



Dear Parents,

## Celebrations

We have had such a fabulous term, we have had many exciting inspirational opportunities within our learning environment for all our children. In February we were awarded our REQM, (Religious Education Quality Mark), GOLD award for exceptional teaching and learning in Religious Education. The external assessor complemented our children and staff for engaging positively when learning about all of the religions in our world today and showing an exceptional degree of tolerance, interest and understanding towards them all. As our children are growing up in an ever evolving society where cultures, religions and faiths walk side by side I felt extremely proud of our children and the words that the assessor used are such a complement to all of them.

Last week we had an external inspection which was conducted by two lead Ofsted inspectors. The inspection went extremely well and they explained how they felt that our school was a GOOD school with many OUTSTANDING features. The staff and governors were overwhelmed by this judgement. They did leave us with a few things to continue to develop and embed for our pupils to ensure that our attainment at the end of Key Stage Two matches the excellent progress that the children make in our school and as you know us by now we have already started to implement these.

## Forest School Area

At the back of school we have an area where the children learn and develop their forest school skills. We have noticed that children are being allowed to access this area during pick up time and a once all the children have been dismissed from school at 3.15pm. May I ask you not to allow your children to play in this area as it is a learning environment and the children's work is getting destroyed.



## Secret Gardener...

I am sure our mummys, mums, nanas, grandmas and grannies enjoyed the beautiful primulas that were brought home on Friday and all the wonderful flowers that you can see around our school. If you look closely in our Reflective Garden you will also see that it looks as beautiful as the front of our school does. I would like to say that this is all down to my own green fingers but sadly that is not one of my talents....although it is something that I am currently learning about with my father's help!



We have a SECRET GARDENER who keeps popping in to school with his or her green fingers and leaving us these wonderful surprises, we are waiting for shoots to pop up...we think they are going to be daffodils! The children love seeing what has happened over the weekend and what surprises will start popping up around school. If you too are admiring our school grounds and would like to say thank you please do not hesitate to drop a note in the office for our secret gardener and we will ensure it is passed on.

## Welcome to our school...

We will be welcoming Mr Richardson in to our staff every morning for the next five weeks, possibly longer. He is a fabulous teacher who has come highly recommended. Mr Richardson will work alongside Mr Green, Mrs Kimbar, Mrs Parr and Mrs Kenyon with Year 5 and 6 pupils whilst we prepare our Year 6 pupils in the last few weeks before their SATs tests whilst at the same time ensuring that our Year 5 pupils continue to make excellent progress. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to pop in and talk to anyone of the teachers or myself.





## Parents Evening

Please do not forget that parents evening is coming up next Monday! In order for us to maximise your children's progress and attainment it is imperative that we work in partnership and part of that is attending parents evening so we can share your child's successes and also guide you with supporting your child at home to ensure that when they leave our school 'Every Door is Opened and Every Gift is Unlocked'.

As well as your full support at parents evening attendance and attending school by 8.50am is as important. Although our attendance is above the national average, which is fabulous and I thank you for your support with this, our percentage of children being late for school is not decreasing and this is extremely concerning.

When children are late for school they may miss interventions which they are participating in, they miss entering school with their peers and can get upset or refuse to come to school as they don't want to be the one who walks through the door on their own when everyone else has already started their work, they miss the beginning of maths and the teacher's direct input, some classes never get the 'we are never late cup' and they may miss Collective Worship and have to walk in to worship alone.

I am asking for you to give us an extra push in supporting us to decrease these lates and ensure that your child/ren are in school by 8.50am ready to learn. If you are struggling, (we all need a little help occasionally), please don't think about phoning or speaking to Jackie, just do it. Jackie, our Family Support Worker, can offer support and help and that is what she is here and why we employ her.....to support our families to ensure ALL our children achieve the best that they can and as I said before, leave our school with the skills and self-belief that 'Every Door is Opened and Every Gift is Unlocked'.

## Inspirational, enriching learning opportunities across the school

When we get to the end of each term I look back and evaluate the term, it never ceases to amaze me of how we fit everything in and what exciting, inspiring activities our children have at their fingertips. Here are just a few things which our children have been doing this term;

- \* Forest schools in the Early Years
- \* Young Voices - singing with 3,000 other children in an arena
- \* Watching Shakespeare at the theatre
- \* The theatre coming to us - anti-bullying, Easter, Little Red Riding Hood
- \* Visiting a Synagogue, our church St Helen's and a Mosque
- \* Underwater World
- \* Wacky Woods - Forest Schools
- \* Meeting Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf in the woods
- \* Becoming detectives at the crime scene in the yurt????!!
- \* Watching our school grounds flourish with the secret gardener and Gardening Gang's help
- \* A variety of sporting competitions - Football, Dodgeball, Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Quadkids
- \* World Book day
- \* Swimming
- \* Family Learning for our parents
- \* Parenting classes for our parents
- \* Residential for two nights
- \* Singing at Hartford church
- \* Many charity events



These are just a selection of opportunities our school community have had, if you would like to have something specific please email your ideas to me via the office - [admin@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@wittonwalk.cheshire.sch.uk)

## Reminders ÷ keeping up to date...



Please check the screen at the back of school for calendar events for each month. It is also important that you keep checking our school website for updates on our calendar. Important dates that have been put on their recently are - sports day, Year 6 Prom night, Key Stage Two play evenings - there

will be a charge for tickets this year, Takeover Day for Year 6 pupils and All Change day for all our pupils.

As always I would like to thank you all for your continued support with the whole school, our PTA and most importantly with your child's love for learning.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kathryn Magiera