



The Wickford C of E School Newsletter



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ATTENDANCE

TARGET: 100%

WHOLE SCHOOL

**ATTENDANCE FOR LAST
WEEK: 96.6**

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Flamingo 95.6%

Parrot 94.1%

Penguin 97.0%

Puffin 95.5%

Robin 98.2%

Wren 98.7%

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The summer show has been busily rehearsed this week, in between trips and the residential! The children have been amazing and a credit to their families and school when visiting other places.

YEAR 2 There will be children visiting Wickford Primary next Thursday 27th June. A separate letter has gone home about this. We hope they have a great day!

SCOOTERS ON THE PLAYGROUND Please ensure these are walked from the gates. Scooting has been much enjoyed (I know the ball court is a good surface for fun!) but accidents have been narrowly avoided when whizzing around corners to get there, thank you in advance.

UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER Ahead of new uniform purchases, please ensure Thursday footwear are Velcro fastening. Thank you in advance.

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM The Sea Life Centre was a hit for Foundation Stage this week, particularly the rock pool experience with living starfish.

The trip to Wat Tyler Country Park for Year 1 and 2 was much enjoyed, particularly the pond dipping as the children were mesmerized with what they found, including a pregnant newt! The children were blown away to learn that a female newt wraps every egg in part of a leaf to keep them warm. The staff and children came back buzzing about the enjoyable day they had experienced. This was great to hear, it was a relaxed and happy day! We are most grateful to the Wat Tyler team.

THRIFTWOOD The children have had a brilliant overnight experience and staff have reported how wonderfully they have behaved and how much pleasure has been seen on their faces. Memories have been made for certain! Thank you to the whole staff, led by Miss Bristow and Miss Glover. It is not an easy task to organise, particularly during these busy few weeks and yet the whole team have been wonderful, giving their time to ensure our children have had an opportunity to remember forever. Photographs from this time will be printed and placed into the HEARTS Promise folders, given to the children on the last day.

TOP TECH TIP This week's tip is how to keep children safe online. Please use this link for lots of help and advice. <https://giftedgeek.co.uk/keep-children-safe-online/>

MOMENT OF LOVELINESS

Louie B and Noah were awesome in the Teaching Kitchen this week. They have made banana and chocolate chip muffins and wowed Mrs Waite with their culinary skills and delights! Naturally, these were enjoyed at playtime. Well done boys!

Miss Hourihan has worked with us for several years now as a talented teaching assistant aspiring to be a teacher, we have been proud to see her through her training. However, her last day with us will be Friday 28th June; we wish her all the luck and happiness in the world as she joins Hilltop Junior School. They are very lucky to have her join their teaching team; we will miss her greatly.

Miss Hourihan has met with the following children; Year 1: Oscar, Holly, Kaitlin, Ryan. Year 2: Louie B, Reggie, Carter, Amelia B. Reception: Ronnie W, George, Felicity, Annabelle for a Music Talk Time. The minutes are as follows:

Do you enjoy music lessons?

Oscar said: "I love music, it makes me very happy."

Annabelle said: "I sometimes like music and it makes me happy."

Reggie said: "I don't like music really as it doesn't have modern songs." Miss Hourihan is going to work on this!

What do you do in music lessons?

Louie said: "We always play instruments."

Kaitlin said: "We listen to lots of music and Mrs Dorrington plays the piano and sings."

All of the children spoke about drumming, listening to music, learning about different types of music and learning new songs.

What is your favourite instrument to play in music?

The children were able to list a huge list of instrument; Tambourine, maraca, beater, triangle, drums, recorder, flute, piano, guitar.

Carter said: "I really like playing the drums and recorder, it makes a really good sound."

Amelia said: "The tambourine is nice to play with my friends in music as it sounds really great."

What more would you like to see in your music lessons?

A range of ideas were brainstormed: opportunities to play the piano/keyboard, play more instruments, play music outside when it is nice and sunny, listen to more songs, sing more songs (old and new), more choice, more active, make a band.

George said: "I want go outside and play some music and explore."

Felicity said: "Can we make a band and do a show?"

Louie: "I want to have time to reflect outside and play some music with outdoor objects, it might sound really cool."

What do you think is working well in your music lessons?

The children said that they are fun and exciting; drumming is amazing and listening to the piano.

Holly said: "I like the piano and hearing Mrs Dorrington sing"

Ryan said: "Drumming with Steve is really fun".

If you could do more music in school, what would it be?

As a group, the children listed: piano club, guitar club, tambourine/maraca club, recorder club.

Ronnie said: "A recorder club would be fun for reception to do."

Reggie said: "Penguin class really want to start a guitar or piano club."

Thank you for the feedback, we will take on board these ideas.

HIRE THE HALL

Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office and let them know what you are planning. We will try our very best to help.

Have a good weekend, see you Monday.

Mrs Johnson