



## “More, Boy?”

One of the many highlights of the summer term was the Year 3,4,5 production of ‘Oliver’. The confidence of the cast was just superb. Amazing singing by all especially soloists, Elizabeth, Alanis and Oliver, took the audience completely by surprise. The character of Fagin was played with pure brilliance by April who would not be out of place on a ‘West End’ stage! It was a tremendous evening of entertainment that will be remembered for years to come.



We certainly had more of everything this term. More sports with Year 5s acting as sports leaders, athletics, swimming gala, cross country, Maypole Dancing, a KS1 sports festival not to mention a very successful sports day, which was attended by so many parents. Children have participated in enough additional sporting activities across the school to retain our Gold Sports Award - Well done to Mr Herring.

There was even more Warboys music at the Abbey Music Festival. Niamh played drums, Daniel and Caitlyn played a solo each on piano and Elizabeth and April sang solos along side the children from our school choir. It is wonderful to see how much confidence our children have when standing on the stage. Warboys was well represented and we were very proud of everyone brave enough to take part in this annual event.

Maths and more maths! Our Year 6 maths team were up against very strong opposition in a competition held at St Faiths in Cambridge and were gracious in defeat. The Year 5 maths team, Ben, Olivia, Thomas and Imogen, came top of the leader board in the local rounds to reach the regional finals which were held at the Duxford Air Museum. They were all able to demonstrate their deep understanding of maths, their amazing recall of number facts and their great sense of team work.



The PTFA have raised even more money this term taking their amazing fundraising total to over £8000 this year! Such a magnificent achievement. I thank parents for supporting the PTFA and I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs Watson and her team for the time and effort they have given to support the school.



*Together Moving Forward to Develop  
Confident, Independent Learners.*

## School Development -

Following our positive Ofsted, the school has had another successful year. We are expecting similar end of year results to last year as shown by the provisional data, with good progress for children at the end of Year 6 and EYFS. The provisional results for reading at Year 6 were bitter sweet at 73% achieving age expectation - 4% lower than last year at but with 31% of Year 6 achieving greater depth in reading. Writing and Maths results are 2% higher than the provision national scores for Age Expectation at 80% & 78% respectively. However we are asking for 3 - 4 maths papers to be remarked which may alter final results.

Both maths and writing results in KS1 were higher than the previous year but again the results for reading at 70%, were disappointing. EYFS children had a particularly successful year with 76% of children achieving GLD [good level of development] which is a 6% increase on 2017 data.

Moving forward to the next year, reading will be a focus in all year groups so it will be important for children to record all their reading in their reading diaries. Greater depth in writing and maths will also be a key focus area along with the continuation to embed spelling strategies which is a county wide issue. The social and emotional aspects of learning will be another targeted area next year, to ensure all children, particularly boys, are ready to learn when they arrive at school each day.



### THE YOUNG UN'S visit Warboys

The Radio 2 award winning folk band The Young Un's, worked with key stage two to support our work on the importance of values, especially British Values. In between singing their own folk songs, Sean, Paul and Michael, engaged the children in drama to tell stories, helped the children write and recite raps and inspired them to always have ambition. In the whole school assembly the Young Un's sang topical songs, and told the history of the Wind Rush and the development of the well known M&S store.

### Staff News

We welcomed new teachers, Mrs Riggall and Miss Brown, when they met their class ready for September. Mrs Riggall will cover Mrs Dickinson maternity leave. Miss Brown will be teaching the Seahorses class which will be a Year 1 class next year.



We also come Mrs Metcalf who joins our staff as trainee teacher.

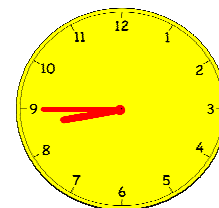
Mrs Dickinson took maternity leave a little early than was planned after giving birth to baby Dylan a little earlier than expected. Congratulations to the family.

### Our Attendance Challenge of 96% was successful again!

Well done to 38 children who received the new 'Platinum' attendance certificates for 100% attendance for 3 terms. On top of this 148 children achieved their gold award for the summer. This was another great achievement for the majority of children.

Attendance was slightly down on last years figures but we still achieved our goal of over 96%. So well done everyone.

Sadly, the Local Authority again issued several fines for non attendance and in term time holidays. To help prevent any further fines being issued we will continue working with families to improve attendance and punctuality. We will be turning our attention to reduce the number of children being late for registration and missing the first part of the morning session.



**Register call is at 8.45am and the first lesson starts at 8.55.**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES -

Mrs Harding and Mrs Boxall have been working hard behind scenes to ensure new caterers are in place ready for September. They asked the School Council and Parents to join them for presentations and food tasting from three different catering companies, LunchTime, ABM and Aspens. Children quizzed each company asking sensible questions about menu rotations, vegetarian options, the choice of fruit, and changes to serving lunch and menu cards. After a very long four hours the group decided to appoint LunchTime [a local company] as their new caterers. For the first two –three weeks of the Autumn Term menu cards will still be in operation but may be disbanded by Autumn half term.



## AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

### The HideOut

Opens Wednesday 5th September



As the last Newsletter went to print an after school club was out of the question. Since then, the demand for this facility has steadily increased. So Warboys School will extend the breakfast club to include 'wrap around care' called the 'HideOut'. It will not be run for profit but as a service. The opening times will be: 7:30am - 8:30am and 3:10pm to 6:00pm term time only. As part of the school facilities, the HideOut will be run by school staff. It is a legal requirement that parents register their child prior to using the 'HideOut'.

Please ask the School Office should you wish for any further details.

## Didn't we have a lovely time!

Years 1 and 2 have been incredibly busy building and burning the streets of London as part of their history topic about the great Fire of London following a visit from the fire brigade. From their expressions they had an amazing time at Angle Farm too. Not only did they learn how food is grown and where it goes after the farm, they were able to get up close to hold snakes, Lizards and even tarantulas!



**EYFS** With not a drop of rain, foundation children, with the help of parents, still managed to harvest crops from their mini garden and have a feast of beans, potatoes and salad. They had many visitors during their topic of 'People Who Help Us' including the local farmers, PCSOs and the dentist. As part of this topic children also visited Gary at Mary Madeline Church to see how he performs weddings. Children have achieved so much and both classes finished an incredibly successful year by visiting Hamerton Zoo.





## FOOD FOR LIFE Bronze Award



After 14 months of hard work, we were awarded the Food for Life Bronze Award for our healthy and climate-friendly food culture.

As part of the Bronze Award Scheme, we serve seasonal school meals, 75% of which are freshly prepared by experienced school cook, Shari. Most pupils have had the opportunity to visit a farm, cook and participate in food growing activities during their time at school, and pupils and parents have been involved in making improvements to the school's menu and dining experience. Mr

Duncan, as the DT Leader, Mrs Boxall, Thomas and Imogen were invited to The Maltings, Ely for the celebration ceremony to receive our award. We arrived for a breakfast of, fruit, muffins, bread and dips - which was a lovely surprise. About 20 other schools had assembled in the hall and were carefully grouped, we were group 3.

Our first activity was Farmers Market and we guessed how many pea pods were in a jar and how much a watermelon weighed ( Mr Duncan won it ). We went on to plant some seeds in a small tub and made a seed gift set. We used our handprints to make prints of fruits and used these to design a bag each. These were good ideas to bring back to school.

After that, we entered the science lab which Professor H.E.Althy taught. He did some really cool tricks with water. He filled up a bottle of water and put cardboard under it. It was meant not to spill but because his hands were shaky it all spilled. He drew an arrow on paper and showed it behind a bottle of water, amazingly the arrow appeared the other way round. Then he made sparks in a



candle flame using the **limonene** from orange pith – that was really cool! Professor Althy chose two teachers to come up to make sure he didn't fall whilst he stood on eggs! He then did a trick with chocolate where he had a full bar and cut a third of it off and cut of a single piece, but when he put it all back together, we had a full bar and 1 piece left over. Our third activity was letter press printing. We picked out all the letters to spell our favourite food or fruit. We had to put them in order but back to front, I made the word grapes and Imogen made melon, then we made the word Warboys. Once the letters for our chosen word were in the right place we had to roller paint it in red, black or green. It was then lunch time. Being food for Life it was obviously a healthy lunch. A full buffet, a range of salads, with fruit and biscuits for pudding.

After lunch, we had the presentations. We were awarded a Bronze Food for Life Award. We then shared our gardening, growing and cooking experiences with other schools and they showed us some pictures of their work. It was a good way to exchange ideas. We were all very proud of our achievements.

We had a great day!

By Thomas and Imogen

## Cross Country Report 2018

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 8 children from Warboys Community Primary School went to St Neots, Priory Park to compete in the County Cross Country.

The girls were running first. We got lead by the marshals to our first station. Letter A was first, in our team that was Abbie. When the instructor shouted through the megaphone go, Abbie shot off like a dart. When she got back it was letter B's turn. That was Elouise. Elouise got round the course quicker than expected.

Elouise passed the baton to Alanis. Suddenly, Alanis was off, she had to get the baton to Olivia as quick as possible because Olivia was last to run. When Olivia got handed the baton, she sprinted and did not stop. It was all up to her considering she was last. When the result came in, the girls team came 35<sup>th</sup> out of 130. Which was brilliant compared to last year.



Next up were the boys, Jono was first to run. He got in line with the other A's and waited for the air horn to go off. When it did, he pushed past the other boys and ran exceedingly fast. When he got back, he passed over the baton to Sam who was second, Sam over took all the boys and gave the baton to Alex. We were all surprised with how well Alex ran, considering he had very little training. Last but not least, it was Thomas. When he started he kept up his pace and did not stop. Incredibly, the boys team came 41<sup>st</sup> out of 140 which was also very impressive, particularly seeing as there were more teams than the girls.

We would all like to say a big thank you to Abbie and Alex. If they didn't join us at the last minute we would not be able to enter the competition. But we would like to give the biggest thanks to Mrs McKeating for coaching us to be the best we could be. Also for Mr Herring for getting us there. We had an amazing time.

By Alanis and Elouise

## Year 5 trip to Fitzwilliam museum



In April the Year 5's went to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. We saw lots of famous paintings, statues, etc. We learned lots of interesting facts about history and art and how we can use this information to learn about the past. We also played lots of fun games. One was called "spot the object". One of the best parts was drawing armour, guns and massive knives. We had a go at doing it blindfolded! And we also tried doing it with our non-dominant hand! We all had a fantastic time at the museum and would like to thank Mr Herring, Mrs Young and Miss Saddington for getting us there and giving us an awesome opportunity.



### **Gardening Club.**

The gardening Club, supporting Food for Life, was well attended both in the Spring and the Summer term. The young gardeners have grown, carrots, beetroots, courgettes, tomatoes, strawberries and a range of herbs. The gardeners were really surprised how many potatoes grew from the few they planted. The 11 gardeners each took home over a kilo of potatoes. Several classes also had the opportunity to grow vegetables in their planter boxes. The foundation children even gave their lettuces and salad crops to the school kitchen for children to eat at lunch time.

The Garden club ended with a picnic whilst they planned which crops to plant next term.

**The autumn term Clubs will be announced early September and will run for 10 weeks.**

## Experiences Galore!

We have certainly given children a huge range of experiences this summer. As part of investigating different professions, the Army spent a day with the children. David Graves and his team, gave demonstrations, showed protective clothing, answered questions about the equipment they required. The Mad Scientist captured the interests of the children promoting careers in STEM subjects, [science, technology, engineering and maths] whilst dispelling gender stereo typing. The school continued to enhance sporting experiences and 24 children represented the school in the local Quad Sport and their sportsmanship was highly commendable.



Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from the school's success in achieving 'Good' at our last Ofsted inspection, the Governing Body have been working hard to make sure that we do not sit on our laurels but improve further towards the goal of achieving 'Outstanding' at our next Ofsted.

The Governing Body believes that the best way forward now is for the school to join a Multi Academy Trust. For the last eighteen months we have been investigating and exploring the feasibility of joining a trust and not just the benefits that would bring but also what would be the disadvantages. We have met with several Multi Academy Trusts and unanimously decided that the best and most suitable trust for Warboys would be The Thomas Deacon Education Trust, which is a Peterborough based Trust, we are however still in a consultation period with parents and staff.

Every Governor has their own area of responsibility within the school based on the School Development Plan. Each Governor has made several visits to the school in the last term and I am pleased to say that the school is on track with it's plan.

Unfortunately, after 8 years as a school governor, Nigel Graham is leaving the Governing Body, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Nigel for the many hours and contributions to the Governing Body that he has given over the years he has served as a co-opted Governor. We are very fortunate that we have already had two applications for vacant positions in September. This will once again give the Governing Body a full membership, something that is the envy of other schools, but is a true reflection on how well the school is performing and moving forward.

I hope you all have a good Summer

John Parker

Chair of Governing Body



## Governors



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**Staff Governors**

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**Headteacher**

Angela Boxall

**Clerk**

Loren Bradley

What a fabulous fundraising year it has been.

We have had a family barn dance, Movie Nights, Christmas cards, Christmas Hamper's, Carols on the Playground, Quiz Night, Mother's Day pop up shop, Family Easter Bingo, Father's Day pop up shop, Pre-loved Uniform Pop Up Shop, Sports day Refreshments, End of Year Disco and a fantastic School Fete, with your support, we have raised over £8000 this year.

So far this year we are proud to have: donated Year 6 leavers **books 2018**; given £100 to each class; provided gardening equipment, and a new fridge freezer for the community kitchen; continued to support the canopy project in EYFS; purchased 19 iPads so each class now has access to 2 per class; bought picnic benches for the school field; and purchased a trophy cabinet so the school can safely display trophies children have achieved. On top of this we have also donated money to the afterschool club "The HideOut", and provided food for the Year 6 leavers BBQ.

Some events we are working on for next year are gin taster night, movie nights, and elf pop up shop in December, and not forgetting the CIRCUS at the next school fete.

We would like to thank our sponsors Audi Huntingdon, Woodfords Recycling, CLF Packaging Ltd, NRH Electricals Services Ltd, The Kidi Cabin, Fusion Travel Solutions Ltd, Stephen Cole Surfacing Ltd, TCI wireless Comms, Parrot Printing Ltd, Superior Surfaces, Tiptotoes Nail and Beauty, Swannells Transport, Barracudas and Warboys Community Bonfire for their support.

Why not come along to our AGM on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at Warboys School at 7.30pm? All the committee roles will be elected on the night, so if you fancy being Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer 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.

Please don't forget that we are currently in the Tesco's Bags of help in Ramsey and Somersham Tesco's to help improve the nature area at the school. The voting goes on until 31<sup>st</sup> August, so don't forget to ask for the blue tokens when you shop and please vote for us. I wish to thank all the PTFA committee and all the members of staff for supporting me this year and we look forward to another successful year next year. Tanya Watson—Chairperson

## Parent Forum

We would love to see new faces at the Parent Forum next term. It 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. This last term we have been involved with the changes to the catering supplier and have discussed the after school club and the future of the school.

Parents can raise issues for discussion before the meeting and, although it is not the place to discuss individual concerns regarding children, it is there for parents to have the freedom to ask about issues and topics that they are unsure about or have questions.

I find it a valuable group to be involved with and it is great to see that our suggestions and feedback can have an impact in the school. It is also a great way of discussing things with other parents across all year groups and seeing other viewpoints, supporting one another and supporting the school.

If you would like to know anything further please contact me on [replies@warboys.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:replies@warboys.cambs.sch.uk).

Kate Smith

Chair of Parent Forum

**Thank you for your continued support!**

# Diary

Tuesday 4th September 2018	Training Day
Wednesday 5th September 2018	Autumn Term Opens
Sunday 23—Wednesday 26 September	Year 6 Residential to Caythorpe
Wednesday 26 September 7.30pm Friday 28th September 9:00am	Parent Forum
Wednesday 10th October 2018	Individual Class Photographs
Thursday 11th October 2018	Flu Immunisation Programme
Tuesday and Wednesday 16th & 17th October	Parent Teacher consultations
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October	Half-Term
Monday 29th October 2018	Training Day
Saturday 24th November	Choir at Warboys Lights switch on
Friday 30th November	Decorations day
Wednesday 12th December & Thursday 13th December tbc	KS1 Christmas Concert
Monday 17th December tbc	EYFS Christmas Nativity
Monday 17th December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19th December	Autumn Term Closes
Thursday 3rd January	Training Day
Friday 5th January	Training Day



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