

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

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

04.10.16	Fire and Rescue Service in for Yr 1 and Yr5
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
17.10.16	Maths Challenge week
17.10.16	SATs information evening for Yr 6 parents 6.15-7.15.
20.10.16 (Thursday)	Children finish for half term
20.10.16	School Discos - 'Glow in the Dark' theme Rec/1/2 from 5 to 6 3/4/5/6 from 6.15 to 7.15
21.10.16	INSET - Training for staff
31.10.16	Children return to school
07.11.16	Yr 6 to Coventry Cathedral on the local bus.
02.12.16	Flu vaccinations for children in Yr1/2/3
12.12.16	Whole school out - theatre trips.
13/14/15.12.16	Christmas Play productions - times to follow.
16.12.16	School finishes at 2.30 for Christmas break.

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

Website updates

New additions to the website include;

- Pupil Premium report to parents
- Topic webs
- Family LIP
- Admissions Policy

Attendance

YR	99%	Y4	97%	Winner Y1 - 99.3% 
Y2	96%	Y5	99%	
Y3	98%	Y6	95%	

Attendance for week commencing the 26th September overall was 98%. Very Good attendance achieved.

P.A. Events

11.10.16	P.A. Meeting in school 6 o'clock
20.10.16	School Discos - 'Glow in the Dark' theme Rec/1/2 from 5 to 6 3/4/5/6 from 6.15 to 7.15
02.12.16	Christmas Fair 3.30 start

Extra-curricular activities

Activities start the week Monday 12th September

Monday	Library Club	Yr 5	3.15 - 4.15
Tuesday	Football	Y3 & Y4	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills	Yr 1 and 2	3.15 - 4.15
	Cookery Club	Y6	3.15 - 4.45
Wednesday	Football	Y5/6	12.30 - 1.00
	Dodgeball	Y3/4	3.15 - 4.15
Thursday	STEM Club	Yr5	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

Harvest Assembly

Year 3 children will be performing the school's Harvest assembly this year on Friday this week, 7th October at 9.15am for Year 3 parents and families only.

Once again we would like to ask for donations of non-perishable food to be sent in with your child, if possible. We will be collecting from now up until the assembly. We will be donating all food to the local 'food bank.' There is a list below of items that the Food Bank are extremely grateful for.

Potatoes tinned or powder

Sugar (500g)

Tinned meat

Tinned fish

Rice pudding

Jam

Sponge Pudding (Tinned)

Powdered or Long Life UHT Milk

Long life fruit juice

Tinned vegetables

Small jars of coffee

Tea bags

Tinned fruit

Rice/pasta and pasta sauce

Breakfast cereals

Biscuits/snack bars

Toiletries - eg. soap, shampoo, toothpaste

There are many people in need in our area and we would like to support them. Thank you for your kindness.

Learning Improvement Plan

Our Learning Improvement Plan this year will focus on 3 main areas, as follows:

Improving reading

1. Developing our stamina and speed when reading.
2. Reading challenging texts and be able to answer challenging questions that deepen our understanding and broaden our vocabulary.
3. Reading a wide range of texts, including poems, that are appropriate for our age.

Improving Maths problem solving

1. Choosing the most efficient operation for calculations.
2. Using and applying our calculations when solving open-ended problems.
3. Explaining our reasoning using mathematical vocabulary by giving examples to support our thinking.

Developing characteristics for successful learning

1. Develop Learning Behaviours that will support all children to be lifelong learners.
2. Recognise that our Learning characteristics help us to develop as good citizens and are tools for life.
3. Celebrate our successes, recognising that everyone has the capacity to learn and to succeed in life and that intelligence is not fixed but grows through hard work and commitment.

We have already begun to address these areas and further staff training will focus on improving outcomes for all children.

You will notice that homework will also reflect the drive this year. Please support where you can at home and encourage sustained reading and opportunities to solve problems.

Year 4 trip to Jaguar/Land Rover

Year 4 had a lovely day at JLR at Goydon. They used the I.T. equipment to programme computers and enjoyed a trip around the testing site discovering how cars are tested using computer technology. They behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. Well done Year 4, some great engineers in the making.

Exhall Educational Foundation

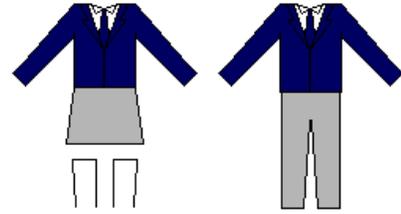
Any young people under 25 in Exhall parish and Keresley End interested in applying to the Exhall Educational Foundation this spring have until **Friday 14th October 2016** to return the forms to St Giles. We fund a wide range of educationally-based activities, whether academic or extra-curricular - music or dance classes, expeditions and more.

More information and application form at: www.exhalleducationalfoundation@blogsport.co.uk

Relief Cleaner

We are still looking for a relief cleaner to cover absence. If you, or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school office for further details. Applications are subject to DBS checks.

Uniform



We have a large amount of good quality uniform that has been given back to school from children who have grown out of it. These will be put out in the corridor on both parents evenings for you to please help yourself to if you can make use of any of the items.

Attendance

Reminder for Parents – Leave Of Absence during Term Time

As you will all be aware, current attendance regulations stipulate a Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able

to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.

Safeguarding

On-line Safety will be a focus this year and we will be teaching children the importance of staying safe on-line. We will be building on messages already shared with the children. We have noticed a rise in the number of children claiming that they are posting videos of themselves on-line. If we are aware of any child doing this we will discuss our concerns with you and make you aware of your child's actions and the possible consequences of these actions.

Please make a note of the following sites that give advice to parents:

www.internetmatters.org

www.net-aware.org.uk

As Christmas is approaching we would recommend that filters and restrictions are put in place on all new devices before given to children. It is important that parents stay in control.

Please look at the school website for further details, help and advice.

We will also be sending out new information for parents regarding the use of photographs and digital recording in school and at all school events. Please read the documents carefully, sign them and return to school. If you have any questions or queries please call in to see myself or Mrs Frith for advice.

Mrs Janette Hammonds is our On-line safety co-ordinator and lead. Mr Dave Grove is our Governor responsible for On-line safety in school.