

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.

w.c. 09.01.2017	Booster groups for Yr 6 restart
w.c. 09.01.2017	After-school sports restart
13.01.2017	Height and weight check for Reception and Yr 6 children
16.01.17	Mr Potato for Yr 2 p.m. - Circus Skills
19.01.2017	5.30 KS1 SATs evening for Year 2 parents
w.c. 30.01.2017	Half price Book Fair in all week
06.02.2017	Internet Safety awareness
13.02.2107	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00
16.02.2017	Parents' Evening 5.00-8.00
17.02.2107	Children break up for half term
27.02.2017	INSET training for staff
28.02.2017	Children back in school today

INSET Monday 27th February

Sports fixtures

17.01.2017	YR3/4 football finals - Nuneaton Academy
24.01.2017	Y2 to Ash Green school - Infant Agility
24.01.2017	Some Y5/6 to Ash Green school - Athletics
26.01.2017	Cross country at St Michaels
30.01.2017	Cross country at St Francis

Attendance

YR	97%	Y3	98%	Winners Y5 - 100% 
Y1	96%	Y4	94%	
Y2	98%	Y6	98%	

Attendance for week commencing the 4th January overall was 97%. Very Good average attendance achieved.

Extra-curricular activities

Activities start the week Monday 9th January

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	Y4	3.15 - 4.45
Wednesday	Football	Y5/6	12.30 - 1.00
	Hi 5 Netball	Y3/4/5/6	3.15 - 4.15
Thursday	STEM Club	Yr5	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

Parents' Association

17.01.17	Meeting at school 6 o'clock

Winter Closures

As you know, we endeavour to stay open whenever possible in the case of bad weather. If for any reason we do need to close we will:

- contact you by text (we can operate this system from home)
- update the website with a news flash (check www.wheelwrightlane.warwickshire.sch.uk)
- update Warwickshire Central Website (check www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)
- alert local radio stations

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details!

Reading Books

We are in the process of updating our school reading book scheme with many new up to date reading books that are closely aligned to the new expectations of the curriculum. They are all still part of the Oxford Reading Tree range so the children will recognise the characters.

Staff are busy ensuring that the degree of challenge from some of our old books are slotted into the correct stage with the new books. We should have this stage completed by the end of this week.

As a result of this restocking and reorganising, new reading books will not be issued until next week for some children as we transfer the children onto the new range and stage. Please listen to your children read their library books or books from home during this period.

Headlice

A number of parents have reported incidents of headlice on returning back to school. Please check your children's hair regularly and use recommended treatment to ensure that nits and eggs are removed from hair. If you leave any in they will be back again - they reproduce quickly and often.

Communication

Mrs Hull and I receive hundreds of emails every day. We have a system in place that automatically places emails that are not on our regular email correspondence straight into a 'Clutter box.' These emails are not checked daily and with having to check through so many emails it is possible that we may miss correspondence from parents at times. To ensure that this does not happen I am recommending that if you need to contact school then you can send a note in with your child either in their homeschool diary or by letter, or, if possible, ring the school direct and talk to myself or Mrs Hull. Many of you already do this and this system works very well. Any message received will be dealt with by myself or my staff and we will contact you to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

IEP meetings with Mrs Ford (SENDCo)

IEP meetings will be arranged on Thursday 9th February -the week before Parents' Evenings. If you have an appointment with Mrs Ford (SENDCo) for your child's IEP on the Thursday then you are not expected to attend the Parents' Evening meetings as the class teacher will also be present at the meeting with Mrs Ford. Mrs Ford will conduct her own class parents' evenings as usual. Letters with times will be sent out shortly.

Volunteers

We are very grateful to our volunteers who come in to school regularly to support and guide our children. Their work with the children is immensely important and valuable. The children get a lot out of working with a wide variety of people from our community and enjoy the one-to-one time they have with a volunteer. If you would like to join the school's volunteers then please contact myself or Mrs Essex for more information.

Parent Governor

Please see the attached information and nomination form regarding becoming a Parent Governor.

Reminder's

We are no longer accepting cheque payments in school.

Thank you to all of our parents are now using our on-line Agora system. Please sign up if you have not yet already done so. If you require any help with this please contact the school office.

If you have changed your mobile/home telephone number, email details or address please ensure you update them at the school office.

PE kits

Please ensure that both indoor and outdoor PE kits are in school and clearly labelled. The school field is very wet and boggy in places so the children may not be able to access some of the extra sports at lunchtime at present. Please check the website for details of required school sports kits.

9th January 2017

Dear Parents

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR?

Becoming a parent governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our school. School governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and work together with staff to make sure that our school provides a high standard of education and achievement for its pupils.

There is currently a parent governor vacancy and I am writing to encourage you to put your name forward. Being a governor can be demanding but very rewarding and is a good way to give back to your local community. The governing body is currently looking for skills in the areas of: fundraising, procurement, facilities or legal but do not worry if you do not have experience in these areas, or education generally, as training and support is available. It is more important that individuals are willing to ask questions, attend training, add their view to meetings and engage in the life of the school.

The Role of the Governors

The Governing Body has three main roles:

- To provide strategic direction for the school
- To act as a 'critical friend' to the school's leadership team
- To ensure accountability

Who can be a Parent Governor?

All parents and carers of registered pupils are eligible to become parent governors. Every parent, whether or not you live with the pupil, is entitled to be nominated as a parent governor and to vote in a parent governor election. Someone who has parental responsibility or day-to-day care of a pupil is also eligible to serve and to vote.

What is involved?

You would attend governor meetings which take place at least twice a term. You would be expected to attend training and part of the role is getting to know the school community, for example through a small number of visits to the school during the school day.

How long do Parent Governors serve for?

The usual term of office is four years from the date of appointment. If you choose to, you can complete your term office even if your child has since left the school.

How are Parent Governors nominated and elected?

A nomination form is printed overleaf. You will need to be nominated by two other eligible parents or guardians of registered pupils. Completed forms should be returned to the school office by: **3.15pm Friday 27th January 2017**. If more nominations are received than there are vacancies, an election will be held. Ballot papers would be sent out to all parents and carers who are eligible to vote. The candidates would be asked to supply a short statement which would be distributed with the ballot papers.

If you are interested and would like to find out more please don't hesitate to contact me or talk to the Headteacher. We look forward to hearing from you.

Joanne Evans
Clerk to the Governors
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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

WHEELWRIGHT LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

I wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor of the above school.

I confirm that I am a parent/carer of a registered pupil at the above school.

Please print your name: _____

address: _____

signed: _____ *date:* _____

Your nomination requires a **Proposer** and a **Seconder**, who are also parents/carers of registered pupils at this school. They must not, however, be your spouse, partner or members of your immediate family.

Proposer: *please print your name:* _____

address: _____

signed: _____

Seconder: *please print your name* _____

address _____

signed: _____

Please return this form to the school office by: 3.15pm Friday 27th January 2017