Wychwood CE Primary School.

The spring term has been progressing steadily and colleagues and children have been working away quietly in the classrooms with one or two events that have brightened the scene considerably.

The whole school went to the Sheldonian theatre in Oxford for a concert given by the Oxfordshire Youth Orchestra. Despite the climb to the top rows of wooden seats, it was a very worthwhile outing. The five-a-side football team entered Oxford United's competition for primary schools and finished mid-way in one of the preliminary leagues. It was not high enough to progress but the boys put in some good performances – one more win would have seen them through!

We are collecting Walker's Crisps tokens (for books), Tesco's tokens for computer equipment / software and soon Sainsbury's vouchers! So if you want to send or bring them along it would be very much appreciated.

35 of our older pupils have gone to Kilvrough Manor in South Wales (one of Oxfordshire's outdoor centres) with Mrs. Bysouth and Mrs. Baldwin for a week. Despite the very wet weather they seem to be having a really good time down there with plenty of varied outdoor activities going on.

Whilst we have been congratulated on our 'Top Ten' position in Oxfordshire in the Key Stage Two Tests (and it did feel good to do so well) we have to remember that although academic achievement is very important, there are many other aspects to life in school and it is also rewarding when the children are complemented on their behaviour and attitude both in school and during the many visits we make during the year.

Many thanks to Jane Adams from Shipton Church and Ann Hartley from Milton Church who have regularly contributed to our Friday morning assemblies in the continuing absence of a local vicar. They have both added considerably to the life of our school.

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Pc Bob Salmon as the Wychwoods will then come under the jurisdiction of the Carterton police station. Bob has been a good friend to our school – working regularly with the children and we will miss him – we only hope his successor serves us as well!

Geoff Padmore.

Forthcoming event organised by the PTA.

18th April - Sponsored walk 2pm in the BBONT Reserve, Bruern.

Please note. The April newspaper collection will be on the second Saturday (10th April) not on the usual first Saturday of the month. Please keep on saving your old newspapers — they are still a valuable source of income for a us! 22nd May Fete from 2pm on the school fields (hopefully!).