street Church to meet the vicar and to identify the different features of a church as part of their RE topic on what it means to belong.

The children impressed the vicar by finding and naming many features including the pulpit, font, lectern and stained glass windows.

They also put their super questioning skills to the test by asking him questions such as 'Can only men become vicars?' 'What is a congregation?' and 'What happens at a Christening?' The staff were very proud of the children's enthusiasm and knowledge and the children loved putting their learning into a real life context.



Year 3 Visit Herd Farm

On Friday 19th May, Year 3 visited Herd Farm for an Iron Age experience. We travelled back through time and became an Iron Age village. As a village, we took part in everything from building Mesolithic shelters, training to become a warrior and hunter, making wattle and daub walls and learning about ancient fire lighting. We had a fantastic day learning outside about how difficult it was to survive in prehistoric times. We were even lucky with the weather.



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Diary Dates

Friday 26th May - School Closes
Tuesday 6th June - School Reopens
Monday 5th June - Training Day
Thursday 8th June - School Class Photo
Thursdays 15th & 16th June - Father's Day Stalls
Saturday 17th June - Otley Carnival
Friday 30th June - Summer Disco
Tues 11th July - Parent Helpers Tea Party (afternoon)
Friday 14th July - Sports Day
Sat 22nd July - 'WHARTONSFEST' Summer Fun Day!!

Netball Competition

Year 5 and 6 netballers travelled to St Mary's School in Menston last week to take part in an interschools Netball competition

They had a great time and despite having little time to practice as a group prior to the competition they worked fantastically as a team through all their matches. They finished fourth overall and can be very proud of their achievements.

Thank you to our Chair of Governors Mrs Cameron Young who stepped in as team coach and chief cheerleader the night.

Well done team!



Interschool Football Tournament

What an exciting week for all our footballers last week and they engaged in a series of mini football tournaments organized by Pool Primary school as part of a whole cluster friendly challenge event.

The Pool football tournament has become an annual fixture with a week long run of competitions for all KS2 year groups. Each of the classes in KS2 entered a team and travelled down to Pool Primary school to play a series of matches with other schools in our cluster. Class teacher accompanied their year group teams to cheer them on and to help with the smooth running of the games. All the teams had a great time at their event, meeting up with their peers from across Otley, Pool and Bramhope.

Thanks so much to Pool School for organizing, parents for ferrying children, teachers for their support and of course all the fantastic footballers for their sportsmanship and skill.



A final Note:

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and remember that Monday 5th June is a training day.

Julia Dickson (Head Teacher)