



Warboys Community Primary School

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To Develop Confident, Independent Learners

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The End But A New Beginning

After seven years as Headteacher of Warboys Community Primary School my chapter finally comes to an end. Already living 150 miles away in Shropshire, I have decided to retire from teaching to pursue my many hobbies and a life in the country. I would like to send sincere thanks to everyone. Your support for me and the school over the years has been overwhelming. We have all strived to overcome many challenges but, putting our children at the centre of everything we do, together we have watched them and the school grow from strength to strength.

It has been a privilege and an honour to be the Headteacher here at Warboys. Being a Headteacher is like taking responsibility of a huge family of children, parents and colleagues, supporting everyone to care for each other. As with all families never quite knowing what is around the corner, there are success to share and sad or difficult times to endure. But it is the strength as a collective and doing what is right that pulls us all through in the end. As head of the family, it is not always possible to please everyone but it certainly pays to listen, to take advice and be decisive when required to do so. Headship, like parenting, is a difficult but very rewarding role - a role I have thoroughly enjoyed.

I firmly believe children are entitled to a good, well balanced education. The importance of education can not be valued enough. At times children need to be taken out of their comfort zone, they may need help to overcome barriers, guidance to put aside their excuses and support to challenge themselves in order to take the next step more independently. As adults, it is our responsibility to give our children that safety net whilst still ensuring that we encourage them to seek and seize every opportunity possible to enable them to achieve the very best they can. After all, they only have one chance of being a child.

Practical sessions in science and DT, the art work, outdoor learning and the successes on the sports field have always been so dear to my heart. I have taken great pride watching so many children develop in confidence, self esteem and self belief not only in class but on residential visits and by their performances on stage. Experiencing Young Voices at the O2 with the children for the first time will be a magical image that will stay with me for ever. However, without question, it is watching children achieve, no matter how small the task, that always makes me smile, knowing they have been successful.

I will take and cherish many fond memories, thank you all. Angela Boxall



A New Beginning



With change comes new beginnings and opportunities. On April 1st 2019 Warboys Community Primary School officially joined the Thomas Deacons Academy Trust [TDET]. We are expecting a press release to notify the community of this historic change. You will notice signage around the school, general letter headings, website and the name on school jumpers gradually a change.

Parents will be notified shortly of a change to the school email address so please keep an eye out for this. From the start of the summer term Mrs Becky Ford will take up her appointment as Headteacher of Warboys Primary Academy. Mrs Ford is a very experienced head who is excited and looking forward to taking up the mantle of leading learning at Warboys. She has already been here for to meet staff and children and already has a few plans in mind.

Warboys is a 'good' school as a result of pupils, parents and the school working together towards the same goal, a good education for the children. As the school moves forward into this new era it is so import that parents continue to support the leadership in every way possible. As parents, your views are important so consider attending a parent forum so your views can be expressed clearly. The forum was set up by parents for parents.

World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated in style across the whole school. Children read in house groups, created comic scenes about their origin story, read with adults and selected stories to listen to in small groups. Year group book quizzes brought out a competitive streak in everyone from Year 1 to Year 6. Building on a theme of Superheroes and Superpowers, children dressed up as favourite superheroes such as Spiderman and Superwoman; but also as their own Superpowers, following our work with "Ollie and his Superpowers" a fabulously effective program to help children understand and control their emotions. Some children even came as punctuation – as they said "Punctuation is power!"



Staff News



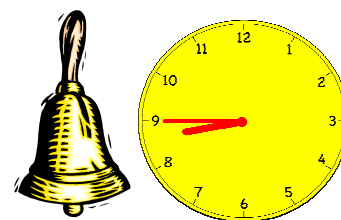
This term we say a very warm welcome back to Mrs Dickinson in the Tigers class after two terms away on maternity leave, but at the same time say farewell to Ms Ireland, who left this week to begin her maternity leave. We wish Ms Ireland all the very best and hope to see her back in school after the Christmas break. Mrs Maxwell, a supply teacher known to the children has been appointed for cover during the Summer Term in the Tigers Class.

Our Attendance Challenge of 96% was successful again!

Well done to 124 children who received the Gold Attendance Certificates for 100% attendance during the Spring Term. This was another great achievement for the majority of children especially considering there have been many illness bugs around this term.

Whole school attendance sits above our target at 96.7% which again is a brilliant achievement.

Moving into the academy our monitoring of attendance will remain vigilant and our focus is to reduce the number of children being unnecessarily late for registration and missing the first part of the morning session will remain unchanged.



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



Springing into a Summer of sport

As we look forward to a busy summer of sport, we can reflect back on what has been a challenging spring period for Warboys. Both our Year 5 and 6 football teams have been very busy representing the school in cup competitions and by the time this newsletter comes out, we will have entered a new inter academy competition involving our boys and girls from Years 3/4 and 5/6. For the first time ever, we have entered an elite team into the HSSP Hockey and Netball tournament where we have faced the best our local schools have to offer. Closer to

home we have continued to push swimming across Year 5 and are on target to achieve 75% of children in the year being able to swim at least 25 meters by the time they leave school. Thank you for all your continued support.

Warwick Castle

Children in Key Stage 1 visited the spectacular Warwick Castle to complete their Spring Term topic on castles. Crossing the drawbridge over the moat, they were amazed by the sheer size of the castle. Their fascination continued as they explored the battle room where they saw weapons, horses and knights in shining armour. Children were very knowledgeable and showed off key vocabulary when identifying parts of the castle. Many children were surprised to see peacocks roaming freely around the grounds of the castle. It was an excellent way to consolidate their learning.



EYFS - Animals Galore

Early Years children have enjoyed some four legged visitors as part of their topic on 'Animals'. A tortoise who was a talented escapologist, made a lively entrance to the



children's delight. But the stars were the piglets who visited on Tuesday courtesy of local farmers, Mr and Mrs



Caton. The piglets rooted round, digging up the ground and helped the children learn about life cycles and growing up. One piglet was called 'Cheese' and the children have been invited to name the other. At the end of the first week a puppy melted their hearts. Children ended their topic on animals with a visit to Hamerton Zoo. They had a terrific day and for once the weather was kind to them. The children were fascinated by the reptiles, especially the snakes. Thank you to all who supported this topic.

Residential Visit to Grafham

In March every child in Year 4 Year took part in the annual residential visit to Grafham Water. Our first challenge was to make our own beds - that was indeed a difficult challenge for some. Sadly, the stormy weather prevented any activities on the water which was a real shame. With waves on the water we reshuffled activities on land. We all had the opportunity to have a go at the high ropes. This was really scary for some, especially because the wind was so strong. Thankfully we all wore a safety harness.



The low ropes looked easy and would have been if we could just climb, but we had to work as a team to complete tasks on the ropes. It was far more difficult than we had thought. We soon learnt that we needed to communicate clearly to get the best from the teams to make the tasks easier.

The favourite activity was the Grafham challenge. We were blindfolded before we followed a course through the woods marked with a rope. Again we had to work well as a team. Shuffling at the pace of the slowest person we had to give instructions and warning to the person behind if the path went up, down or even over objects. Not seeing where we were going made this challenge difficult. Some worried because they didn't like the fact they couldn't see where they

were putting their hands or what they were climbing through. It was great fun though and we all got so muddy. We were proud because we supported each other and attempted every activity.

Young Voices in Birmingham

A brilliant day was had by all 42 children who sang their hearts out at the Birmingham Arena. Parents were thoroughly entertained by 8000 youngsters and guests singing a medley of songs during the evening. It is always an incredible sight seeing the lights turned off and 8000 mini torches lit as children stand in unity to perform months of work.



Gymnasts in their element

In March, eight children took part in the Years 3/4 Key Steps Gymnastics Competition at Huntingdon Olympic Gym. The children competed against 28 other schools. The team, made up of two boys and six girls, had been practicing the three events for several weeks. They competed in the vault, floor exercises and a body management routine. All in all, they had to remember and perform twenty different movements. They were all very supportive of each other and showed not only a high level of skill but also great sportsmanship. They were rewarded at the end by a mini display from some of the elite gymnasts. Such a wonderful opportunity.



Shanghai Teacher come to Warboys

In January, we played host to two Shanghai Maths teachers, Miss Mao and Miss Pei, as part of the DfE maths exchange programme between England and China. Over the two week period, the school showcased several maths events to over 300 primary teachers from all over the county. Children in Year 5 and in Year 2 worked hard with the Chinese teachers developing Mastery Maths Skills.

Representatives from the DfE and from the County Maths Hub also attended the showcase lessons. They were very impressed with how engaged the pupils were and commented on the impeccable learning behaviours shown throughout. Although this was a major event requiring an enormous of organisation and some upheaval for classes

and staff, it was an incredible opportunity for Warboys School to demonstrate its strengths to others.

It has been great to see how Mastery Maths has helped develop our children's confidence when approaching independent maths.

A massive well done to Mrs Hunter Jones who continues to develop Maths in school and supports other schools with Mastery Maths.



Preserving History

The School House Captains took time out to organise a time capsule. Knowing the importance of using primary artefacts to support learning from history the children were thrilled to be able to offer their own insight of 'today' to people of the future by means of the time capsule. They thought long and hard about what to bury at the David Wilson development off Station Road. With photos, newspapers, artefacts and a letter, the children donned high-viz jackets to bury a piece of history.

Outdoor Learning

Following the lead from Wild Wednesdays in Foundation, many children across the school have had the opportunity to explore the environmental garden this term. The fire pit and whole class log ring are always popular but children have also made bug hotels, made bivouacs and climbed tress.

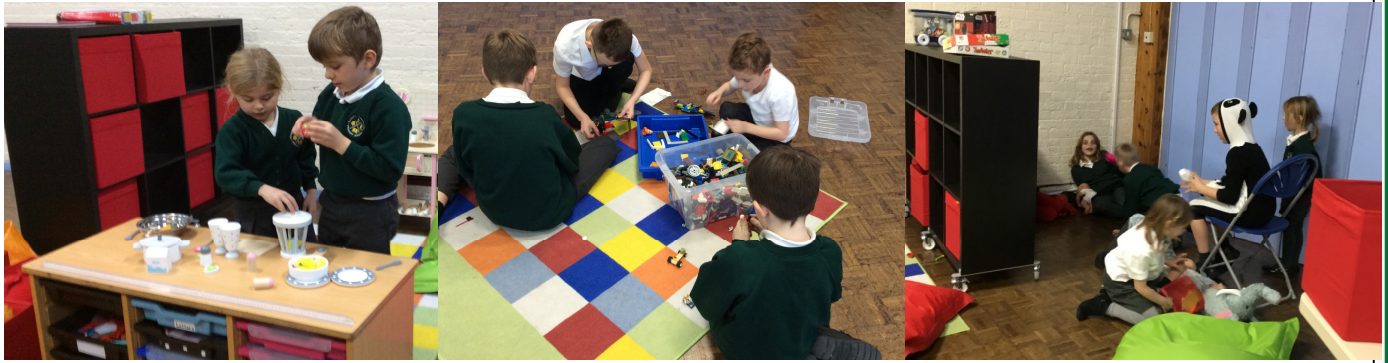
The environmental garden is also used for supporting social and emotional needs. It is amazing how children become calm when they have worked out in the open. Outdoor activities always gives scope to talk about thoughts, feelings and general opinions whilst building up to work in teams.. Mrs Ball will continue to develop forest school type activities with small groups throughout the Summer Term.



The HideOut Wrap-Around-Child-Care



We have had another fabulous half term at the HideOut making new friends and enjoying ourselves. Some of our favourite activities have been playing the different games on the games table, Lego, playing on the Wii and drawing. Some of the children even enjoy doing the washing up. A huge thank you to the PTFA, staff and parents for all of the donations of toys, games and activities that we have received. Unfortunately due to storage we cannot accept any more items at this time. We are hoping the Summer Term brings lovely weather so we can enjoy the outdoors. If you are thinking about using our facilities either on a permanent or ad-hoc basis you are welcome to drop in and see what we get up to.



Dear Parents and Carers

In my Summer newsletter I informed you that we were going through a consultation process with a view for the school to join The Thomas Deacon Academy Trust, fully expecting this and the application process to be the main item for the Governing Body to concentrate on. However, things didn't quite work out like that. During this same period Mrs Boxall informed me of her intention to leave her role of Headteacher at Warboys School with effect from 5th April 2019, taking a well earned break from teaching and relocating to another part of the country. Mrs Boxall took over the role of Headteacher in September 2012 at a time when the school was rated as 'Requiring Improvement' by Ofsted. Since her appointment Mrs Boxall has provided effective and strong leadership to the school which as we all know resulted in 'Good' at our last Ofsted Inspection. This, with great staff commitment and support, was a magnificent achievement, Mrs Boxall's enthusiasm, commitment and leadership will be sorely missed by us all. The Governing Body have appointed Mrs R Ford to the post of Headteacher with effect from 23rd April. Mrs Ford is an experienced Headteacher and although she has a hard act to follow we are sure she is the ideal person to take the school forward.

We have of course at the same time been involved in discussions with The Thomas Deacon Academy Trust and we will become a member of the trust from 1st April 2019. We look forward to being a part of the Trust and all it offers.

I hope you all have a good Easter

Mr John Parker



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Good Bye Show for Mrs Boxall

Knowing Mrs Boxall has a passion for performing arts, behind scenes classes had worked secretly over the term producing sketches to celebrate the years Mrs Boxall has been the Headteacher at Warboys. Children display their talent with a morning of sketches from the Dinosaur era [not that she had been here that long], clubs, the staff room antics, monitoring learning, memories, singing and art work. Children had many several songs, poems and verses to so their thank yous. The character of Mrs Boxall appeared in every sketch in one form or another. Even a character of Mr Boxall appeared in one sketch.



Children tried to predict what activities would fill all the time Mrs Boxall will have on her hands. Other classes offered suggestions - playing golf, cooking, gardening, transferring to the dark side [Ofsted] to name a few. Towards the end of the one class presented Mrs Boxall with a head teacher award which she gratefully and graciously accepted. There was much laughter and a few tears around the hall especially when the younger children said their good byes with 'Good Bye, Farewell' from the Sound of Music playing in the back ground. It was a good morning of reminiscing of key moments, values, mannerisms and phrases which will be remembered for a long time to come.

PTFA

The Warboys Primary School PTFA held a very successful Pancake Day fundraiser on Tuesday 5th March 2019. Pancakes were on sale for £1, which included a choice from a variety of toppings – whipped cream, chocolate sauce, strawberry sauce, lemon and sugar. The promise of pancakes brought an array of smiley faces to the school hall, and the pancakes tasted as delicious as they looked! Lots of parents and children supported the event and the afternoon raised an amazing £132.

Our Movie Night on Friday 8th March was lots of fun. We had over 150 children attending the event. The children chose to watch either the Lion King or The Little Mermaid, and everyone enjoyed hotdogs for their tea.

The PTFA will be hosting an Easter Family Bingo on Saturday 27th April at Warboys Primary School. Doors will open at 5.30pm and we will be selling a range of refreshments including burgers and hotdogs. Tickets are available from www.pta-events.co.uk/warboysptfa.

Warboys PTFA Presents Happy's Circus on Saturday 6th July 2019. Gates open at 12pm for the Summer Fete and the show starts at 2pm. Further information can be found on the event poster. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to all the companies who have agreed to sponsor the Summer Fete and Circus so far. If anyone would like to place an advert in our brochure or sponsor one of our stalls, please don't hesitate to email warboys.marketing.ptfa@gmail.co.uk. The money raised from the event will go directly to the school for the children.

If you would like to help us in anyway contact warboys.pta.chair@gmail.com. We have a few meetings booked:- 30th April 7.30pm and an EGM on 14th May 7.30pm at school, to change our name inline with the schools new name.

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who has supported us. I personally would like to thank Mrs Boxall for her support over the last few years. Tanya Watson.

Thank you for your continued support!





On the 19th of March the whole school took part in the very first TDET charity fundraising day. Warboys children opted to dress in rainbow colours to represent the Little Miracles Charity. With the whole school dressed in multi colours children joined Rob Taylor, a martial arts specialist from TDET. Rob took each year group through various poses and moves and kicks as he demonstrated skills of martial arts. Then every

child had the opportunity to practice some of the moves, some much harder than others. A few children were very self conscious but soon relaxed. Towards the end of each session year groups completed a set martial art dance routine in unison. All children enjoyed the physical activity with a difference. A good day was had by all and Warboys school raised over £250.00 in the process. Collectively the Thomas Deacons Trust raised over £3000 on the Rainbow Day. Great work everyone.

Seasonal Cooking.

Again this term many children had the opportunity to use the school kiddie kitchen. Children made a whole heap of sweet and savoury pancakes. Children worked in pairs tasting and sharing different fillings.

Cooking is a skill that needs to have more time invested to it, because it incorporates skills from so many areas of the curriculum including maths, speaking and listening, reading, science [changing materials] not to mention social skills.



With Mrs Boxall leaving and her fondness of afternoon tea, groups of children across the school had opportunities to make something special. Over the past few weeks they have enjoyed time with Mrs Boxall joining her for afternoon tea, a little sushi and even the youngest of our children joined in for jelly and ice cream.

And finally a massive THANK YOU!



What a fabulous last week! Thank you to all the staff and members of the PTFA for their input and effort to make this last week so memorable. There was an awful amount of hard work behind the scenes recently. The organisation of the afternoon teas with children throughout the term, the children's performance, the wonderful tea party yesterday with so many well wishes has just been incredible. Thank you for the cake, many gifts and well wishes, but it is with mixed feelings I now say a final Good Bye

Angela Boxall

Diary

23rd April 2019	Training Day
24th April 2019	Summer Term Begins
1st May 2019	Class Photographs
2nd May 2019	Cross Country Championships
3rd May 2019	Tigers Class Assembly
6th May 2019	May Day
13th to 17th May 2019	Year 6 SATs week
20th to 24th May 2019	Bikeability for Year 6
27th May to 31st May 2019	Half-Term
7th June 2019	Seahorses Class Assembly
27th June 2019	Year 6 production tbc
28th June 2019	Owls Class Assembly
Saturday 6th July 2019	Circus — PTFA fundraiser
16th July 2019	Sports Day
17th July 2019	EYFS Class Assembly
24th July 2019	Year 6 Leavers service
24th July 2019	Summer Term Ends

