



**Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School**



*Show our love through kindness, determination and curiosity; strengthening ourselves and our community*

**Please remember we are a nut free school**

**Message from the Headteacher**

As always, it's been another busy week and it has been lovely to have so many children come and share their work with me or invite me to their classrooms so I could see how hard they have all been working.

It has also been a busy week for staff, with lots of trust wide CPD opportunities. On Tuesday, I attended the Full Education Board meeting – which provides information about trust wide developments and CPD for us as leaders. Miss Green and Mrs Dedeken attended speech and language training and Mrs Greenway attended the first maths leaders meeting of the year. On Wednesday we had a visit with our English Consultant to review work we have been doing to develop our curriculum for writing. She was impressed by what she saw and all the hard work Miss Clarke has put in to ensuring we have a systematic and sequenced approach to writing that allows our children to flourish. On Thursday Miss Clarke attended the first meeting for the trust's assistant headteacher, providing further networking opportunities. And finally, today was the RET Governor Strategy Day. Thank you to our committed governors who gave up their time to attend what was an inspirational morning.

This week places on the school council have been finalised with the class representatives appointed. They are as follows:

	Wessex	Neptune	Trafalgar
Captain	Poppy	Freddie	Eben
Class Representatives	Parrots- Nancy Eagles- Beatrice Penguins Cemlyn	Parrots- Anabelle Eagles- Jaxon H Penguins- Tamira	Parrots- Oscar Eagles- Alicia Penguins- Katie-May

Of course we would like to say congratulations to all the children who took part!

**Learning updates from the class teacher**

**Owls Class**



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### **Parrots Class**

This week in Parrots Class we have started our new book in English, Nimesh the Adventurer. We have enjoyed looking closely at the pictures to look for clues as Nimesh imagines amazing places on his journey home from school. In Geography, we conducted some fieldwork whilst exploring our school and created a key for a map to show some of the places we spend time during the day. In art, we looked closely at objects and created continuous line drawings using pencil, pen and charcoal. We compared our drawings and decided which we preferred. We also explained the reason for our choice. **Miss Clarke**

### **Eagles Class**

Eagles this week have been busy generating ideas, planning and writing a booklet about witches with some fantastic results. We have been really enjoying our science unit learning about rocks and we have had a lot of rocks of all shapes and sizes brought in to be shown. We are still reading *The Witches* by Roald Dahl and have just ended on a cliffhanger! The children's piano playing and singing is improving weekly as is their French speaking. **Mrs McNamee**

### **Penguins Class**

This week Penguins have spent time in RE learning about the 'Golden Rule' and how that applies to Aristotle's five virtues, wisdom, moderation, bravery, justice and respect, in our lives at school. In Geography we watched original footage from the last eruption of Mount St Helens in Washington State and learned about some of the effects it had on the landscape and the people. The children did a great job writing a narrative from the perspective of the main character in this term's core text, *The Last Bear*. The children then edited their writing to make it even better. Mrs Greenway and I have seen some great language choices this week in their writing. **Mrs Greenway & Mrs Williamson**

**Attendance: Whole School 91.55%. This is much lower than usual. Congratulations to Owls Class 97.1%**

**Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.**



### **Village Firework event**

The village fireworks will be back in Wards Field this year. Tickets go on sale this Friday on Ticketbo (link below).


PTA and Pre-school charities are joining forces again with this community event to raise funds for both organisations.

[Long Wittenham's Bonfire Night 2024 \(ticketbo.co.uk\)](https://ticketbo.co.uk)

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<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	
Phonics Workshop for Reception & Year 1	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 6-6:30pm
Harvest Festival	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm TBC
INSET Day (No children)	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Penguins Class Assembly	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 3pm
Autumn Half Term	Monday to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October-1 <sup>st</sup> November
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 3:30-5:30pm Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm
Bikeability Y5s	Week beginning 11th November
Didcot Wave Swimming Gala	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Panto- Snow White	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Nativity (Owls/Parrots)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10am & 2pm
Christingle	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 4pm
PTA funded Lego Workshop Whole School	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Term Ends	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm
INSET DAY (No Children)	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 24
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	
INSET DAY (No Children)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Term Begins for Pupils	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Parrots Class Assembly	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Half Term	Monday to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Eagles Class assembly	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Service	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 12:30 for a 1:30 finish
Easter Holiday	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Set date for KS2 play	TBC
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	
Term Begins	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
Parents Evening	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 5-7pm Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 3:30-5:30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
SAT Week	W/B Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
INSET DAY (No Children)	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Summer Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
RET Trust Day (No Children)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Phonics Screening check	Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Owls Class Assembly	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 3pm
Sports Day	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 10:00am
Oxford Swimming Gala Provisional Date	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Penguins Class Residential PGL Liddington	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July-Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports Out	16 <sup>th</sup> July
Leavers Service	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 12:30
Term Ends	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July at 1.30pm
INSET DAY	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July (NO PUPILS)

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