

Friday News 22.11.2024

Another busy week of learning in our classrooms this week. Look at what we've been up to:

- Antarctica** We have been learning about different senses. On Thursday we made cakes and tasted lemons to experience sweet and sour tastes. Ask us how many taste buds an adult has compared to how many a child has.
- Africa** We have been learning the story of the Three Little Pigs. We have explored the story and learnt it off by heart. We created a picture map of the story and are using this to write it ourselves.
- Oceania** We have been learning about moving parts in D.T. Last week we explored moving parts and this week we have been designing our moving monsters. We can't wait to make our moving monsters.
- South America** We have really enjoyed learning about story writing. This led to us writing our own 'defeat a monster' stories. We have been putting all of our grammar learning to use to write out stories. We loved story writing.
- Europe** In D.T. this week we have been learning about the purpose of different torches as we are getting ready to design and make our own torches in a few weeks time.
- North America** We had an exciting time on Thursday afternoon looking at gravity in science. We used special equipment to measure the force of gravity on an object.
- Asia** We have had a busy few weeks in maths learning about fractions. We have loved learning how to add, subtract and multiply fractions and understanding what is happening to my answer and why. We also had a visit from a liaison teacher from OSA who enjoyed meeting us for the first time and discussing any worries / questions we had about moving to high school.

Adverse Weather

In the unlikely event of very heavy snow or ice, there may be some times when we have to make the very difficult decision to close the school if it is unsafe for children or staff to travel to school. Teaching staff come from all directions; Bury St Edmunds, Colchester, Hadleigh etc. The roads to Great Waldingfield from these towns are often open to fields resulting in drifting and very difficult driving conditions. In the event of heavy snow falling over night or being forecasted, I will contact staff for an update on driving conditions where they are as snow can be very localised. I will then make a decision based on how many staff can safely make the journey and, in discussion with other local headteachers, will make a decision on whether the school opens. If I feel that it is not safe to open the school as there will not be sufficient staff / sufficient leaders on site, I will inform Suffolk County Council and they will announce this on the website below:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-closures/school-closures-in-suffolk>

There will also be a notice on our school website and we will send out a text to all parents.

Attendance

We achieved **94.6%** attendance this week which is a decrease on last week.

Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with **98.5%**, well done Year 4! They were followed closely by Year 3 with 97.5% and Year 2 with 97.1%.

As the weather gets colder, please allow extra time for travel and de-icing your car in the mornings.
#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Coats

We saw temperatures plummet this week and there were a few children without coats! We are outside at lunch and breaktimes unless there is torrential rain. Please ensure your child has a named coat with them every day. This is particularly the case for children attending Early Birds and T-birds as they spend time outside as well when it is even colder.

Walking around school - paths / soft play surface

We are aware that with the new outdoor area having been created outside the Year 1 classroom, families are now having to walk along the bouncy soft play surface. When it is very cold, that surface is extremely slippery! **Please take care** or access Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6) via the gate near the Year 6 classroom and walk around that way. We are in contact with the necessary companies to discuss possible solutions to this problem.

Easy Fundraising link

In the lead up to Christmas we would really appreciate it if you could make your Christmas purchases through Easyfundraising. This is an easy way for the school to make some money with no cost to you! You can sign up using the link on our school website here:

<https://www.greatwoldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=EasyFundraising&pid=37>

Autumn Term Key Dates

Friday 29th November - Christmas Fair after school

Saturday 30th November - 11am Choir singing at Great Woldingfield Village Hall

Thursday 5th December - Christmas dinner

Friday 6th December - Christingle in school

Sunday 8th December - 6pm Choir singing on Green Acre (opposite the shop)

Tuesday 10th December - Antarctica nativity to parents – 2.15pm

Thursday 12th December - Antarctica nativity to parents – 2.15pm

Sunday 15th December - 3pm Choir singing with the Sudbury Choral Society at St Peter's Church Sudbury

Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm

Wednesday 18th December - KS1 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm

Friday 20th December - Last day of term

Monday 6th January - PD Day

Tuesday 7th January - Children back to school

Have a happy weekend everyone.

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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14