



October 2018



# Newsletter



Whole school attendance  
September 2018  
94.98%

Class with best attendance  
Year 5 Hazel  
98.81%



## Calendar

26.10.18	INSET day School closed
29.10.18	School closed for half term.
5.11.18	School opens for Autumn 2
5.11.18 2:30pm	Y2 Playing with Maths
7.11.18 9:15am	Open Morning
8.11.18 2:30pm	Y1 Playing with Maths
12-.11.18 - 14.11.18	Y6 Residential Condoover Hall
12.11.18	Anti-Bullying Fortnight
21.11.18	Year 1 & 2 Cinema Trip
20.12.18	School closes for Christmas

### Reminders:

- \* PE kits in school every week—black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps.
- \* Black school shoes.
- \* Read at home every night.
- \* School Meal price is now £2.30 per day.

## A message from our Head Teacher...



I have just returned from spending time with our wonderful Y5 pupils at Tattenhall Outdoor Education Centre. It was a privilege to spend time with children and staff in this beautiful setting and it never ceases to amaze me how kind, caring, fun, resilient, talented and creative our young people are. Thank you to all the staff who gave their time to support this opportunity for learning and fun. I have noticed everyone working hard and trying their best in school this half term – I think we all deserve the half term break!  
Happy half term!

## Harvest

Thank you to all the children at Willow Wood who led the Harvest Service at Wharton Christ Church last week.

We enjoyed Reception talking about what they are thankful for, Y1 singing about the seasons, Y2 shared their acrostic poems and everyone sang 'Cauliflower's Fluffy' and 'The Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow'. The Juniors also entertained us with words, singing and paintings.

Well done everybody!

Thank you to all our parents, family members, governors and friends who attended and contributed donations for our local foodbank.





## Staying Safe

### Fortnite—Security, Settings and Screentime.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is rated PEGI age 12 by the Video Standards Council for frequent scenes of mild violence.

To avoid children speaking to strangers during the game, set up a Party of friends before they play. This means that they are only able to communicate with people they know, and other players voices will be muted.

Although children will want to use headphones during the games, so they don't miss important noises, you should consider setting the sound so it comes through the TV and headphones. This means that you can hear what is being said during gameplay.

If they're playing on an Xbox or PlayStation you can use the parental controls to limit the length of gaming sessions.

## Dance Club

Well done to the first half of Miss Hughes' dance club who showed off their amazing dances to parents this week. The children loved learning dances to Havana, Finesse and Look What You Made Me Do. We have some fantastic little movers here at Willow Wood!



## Fun Run

20 children from Year 3 and 4 took place in a 2km fun run at Moss Farm Leisure Complex. The children met Reece Prescod. Reece recently won Silver in 100m at the 2018 European Athletics Championship. He was there talking about his training, his inspiration and how he stays fit and healthy. The children all really enjoyed the event and many have shown real promise in running.



## FAST is

Families And Schools Together (FAST) is a weekly club for Year 1 families to attend together each week starting after Christmas. Families get to spend quality time together, playing games and having a meal then parents get some child free time to have a coffee and a chat. If you are a Year 1 parent and want more information please see Miss Hughes or Mrs Ullein.



Learning Today for Tomorrow

# Family Support News!

## Family Learning

This half term we have welcomed Mary Cook from CWaC Skills and Employment sector who has delivered a 5 week 'Cooking on a Budget' course. Mary and her team offer a range of accredited and non-accredited courses, all fully funded and we hope to offer a variety of courses throughout the school year. Feedback from both Mary and the parents who participated was excellent, with comments such as "A fantastic course", "Mary was great", "I have gained a lot from it."

Next half term parents/carers of our reception children will be invited to attend a Creating Story Bags course. Keep a look out for your invitation when we return and be sure to reply if you're interested – only 10 places available!

Feedback regarding other courses we may be able to offer is very welcome – please see Anita Harries or Laura Nelson.

## "I'm a parent get me out of here!!"

It's that time of year again...cold dark nights, Christmas adverts a plenty and the promise of I'm a Celebrity about to grace our TV's again! The most exciting time of year for every one of our beautiful children, yet possibly the most stressful time of year for us as parents!

CWaC and the Countess of Chester Hospital have provided 123 Magic behaviour management training to a selection of schools in the area. We are pleased to be linking with Julie Maloney at Wharton Primary School and will be able to offer places to our parents on the 123 Magic sessions she is delivering each half term this year. Each course lasts 3 weeks and parents are asked to attend all three sessions.

## What is 1-2-3 Magic?

1-2-3 Magic is a behavioural management programme for parents and other carers of young children (2-12yrs). 1-2-3 Magic is easy to learn and it works. The basic logic and simplicity of the method means that it is easy to remember for both parents and children—especially under conditions of emotional stress.

1-2-3 Magic is a parent-in-charge programme that eliminates arguing, yelling or smacking. Emotional reactions and excessive talking do not make for effective discipline/behaviour management.

The next course will be held Wednesday 21st November, Wednesday 28th November and Wednesday 5th December 9.30am-11.30am at Wharton Primary School. If you would like to find out more or to request a place, please speak with Anita or Laura.

## Coffee, cake and chat!

Wednesday 14th November, Wednesday 28th November and  
Wednesday 12th December.

All parents/carers welcome. Come and meet other parents, information and advice will be available from the Family support team. Relaxed and informal, pre-schoolers welcome too.



## 2018 Christmas Dates



10/12/18 – KS2 Christmas Crafts  
1:30pm

12/12/18 – Nursery & Reception  
“We’re going on a Nativity Hunt”  
performance 9:30am

12/12/18 – KS1 Christmas Crafts  
1:30pm

13/12/18 – KS2 Sing the Christmas Story  
2.00pm

14/12/18 – Christmas Jumper Day

14/12/18 – KS2 Sing the Christmas Story  
9:30am

18/12/18 – KS2 Pantomime Trip

18/12/18 – KS1 Born in a Barn  
performance 2.00pm

19/12/18 – Christmas Dinner Day

19/12/18 – KS1 Born in a Barn  
performance 9:30am

