



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup>



2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year and welcome back to a new term. It's been great to see everyone refreshed and ready to make the most of the opportunities ahead. Some of the highlights this week for me have been seeing: Class 1 and 2 having a lot of fun on their Dinosaurs Day on Monday (right: some budding palaeontologists), and learning so much to get them started with this exciting topic; Hedgehogs class diving straight into their topic on Antarctica with their visit to the Scott Polar Museum in Cambridge (below), and Miss Sadler is really pleased with your Wilburton at War reports (a selection is on display at the front of the school by Fergus, Jasmine, Ana, Elise and Claudia – they are brilliant!); the quality of the writing produced in Foxes and Owls classes to describe rainforests (Sean-Joseph, Suki, Vasilis, Harry Th, Ben B, Niall – you are among those noticed for your effort and achievement); and seeing the kindness of older pupils towards younger children if they've been upset at playtime (Lewis, Luca, Mia, Cecily – just four who I've noticed this week doing that so well).



There are lots of exciting events coming up over the rest of the term, including more brilliant trips including the Dinosaur Adventure Park and London Symphony Orchestra, and school events such as Ancient Egypt Day and Book Day. Please take a look at the list of dates or school calendar for the full list.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> January, all the staff and many governors came into school to give their views on how we can develop our curriculum to give children the best experience and chance possible. We explored different ideas, and shared those from parents and children given last term, in a really exciting discussion. Our work led us to three main areas we want to teach throughout our

curriculum:

- wellbeing: how to have good spiritual, mental and physical health
- kindness: having the knowledge and understanding to be loving, generous and considerate to all life
- excellence: learn how to be the best you can be and how do the best you can.

We've defined the skill sets in each of these areas, and rooted them all in examples of Christian teaching. Once we've revisited and, if necessary redrafted, the wording, we will then begin the exciting process of designing the curriculum experiences and school environment that will allow children to develop these even further.

### **Wilburton Primary School's Village Song: Listen and vote for us now!**

Wilburton Primary School have entered Cambridgeshire Music's 'Sing for Your School' competition with their own song, written, composed and recorded (right) by all the children at the school.

The song, 'Time to Spend it My Way' features all the wonderful things children at the school like doing outdoors in Wilburton Parish. Everything from climbing trees to building a snow slide, walking the dog and horse riding is included somewhere! Each class contributed lyrics, and helped to compose the song's melody using percussion instruments.



Wilburton's song, along with songs from over 30 other schools, will now be assessed by a panel of judges who will decide who makes it through to the final in Cambridge's Corn Exchange on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Joining them will be a ninth school, chosen by the public. Listen to our song via the [Cambridgeshire Live Chart](#) and [CLICK HERE TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR WILBURTON!](#) Voting closes on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### **Powerful Words Programme Update**

This term we are beginning to put into practice the Powerful Words Programme across the school, with daily vocabulary instruction, lots of reading aloud and extra support for children where needed to boost their vocabulary. Attached to your child's learning overview for this half-term (coming Monday), you will find a sheet of concept words from the main topic children are learning. Clear some more room on your fridge for this: any chance you have, in any context, use, explain and point out these words to children to help boost their vocabulary.

### **Free English and Maths Classes for Adults in Ely**

Cambridge Regional College are holding free English and Maths classes for adults in Ely. They offer small groups, qualified tutors, day and evening classes and recognised qualifications.

Further information is from Gill or Steve on 07966 295095 [gsargent@camre.ac.uk](mailto:gsargent@camre.ac.uk)



### **Could Wilburton Primary School get a Reading Dog?!**

Read 2 Dogs is a national scheme in which school children are invited to read to a dog in school. Whereas within a normal class situation, some children may feel nervous or self-conscious reading aloud, reading to a dog can help them to develop much more confidence because of the fact that dogs are non-judgemental and friendly!

We would very much like to start such a project at Wilburton Primary School and are asking for a volunteer dog owner and their dog who would like to work with us on the Read 2 Dogs scheme. The scheme is run by the Pets As Therapy charity, who have some requirements for their volunteers e.g. the dog must

be over 9 months of age, have been with their owner for at least 6 months and be able to pass a temperament assessment. However, we would be able to help in the application process.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cath White at Wilburton Primary on 01353 740649. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate the time you will be giving help our children.

### **Story, Fruit and Milk Time**

After breaktime, all classes now have time for their class story and children can have a fruit snack. Fruit is provided free by the government for children in Class 1 and Class 2. KS2 children are welcome to bring in a piece of fresh or dried fruit for a snack if they wish. Children under 5 also get free milk each day, funded by the government. If you wish for your child to continue or start receiving milk from the age of five, simply register

with Cool Milk directly via their website ([www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)) or pick up a registration form from the school office. They will then contact you at the appropriate time to arrange pre-payment. Children entitled to Free School Meals will receive the milk free of charge, but you must let us know that you want it.

### A Lunch Invitation!

Over the next two terms, we would like to invite you in to have a look at some of the things children are doing in class, and to stay to have a school dinner with your child. Information on how to book for the roast dinner will come via email; the dates for the first three classes are:

- Parents/Carers of children in Fieldmice Class: 31<sup>st</sup> January 11:30-12:30
- Parents/Carers of children in Squirrels Class: 28<sup>th</sup> February 11:30-12:30
- Parents/Carers of children in Foxes Class: 21<sup>st</sup> March 11:45-12:45

### Performing Arts Showcase Concert

Following the success of the performances last term, we are going to hold a concert for a showcase of performing arts on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Children in the Music Club, Choir, Dance Club and those who have been having lessons in dance, drama or music for a year or more will be invited to perform. More information will follow nearer the time, but please note the date in your diaries if this applies to you.

Best wishes,

David Aston  
Headteacher

### Dates for your diary :

- 14/01/19:** WSA Planning Meeting 7.30pm
- 15/01/19:** Governor Visit – Pupil Outcomes 5.00pm
- 15/01/19:** Wilburton Out of School Club meeting  
7.00pm
- 18/01/19:** Governor Visit – Leadership & Managing  
7.30am
- 18/01/19:** Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
- 25/01/18:** Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

### Birthday List for the next 2 weeks

Reuben	Class 1	15/01/19
Lilly	Class 2	15/01/19
Finley	Class 3	16/01/19
Hermione	Class 1	20/01/19
Riley	Class 3	25/10/19
Roseanna	Class 2	26/01/19





### A course that will help you to:



- prevent and reduce behaviour problems
- improve the relationship with your child
- set rules, responsibilities and routines
- understand emotional and social development

### Incredible Years

Tuesday 12.30 – 2pm

22 January 2019

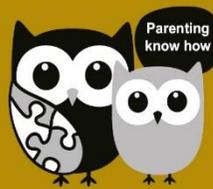
For parents of children aged 6 and over  
14 weeks of 2 hour sessions

The course aim is to strengthen parenting skills giving you the tools required for more effective positive parenting. The course will support you and your child in these areas:- Emotional and social development - attachments, coping with stress, social learning theory, cognitive theory, Behavioral development, Identity, self-esteem, Family and social relationships and Self-care and independence.

To book onto this course contact: **01353 727188**

Soham Child and Family Centre

### A course that will help you to:



- meet other parents of toddlers and share experiences
- increase interaction and play with your toddler
- support learning and developmental milestones
- understand child's friendships, relationships and emotions

### Raising Toddlers

(with crèche)

Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am

6 March to 10 April 2019

Course runs for 6 weeks

Raising Toddlers is a course aimed at parents who have children aged 5 and under. This course offers parents a chance to meet other parents, share experiences, learn from each other and have qualified staff on hand to offer advice on all aspects of parenting an active toddler.

To book onto this course please contact:  
**01353 611594**

Ely Child and Family Centre

### A course that will help you to:



- learn how to enjoy life with your teenager
- use age appropriate discipline strategies
- understand the pressures on teenagers and their emotional and social changes

### Raising Teens

Wednesday 6pm to 8pm

16 January to 20 March 2019

Course runs for 10 weeks

Raising Teens is a course aimed at parents who have children aged 10 and over. It will help you to understand why your teen behaves as they do and how you can deal with their emotions and yours. The course will give you effective strategies to help support your teen.

To book onto this course please contact:  
**01353 612770**