

# 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.

26.01.17	KS1 parents' information evening SATs 3.30 and 6.00 for all parents who did not attend last week's session.
w.c. 30.01.2017	Half price Book Fair in all week
06.02.2017	Internet Safety awareness
07.02.2017	P.A. meeting
09.02.2017	IEP Meeting day
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
23.03.2017	School Disco R/1/2 5 till 6 and 3/4/5/6 6.15 till 7.15.

INSET Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

## Sports fixtures

26.01.2017	Cross country at St Michaels
30.01.2017	Cross country at St Francis

## Attendance

YR	96%	Y4	98%	Winners <b>Y3 - 98.3%</b> ★
Y1	96%	Y5	96%	
Y2	97%	Y6	97%	

Attendance for week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> January overall was 97%. Very Good average attendance achieved.

## Extra-curricular activities

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	Yr2	3.15 - 4.15
		(starts 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb)	
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

## Parents' Association

07.02.17	Meeting at school 6 o'clock
23.03.17	School Disco

## Website updates

Updates recently put on the website:

- Updated topic webs for Spring term
- Essential texts for parents
- Nursery information

## Car Park and Parking

Please DO NOT park or stop on the zig-zag lines outside the school entrance when dropping off or collecting your child to and from school. This is a no parking area and it is dangerous for other car users especially as it is also on a bend.

Please also use the pedestrian gate and NOT the car park gates. We frequently have lorries, vans and cars in and out of the car park and it is therefore not safe to walk children through this route.

## Year 3 and 4 football tournament

Children from Year 3 and 4 represented Bedworth in the Nuneaton round of the Warwickshire football tournament. They played extremely well in cold conditions against some very tough opposition. Unfortunately they did not make it through to the next round. Their conduct and sportsmanship, as ever, was a credit to them. Well played all.



## Year 5 Dodgeball tournament

Year 5 played exceptionally well in the recent dodgeball tournament. They all thoroughly enjoyed the competition and were congratulated for their fairness and sportsmanship. Well done all.

## Parent Governor Reminder

The closing date for Parent Governor nominations is on Friday this week 27<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15pm. If you require further information please contact the office.

## On-Line Safety

Any social networking site has potential for good and bad - it's the privacy settings and behaviour of the individual which are more important. Parents need to monitor all social media and more importantly talk to their children about safe use.

Internet Matters covers all and [mucial.ly](https://mucial.ly) is the latest of a long line of popular apps.

There are some videos here which promote safe use and highlight how children can keep themselves safe when they are interacting with them.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/mucial-ly-app-parents-need-know/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GsNCdufeWQ&t=21s>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

Contacting the police or reporting via CEOP Report Abuse is essential if it is suspected that an adult is attempting to befriend, groom etc. <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/>

I have also recently posted information on Musical.ly on our Facebook page.

# Attendance

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-2017 – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In September 2013, the Government introduced some significant changes to attendance regulations for pupils at school. The regulations will continue to apply during this academic year (2016/2017).

The most important of these is in relation to term-time leave of absence.

The amendments set out in Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. 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.

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

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

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).

**It is important to note**, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is 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.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**

Our Attendance Policy is on our website. Please familiarise yourselves with the content. It is increasingly difficult for Headteachers to grant leave of absence.