

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back

We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and managed to spend quality time as families. The staff are also feeling well rested and ready for the new year ahead.

A big thank you to all parents/carers for ensuring that the children's uniform adheres to the school policy. They all look very sparkly and smart. It sets a professional tone for the children and a 'ready to learn' approach. Thank you!

We welcome two new members of staff. Mr. Trew, class teacher for Year 5 and Mrs White, Nursery Assistant.

Diary Dates

Diary dates for the Autumn Term are shown below and will be included and updated on every newsletter.

13.09.16	Roald Dahl Day - Children dress up as favourite character
14.09.16	School Council elections
15.09.16	House Captains elections
16.09.16	MacMillan coffee morning 9.30-11.30
16.09.16	Craig Tracey (MP) to visit School Council 1.30
20.09.16	Yr 1 to Ash End Farm
28.09.16	Yr 4 to Gaydon using IT control systems
05.10.16	Yr 6 to Coventry Transport Museum and Herbert Art Gallery
07.10.16	9.15 Year 3 Harvest festival assembly - Yr 3 parents/families welcome
10.10.16	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00
13.10.16	Parents' Evening 4.30-8.00
14.10.16	2.30 Year 4 class assembly - parents welcome
20.10.16 (Thursday)	Children finish for half term
21.10.16	INSET - Training for staff
31.10.16	Children return to school

INSET Friday 21st October
 Tuesday 3rd January
 Monday 27th February

Website updates

The school website has been updated again over the Summer holidays and will continue to be updated over the next two weeks. Please take a look at the updates.

Extra-curricular activities

Activities start the week Monday 12th September

Monday	Library Club	Yr 6	3.15 - 4.15
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	Y3 & Y4	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills	Yr 1 and 2	3.15 - 4.15
Wednesday	Physical Activity sessions	Yr 3 and 4	8.00-8.40
	Football	Y5/6	12.30 - 1.00
	Dodgeball	Y3 & Y4	3.15 - 4.15
Thursday	STEM Club	Yr6	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

Roald Dahl Day

The staff have planned a Roald Dahl Day for the children on Tuesday 13th September. Children will engage with activities related to Dahl's books throughout the day. We would like the children to come in dressed as their favourite character from any of Dahl's books/poems etc.

Snack bar

The school provides healthy snacks from the kitchen for children at breaktime (prices listed below). Children continue to want this provision and so we are happy to continue to provide this service. Please make sure that you do not send in too much money as they

sometimes will spend it all. Also remind your children that they must only buy for themselves as other children's parents may not want them to have certain foods/drinks. Our children are very generous and kind and want to help other children so please explain that sometimes children are not allowed to have certain foods/drinks.

Healthy Snacks

available from the snack bar

Bag of fruit =	30p
Toast =	20p
Muffin =	25p
Raisins =	20p
Teacake =	25p
Teabread =	25p
Fruit juice =	35p
Milk shake =	40p
Fruit cup =	25p

Universal free school meals

A reminder that the Government are still funding free school meals for children in Reception, Year1 and Year2. We would encourage you to take advantage of this as this is a good saving for the family and ensures that your child has a healthy balanced meal every day.

Please see the school website for up to date menus.

For the rest of the school, dinners are still priced at £2.10 per meal and our preferred method of payment is through Agora payment systems (information on website). Contact the office if you need any advice.

Volunteer helpers



A big thank you to one of our mums in Nursery, Mrs Sharkey, for organising a group of volunteer helpers from her workplace, Syncreon. Their staff painted our Reception/Nursery fencing in bright colours and helped to construct a water wall for the children. It is amazing what can be achieved with a lot of energy and people's precious time. The children will certainly enjoy the water wall.

Thank you to all the volunteers that arrived on a wet Saturday during the holiday - we are impressed by your kindness and generosity.

Thanks also to Bobby Birk, our previous school caretaker, for his business donation of all the guttering and pipework - it would have been impossible to do without his generosity.

Thank you all.

Please let me know if any parents have a similar scheme at their workplace and would like to contribute to improving the school.

Safeguarding

Just a reminder to let myself or Mrs Hull know of any suspicious incidents that may endanger our children. I do report all suspicious activity to other parents and Warwickshire Authority.

Sound System

At last! Our new sound system for the hall was installed during the holiday. It is amazing. We are now up to date with all the latest technology for ensuring quality sound for all our music, assemblies, plays etc. - no more panicked faces and figure crossing - it works a treat.

A big thank you to the P.A. for funding the project and thank you to all parents/carers who support the P.A. activities throughout the year - we could not do this without you.

Building work

The building work due to be carried out during the summer holidays has been delayed due to circumstances beyond our control. The workmen are replacing the flat roof along the section from Year 6 to After-school Club. They are due to finish by the end of September so please be aware of extra traffic on site. All workmen officially accessing the school site are issued with school identity badges. If you are unsure about individuals on site and cannot identify them please report this to the office immediately.

School Bike Shed

Children bringing bikes and scooters to school will not be able to access the bike shed due to the building work taking place. Children have been asked to bring the bikes and scooters in through the main entrance and then be told where to store them during the day.

Any Concerns?

Here at Wheelwright Lane we have an 'open door' policy where you are welcome to come and discuss any issue, small or large, with myself or my staff. It is tempting to vent concerns or complaints about the school on social media sites and I would urge parents/carers to always come in to school to discuss any sensitive issues with myself or staff. The school has a clear policy on dealing with accusations regarding the school, staff and pupils that are placed on social media sites. Please read our Complaints Policy for information purposes.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants are also available at **8.30** when they are more than **pleased to discuss minor issues with you**, but they need to be ready to register their children at 8.45. From 8.45 staff will be working with children in the class on reading and times tables work. If you require a longer discussion then staff are usually able to accommodate after school. Just call in if you need to. **Please make sure that staff are able to carry out their teaching commitments from 8.45 onwards.**

My door is always open and I will endeavor to speak to you straight away if possible, depending on my diary commitments. Do remember I often lead assemblies first thing in the morning for the first part of the week but am happy to see you from 9.30 onwards.

Christine Browne