



William Harding School

Harding Herald Newsletter



House Captains

Our House Captains are responsible for keeping track of house points and sharing the totals with the rest of the school each week. They also support the teachers with inter-house competitions and encourage the children to cheer for and celebrate their house's achievements.

We are excited to select our new Year 6 House Captains in September. Each house will have one Captain and two Vice Captains who will be chosen by the Year 6 team. In order to apply to be a House Captain, we are asking Year 6 to write a formal letter of application stating why they think they would make an excellent role model for their house. The letters will need to be addressed to Mr Stallwood and we would like them handed in by the end of the first week back at school. Don't forget to include what house you are in!

House team and points

Nightingale 8287

Rothschild 7982

Guttman 7558

Hampden 7782

Well done Nightingale!

Librarians

The librarians have been working really hard on organising and tidying our school library and have done an excellent job ensuring children are taking out appropriate yet challenging texts. They have enjoyed doing the responsibility of the job and have been superb role models to the rest of the school!

Summer said, "I liked helping other children and helping them find a book they like"

William Harding Attendance Cup

Each half term the William Harding Cup is awarded to the class in each Key Stage with the highest attendance percentage for the previous half term. The cup is awarded to the class and put on display in the trophy cabinet in the main entrance hall. In addition, the class also have a Mufti Day to celebrate their achievement. I wonder which classes will be our attendance winners for the first half of the Autumn Term!

Mrs Bicknell – Family Liaison Officer

PE and Sport at William Harding

The children have really enjoyed PE this term and have made the most of the summer weather, taking part in a variety of summer sports such as Athletics, Rounders and Cricket. The children have shown a wide range of school values and have been really determined to improve their performances.

This term saw the first sports day in many years where the children performed amazingly and really enjoyed the different events! Pre school, KS1 and KS2 sports day was a massive success and allowed all children to participate in a variety of different events and gave children the opportunity to showcase their ability.

Sports clubs

The interest in clubs have been amazing this term and we have seen a massive increase in numbers over all year groups. We hope this continues next term as we will be continuing to offer a wide variety of after school clubs.

Please send in any pictures/videos of any sporting activity you do over the summer as we are really interested to see what everyone gets up to!



Tom Rayner – Sports Coach

Premises News

We have a lot of improvement works programmed for the holidays including:-

- KS2 replacement Windows Phase 2
- KS2 Lighting replacement Phase 2
- Year 5 Carpet Replacement
- KS2 Trim trail Astro pitch extension
- Complete ICT Infrastructure upgrade
- Roof repairs in KS1 building and Giraffe House
- New Caretaker starting in August
- Painting & Decorating
- Whole school Deep clean
- Whole school Window Clean
- KS2 Courtyard clean up and repair

Miss Judge – Business Support Manager

Animal Advocates

Our animal advocates continued to take great care of all the animals over the summer months. During the hot weather they made sure they had plenty of water to drink and some nice cool fruit and vegetables to munch on.

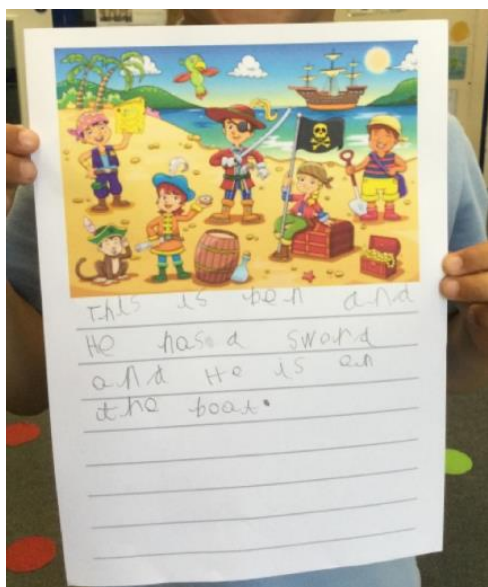


Pre School News

This half term Pre-school have been learning all about numbers and writing numbers and mark making. The children had a very successful sports day that had so many supporters come and cheer us all on. We have been as messy and experimental as ever and played in sand trays, shaving foam and water beads as well as doing a big volcano experiment. We have also learned about transitions and the coming changes in September. For many of us we are changing classes and year groups, for some of us we are saying goodbye to our friends and others and changing schools completely. Although we are very sad that our friends are leaving us and moving on we are very excited to see how we learn and grow.



Reception News



In reception this half term, the children have been learning about 'Pirates'. The children have learnt about pirate adventures, sea creatures and how to look after our environment.

In English, we have been reading lots of pirate themed books and have been writing sentences about them. We have been challenging the children to include adjectives and conjunctions as well as writing their own stories. In maths, we have been thinking about doubling, sharing, addition, subtraction and number bonds to 10. This half term we have been map reading, looking at globes and going on pirate adventures!

We are so proud of how much the children have achieved this year and we know they will love it in Year 1! Thank you, Reception, for a brilliant year.

'I am going to miss my teachers in Reception but I am excited to go to Year 1! I want to play on the big playground and meet my new teacher'

Year 1 News

It has exciting end to the year in Year 1. In Maths, we have practised telling the time to the hour and half hour, practised adding money and reviewed the days of the week and months of the year. Our English work has focussed on writing a variety of texts using adjectives, conjunctions and similes, in addition to practising our inference and retrieval skills. In History this half term we have learned about famous explorers from around the world, considering how they have affected history and demonstrated our School Values. In Science we have learnt about plants and trees, and applied this knowledge during our school trip to Bedgrove Park, Spinney and Wildflower Meadow. In DT we have taste tested a variety of ingredients and made our own sandwiches. We wish you the best of luck in your new classes!



*'These trees are deciduous' -
Luke*

Year 2 News

The children in Year 2 have had a very busy term and have been working extremely hard. The children enjoyed their trip to beach a great deal. They flew kites, ate chip 'sand'wiches, paddled in the sea and built sandcastles. In maths, they have been revising their Year 2 topics which have included learning about efficient methods, finding fractions of shapes and amounts and money. "I really enjoyed maths in Year 2 this year and have learnt lots!" Henry. In English, the children have been working hard on their reading and have particularly enjoyed reading Dr Xargles Book Of Earthlets. In writing, they have been practicing writing sentences using a range of conjunctions. Finally, in science, the children have been learning about the planets. They were fascinated to learn about the phases of the moon.

*'I loved looking up at the moon
this term to see the changes'
Charlie.*



Year 3 News

What a lovely final half term we have had! It is fantastic to see how much the children have grown and developed. We are all incredibly proud of what the children have achieved this year.

The children have loved reading the BFG by Roald Dahl this half term, including learning new vocabulary that the BFG says, for example 'frobscottle' and 'whizzpopping'. It has emphasised the passion year 3 have for reading!

In History, we have looked at Romans including having our very own Roman day where we learnt lots of new facts and took part in our very own Boudicca battle. Take a look at a photo of our Year 3 team dressed up!

Overall, we have had a brilliant year in Year 3 and we are looking forward to see the children work just as hard in Year 4! Thank you for all your support throughout the year.



'I have loved reading the BFG because it was so funny' - Layla

Year 4 News

What a superb end to the year with the sun shining! This term we have been having fun reading Midsummer Night's Dream - the children's version - writing playscripts, non-chronological reports and being very dramatic in our prosody SQUIRT lessons! In Maths, we have been working on reflective symmetry, translations and coordinates. In Science we have been making circuits and learning about electricity. History this term has been a whizz through a number of Kings and finding out all about Charles and the downfall! We had a good attempt at sewing in DT and we have been improving our running skills in Athletics. Some of us had great fun at Woodrow whilst the others had fun in school working on projects.

What a great end to the year!

***'It was really fun making the posters and learning new facts about Lewis Latimer in science'
Lucy, Ascott class.***



Year 5 News

We have had a fabulous final half term in Year 5! During Maths, the children have learnt how to convert between measures and lots of them are looking forward to applying these outside of school. In SQUIRT, the children have used our Street Child text to learn about the Victorian times. During English lessons, the children have been working hard on developing and applying their grammatical skills. The children enjoyed learning about different structures in DT before making their own sticky structures out of marshmallows and spaghetti. Again, Science has been a favourite subject and the children have enjoyed learning about the weather and using their knowledge to create their own weather report.

It has been a fantastic year and we wish the children the best of luck for Year 6!

"I enjoyed Science and being able to make my own anemometer to measure wind speed. I've loved Year 5 and will miss my teachers lots" Lexi



Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a fantastic final term at William Harding, getting ready to start our new adventures at secondary school in September. We have been meeting staff from our new schools and spent two transition days getting to know our new classmates. In school, we have been planning our stalls for Young Enterprise – a fantastic opportunity for us to raise some money for charity and to have a good time in the process. On Friday night we had our fantastic prom and even the teachers were showing off some moves on the dance floor! Here and there, we've also been doing some filming for a special leavers' assembly project that we really hope you enjoyed watching. From all of the Year 6 team at William Harding: Congratulations on a FANTASTIC year and we wish you all the very best as you move on to new challenges.



"It's a bit scary but I'm really excited too."

Head Teacher News

Dear parents and families,

As we reach the end of the school year, we should all feel very proud of the what we have all achieved, individually and collectively as a school. The year hasn't been without its challenges, however as a community we have continued to support each other and we have made it through to the end of the school year even during the current heat wave we find ourselves in.

It was wonderful to return to some of our well-loved in school events, such as Come and Read, Open Classrooms, class assemblies and Sports Days. It has been a joy to see all our families together in school again. Sports days were an enormous success and we were pleased to be able to once again invite parents and families to visit the school to support the children and cheer their efforts and achievements.

It has been a pleasure to watch the children move to their next year groups with "Move Up, Stay Up" and we're delighted to see how well they are already settling in to their new classes. Pupils have had help on hand if needed and have been supported by our wonderful SEN and FLO teams.

It is always sad to say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to their respective secondary schools. We will miss them all but know they will take with them their positive attitudes to school life and will continue to demonstrate the values they have learned during their time at WH. It is at this same time that we will be bidding farewell to some of our Year 6 parents who will not be parents at the school when we return in September. Thank you as always for all your support during your child's time at WH.

We must also say goodbye to some of our staff members and extend a warm welcome to new staff who will be joining us in September. Please join me in extending our usual warm WH welcome to them.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break, please stay safe and enjoy making some fantastic memories as families. We look forward to welcoming those of you who are returning back in September ready to start another exciting school year. Pupils return on Tuesday 6th September.

Miss Cotchin
Head Teacher