



Warboys Community Primary School

Moving Forward Together

To Develop Confident, Independent Learners

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"GET BUSY LIVING"

How quickly this year has flown and my, haven't we been busy! As the year draws to a close we can now take stock and celebrate the progress the school has made towards its targets and the goal of being judged as 'good'. Across the year we have had several positive visits from external visitors supporting and confirming our school 'self evaluations': learning and teaching is at least good; leadership is strong; safety, behaviour and well being is good; attendance remains high at 96.2% [although the number of children arriving to school late needs to be reduced]; outcomes for children continue to improve and provision in Early Years is good with some outstanding features. A successful year all round.

Aside from the key academic work, staff have worked hard to enrich the curriculum. Children have been motivated and gained a great deal from the science week, the Grafham experience, the amazing Narnia production, creativity week and sports week [which resulted in Jenner House being the sports champions].

The 'Valuing Differences' through diversity and communities, was organised as a result of a conversation between Ethan Haywood [year 3] and Mrs Glitherow. In awe of our visitors, children were challenged to try different activities and made to reflect on things they often taken for granted. Children



watched inspirational videos of Matt Hampson's new career following his rugby injury which left him paralysed. They were amazed to listen to Ben Smith talking about his 401 marathons to raise an incredible £250,000 for charity. Children developed an understanding of how guide dogs help people overcome their disabilities and were amused to find the guide dogs had 'play times' when they were not working. Children were truly inspired and motivated by the talk given by paratriathlete, Liz McTernan. She had brought in her bike and wheelchair and explained how with self belief, you can achieve so much and showed her medals to prove it.

We would like to thank Ethan, and his parents for coming into school and sharing their experiences of living with disability, the adjustments that have to be made, and the range of emotions that family members feel.

Children had Q&A opportunities with each visitor and appreciated the barriers they all had to overcome. Totally inspired, everyone went away with Matt's slogan, 'GET BUSY LIVING' fixed in their heads.

Funding Crisis Indeed!

As stated previously, School funding is a national hot topic and parents should be made fully aware that our School has not escaped the funding crisis. The changes to budgets have been scathing and will result in some careful budget monitoring.

This year the capital funding for Warboys School is £6,800 in total! Yes, less than £7000 to maintain such a large building.

We are very grateful for any support we receive from The Old Village School Board Trust, the Warboys Lights, the Warboys Bonfire, and the School PTA, all of whom help to give children at Warboys those additional 'niceties' they deserve.

We are seriously trying to raise £12,500 money for a much needed outdoor shelter for the Early Years Foundation Stage. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the PTA at their fashion show and at the school fete. The proceeds of which will be used to support the school. See page 7 for details of the PTA fundraising events.



SUCCESSFUL RESULTS in 2017

2016-17 has been another successful year for Warboys School. The Table below shows our Year 6 results compared to national figures. The Year 6 have worked immensely hard with their teachers and we are so proud of what children have achieved.

% at EXPECTED ARE Standard	Reading	Scaled score	Writing	Maths	Scaled score	Grammar/ Spelling	Scaled score	RWM combined
Warboys	77%	106	84%	74%	102	74%	104	61%
National	71%	103	76%	75%	102	76%	103	61%
National	73%	102	75%	72%	102	75%	103	59%

On entry to the foundation stage in September, 48% of children were on track for a good level of development [GLD]. By July 2017, 70% achieved GLD showing good progress in Early Years.

80% of children in Year 1 passed their phonics screening.

We are still awaiting national comparisons for year two but school data for reading and maths was 84% and 73% respectively.

More detailed information will be sent out once staff have fully analysed the results, but initially, our strengths are reading, maths reasoning, phonics and EYFS. Further development is needed with boys writing across the school [including handwriting for some] and spellings across key stage two.

STAFF NEWS

Setting a trend for summer time weddings, I am pleased to announce that Miss Savins was married at the beginning of the summer term. I am very pleased to say she will remain at Warboys and will now take her married name Mrs Dickinson.

Mr Herring will be married during the summer holidays and we wish him all the very best for his wedding day and special times to come.

Mrs Spittle leaves Warboys School after 8 years working as a class teacher, Early Years foundation leader, maths leader and assistant headteacher. Mrs Spittle will be greatly missed as she leaves the teaching profession to pursue other interests.



Classes 2017-2018

EYFS Mrs Marsden, Mrs Roebuck & Mrs McKeating

Year 1 Starfish -Miss Bruce

Year 1/2 Whales -Miss Cleal

Year 2 Seahorses-Mrs Dickinson & Mrs Glitherow

Yr 3 Pumas Mrs Downing

Year 4- Lions Mrs Pawley

Year 4/5 Eagles Mr Herring

Year 5/6—Owls Mrs Hunter-Jones

Year 5/6 Hawks—Mr Duncan

Curriculum Development- Mastery Maths

Children may have told you that over the year we have been teaching maths using a different approach. This approach is known as Mastery Maths or Shanghai Maths. Some parents have also been introduced to this method of teaching by attending our maths club for parents.

The Mastery concept is a 'whole class' approach and believes that all children can achieve with the right mindset. Each topic is put into a context and the teaching is broken down into very small steps moving from the use of concrete apparatus to the abstract. There are five stages to achieve mastery of each concept and you may hear children talking about; making connections, representation, variation, fluency and mathematical thinking. These procedures will develop deeper understanding for all children. Children will work through each stage with any misconceptions picked up immediately by an adult. Some children will be 'rapid graspers' of certain concepts and will be given additional challenges to apply their learning through problem solving, whilst those requiring additional support will receive this almost immediately.

Previously, children were 'ability grouped' but teachers now use 'flexible' groups in maths which may change from lesson to lesson giving every child the opportunity to be challenged without limits.

As we come to the end of our first year of teaching the Mastery approach the benefits we have seen are:

- All children have more confidence to attempt new mathematical tasks
- many have a deeper understanding of each mathematical concept
- Most now have an improved mathematical mindset
- Children are using better mathematical vocabulary
- Reasoning skills have improved greatly allowing children to make mathematical links.

How can you help your child?

Help them learn their number bonds and number facts including times tables so they know and recall these automatically.

Continue to help them develop a growth mindset—tell them it is ok to make mistakes because we learn from mistakes. When children say I can't do it - reply you can't do it yet but what would help you?

We will continue to develop the Mastery approach next year and we are already planning further help sessions for parents so please come and join us. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about mathematics, please contact your child's maths teacher or Mrs Hunter-Jones [Maths Leader].



Leadership development for children

36 year 5 pupils were recently trained by a Hunts SSP P.E specialist to deliver a Multi Skills Festival to over 100 pupils from our Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. They delivered a wonderful event.... 10 activity stations were delivered to KS1 to develop their Fundamental of Movement Skills – Agility, Balance, Coordination and Speed. Whilst working in small groups children excelled in team work skills such as taking turns fairly and praising one each other's good performance. Schools Games Values certificates were awarded for Determination, Self Belief, Honesty, Passion, Team Work and Respect. Further pictures can be found by following the link below.

Brilliant work Year 5.

www.huntssp.org/warboys-primary-school-key-stage-1-multi-skills-festival/

PARENT SURVEY 2017 thank you to those who completed the annual parent survey. Initial findings are very good with over 90% of responses being positive for every question! This has been a huge boost to staff who work tirelessly to support learning across the school. 95% of respondents agreed with the statement 'My child makes good progress'. 94% believed their child's needs are well catered for. 94% agreed that the majority of children behave well at school. These results are improvements on 2016. Further details will be given once the leadership team and governors have analysed the complete survey responses. The survey and next steps will be discussed at the next parent forum on Wednesday 11th October.

School Sponsored Walk-A massive THANK YOU!

Key Stage 1 children fluttered and scurried around the walking trail dressed in the theme, 'in the garden', whilst Children in years 3,4,&5 marched as Romans the distance to Rome. This was all in aid of school funds. Although contributions are still coming in, the children will have raised **£2054** which is absolutely fantastic. All of these proceeds will be put towards the new shelter for the EYFS.

This money and that raised at PTA events means the work on the shelter can begin in the autumn term. Through enterprise activities and a sponsored cycle the ear six were successful in raising enough money to fund their trip to Wickstead Park. Well done to them. Again thank you all for your generosity. Winners of the Fancy Dress competition in class order were: Mark Lawson, Sebastian Debenham, Oscar French, Jack Ambrose, Edwyn Peel, Edie Wormesly, Jamie Brown, Phoebe and Lottie Bazzant and Olivia Brown.



News from EYES On 21st June, some very excited Turtles and Dolphins went on their first school trip to Hinchingsbrooke Country Park. Supporting our topic of mini-beasts (and under the instruction of Dave the Ranger) we swished our nets through long grass to catch the elusive bugs and we even dipped our nets in ponds to discover the creatures of the not so deep. We were a bit wary of the bees - there were hundreds of them - but thankfully all were behind glass busy making yummy honey. After lunch, we explored the woods and - although we didn't find any bears - we did make some imaginative bug collages using the twigs and leaves we found on the ground. The afternoon then took a serious turn when we had a competition to see which class could build the best den. The grown-ups became very determined! As each class was able to fit



inside their beautifully crafted constructions, Dave the Ranger declared it a draw! We all had a wonderful - if tiring - day. Some of us managed a little doze on the way back to school - no doubt dreaming of damselflies and nymphs.

Cross Country Championships 2017

On Wednesday 19th April, I took three teams to this years county Cross Country Championships at Priory Park St Neots. I have to say the children did us proud. Their behaviour was very good and they all tried their best and worked as a team. There were 139 boys teams altogether. Our boys completed the 1200 metre relay in 23m and 40 seconds. The winning team came in at 18m 26 seconds. The girls A team (year 6) managed 23m and 16 seconds and the B team (Year 5) 25m and 45 seconds. It was lovely to see so many of our parents there to cheer the children on. I would especially like to thank Mrs Mead for all her help at the training sessions.

Mrs McKeating



Grafham Residential Year 4 children

Team building at its best. Children supported and encouraged each other to work outside of their comfort zones. Their favourite activities were canoeing, wall climbing and problem solving in teams. Archery came a close fourth. When asked to describe the residential experience, with beams across their faces children replied 'awesome', 'challenging' 'unbelievable' 'exhausting' but most of all fun! Grafham is a wonderful way to see children build confidence and develop independence. It never fails to amaze staff how much effort children put into each activity and how quickly they build resilience to challenge themselves even further.



Grafham 2017

The Wow Factor at Warboys!

This amazing week was designed to raise the profile of music and the creative arts throughout the school-and it certainly lived up to expectation. Children were introduced to new music and different instruments; to fresh dance and drama opportunities all of which helped them develop even more confidence in themselves as writers, actors and musicians.

During the week the children learned how to play Samba rhythms and met a professional musician to develop their African drumming skills.



Drama in creativity week

Visitors including WADS, education professionals, parents and friends have supported this special week by sharing their amazing musical talents and creative skills.

Enthusiasm was running high. West End Musical dance sessions and devised creative writing classes inspired children to write and perform their own plays. Year 6 even made their own characters – sock puppets – to perform their plays. All classes contributed towards a whole school art project, recreating the work of Kandinski for a huge display and completed an outdoor

arts trail.

It was brought to a close with the winner of each class's talent show, competing in a "Warboys has Wow factor" show in front of governors. We must say thank you to, Laura Favell, Mrs Halliday, Mrs Pienescu, Mrs Campbell, and the PTA for adding their support to this theme week. A special thank you to Miss Bruce and Mrs Downing for making such an amazing week happen.



Team building at Grafham



Creativity week



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Dear Parents and Carers

My name is John Parker and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new Chair of the Governing Body at Warboys Primary Community School. I have previously served as a school governor at other schools for over 15 years including 4 years as Chair of Governors at a primary school in Surrey, and wish to use the experience and knowledge that I have gained to take this Governing Body and Warboys Community Primary School forward.



My key roles include:

- Working with the Headteacher Mrs Boxall, to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement,
- Ensuring that the Governing Body has a clear vision and strategic direction for the school
- Holding the school to account for the educational performance of its pupils and the performance management of the staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and effective use of school resources.

We are fortunate that the school has strong leadership and dedicated and enthusiastic hardworking staff. The Governing Body is entirely made up of volunteers who all work together on the main committee and sub committees. Their respective skills and enthusiasm to ensure that all pupils receive the best possible education and learn in the best environment that can be provided is invaluable.

We are all very proud of what the school has achieved so far and it is great to see the whole school grow from strength to strength.

We look forward to future challenges and are working hard with the school leadership team to make sure we are ready to break down any barriers which stop your children from learning.

John Parker

Governors

Parent Governors

Steve Dodd
Peter Wood-Eeles (Vice-Chair)
Alan Evans (Chair of Resources)
Claire Eeley (Chair of S & A)

Local Authority Governors

Vacancy

Co-opted Governors

Nigel Graham
Barbara Betts
John Parker [Chair]
Vanessa Norman

Associate Governor

Caroline McKeating
Simon Mead
Karen Glen

Staff Governors

Angela Boxall (Headteacher)
Karen Harding

Clerk

Loren Bradley

**Do you want to support
the school?**

Become a Governor!

**Please contact the
school office for more
information.**



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The Parent Forum

This is a great opportunity to meet once a term to discuss school related topics. It is a way of

being able to support the school in a relatively informal way. We run two meetings, one in the evening and the other during the school day, to enable as many parents as possible to get involved. In the past we have discussed things such as homework policy, school meals, after school clubs and the car parking.

Any parent is welcome - we would love to see new people. We are keen to develop the partnership between schools and families as well as being able to offer feedback on issues that support the education of our children.

I have found it a really valuable thing to be involved with, it gives an opportunity for parents across all years to discuss together and help one another and this then leads on to the bigger objective of supporting our school.

If you would like to know anything further please contact me on replies@warboys.cambs.sch.uk. Or join us at one of our next meetings, either the evening of Wednesday 11th October or the morning of Friday 13th October. I look forward to seeing you.

Kate Smith

Chair of Parent Forum

Parent Forum

PTA

Dear Parent and Carers

Wow, they say time flies and the last year has certainly flown by, but once again the PTA have had a busy term planning our Barn Dance, the Fashion Show and the Summer Fete.

The events this year were run to raise money to refurbish the outside school equipment that was in need of repair and since the storms damaged the Foundation area canopy we have been working with the school to help them to replace it. In addition to the bigger projects we also helped to pay for the following items this academic year; a panto in December, coats for Science Club, new outside play equipment for Foundation classes, a cracker for each child at the Christmas Lunch, new cooking equipment for the Community Kitchen, a performance of Tom's Midnight Garden and a session of African drumming during Creativity week for every class. Many of these purchases and events you will not see but your children benefit all the time from the fundraising we do.

Fashion Show

This was a new venture for the PTA which proved popular and was well attended. Those members of the school and wider community who came along had a fun evening in fun company with the added bonus of child free clothes shopping.

Summer Fete

Our biggest and most challenging event during the summer term is the Summer Fete. Once again, this year we were very lucky with the weather and we had a field full of families all happy to play the games and enjoy the entertainment provided by the singers from the school and the dancers of E C Street. This year we raised a total of £1232.48.

Sports Day

As always, the PTA ran a refreshments tent at the school sports day and due to the slightly colder weather this year we raised an amazing £237.00 as well as raising funds for Year 6's leavers trip to Wicksteed with the cakes they had provided to sell.

AGM – Tuesday 12th September 2017 @ Warboys CP School at 7.30pm

We will be holding our AGM early in the school year so that the committee can crack on with fundraising as soon as the school year starts. All the committee roles will be elected on the night, so if you fancy being Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Advertising & Publicity Officer or if you just fancy lending a hand at events or putting forward fundraising ideas then please pop along to the school and join in. We will discuss how the year has gone and then elect the committee.

Total raised this year

All of the events during the year have raised an amazing £4000.00 which everyone involved with the school should be very proud of.

.... And finally

As this is my last newsletter article as Chair, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the Committee and volunteers for their hard work and support during the year and on behalf of all the PTA Committee I would like to thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a great break and come back next year ready to join the PTA in fun_raising some more.

Ruth Campbell - Chair

Thank you for your continued support!

Diary Dates

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2017	Training Days
Wednesday 6th September 2017	Autumn Term Opens
Tuesday 12th September 2017	Meet and Greet - Parent information evening
Tuesday 12th September 2017	PTA AGM
Wednesday 25th September	First PTA meeting
Sunday 1st October—Wednesday 4th October 2017	Year 6 Caythorpe Residential Visit
Wednesday 11th October 2017	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 11th October 2017 [pm]	Parent Forum
Friday 13th October [am]	Parent Forum
Monday 16th October—Friday 20th October 2017	Book Fair
Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th October 2017	Parent / Teacher Consultations
Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October 2017	Half-Term
Monday 30th October 2017	Training Day
Tuesday 19th December 2017	Autumn Term Closes
Wednesday 3rd January 2018	Training Day
Thursday 4th January 2018	Spring Term Opens



Hot off the Press—Warboys Achieve Gold;

As this went to print we had notification that Warboys School has been awarded the Sainsbury Gold Games Award. This year participation in activities has continued to increase and many children represented the school in external competitions. In doing so they helped the school reach its goal of GOLD. Well done to Mr Herring and his team who give time to support sport in school.