

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.

06.02.2017	Internet Safety awareness week
07.02.2017	P.A. meeting 6 o'clock
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 27th February

Sports fixtures

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Attendance

YR	98%	Y4	97%	Winners Y2 - 99.3% 
Y1	97%	Y5	98%	
Y3	96%	Y6	96%	

Attendance for week commencing the 31st January overall was 97%. Very Good attendance achieved.

Parents' Association

07.02.17	Meeting at school 6 o'clock
23.03.17	School Disco

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 nd Feb)		
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

Website updates

Updates recently put on the website:

- Updated topic webs for Spring term
- Essential texts for parents
- Nursery information
- Pupil premium report - School
- Pupil premium report - Nursery
- Sports premium report.

Jewellery

A reminder regarding school policy on jewellery. As a school we have a responsibility to ensure all children in our care are safe at all times. All jewellery, including those worn for religious observance, poses a risk of injury. Only stud earrings are acceptable and no necklaces for obvious reasons. In P.E. we try to minimise the risk by asking that they be removed or made safe by covering with tape during all sporting activities.

Parents' Evening

Letters will be sent home today for you to make an appointment. Please send the forms back asap to allow us to allocate a convenient time for you.

Cross country team

Our cross country team was in action again last week - thankfully it was not quite as cold as the previous meeting. Again they were a credit to the school all trying their best and beating some tough opposition. Mrs Harris reported that all the other schools gave us a special cheer at the end as we are only classed as a small school and had done extremely well. Four of the team will now go through to the next round in Warwickshire in March.

Well done to all who took part.



Spare costumes

If you have any old swimming costumes, trunks or towels that your child no longer needs that would be suitable for our Year 3 children as spares, we would very much appreciate them. Please send them into the school office or directly to Year 3 staff.

On-Line Safety Week

Mrs Hammonds will deliver assemblies this week on how to keep safe on-line. Teachers will follow this up in class all week. Please be aware that your children may want to talk about this with you. Please see our website for sites and information that will help.

As a school we promote on-line safety at all times but during this week we have a whole school focus through assemblies.

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 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/musical-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.

Sainsbury Vouchers

Sainsbury's are issuing vouchers for PE and Cookery equipment. Please collect them for us. Ask friends and family if they will collect them to. A box is available in the Entrance hall outside the school office to post them in. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Providing medical evidence for more than 3 days sickness - school policy

We ask that if your child is away from school for more than 3 days due to sickness that we have some form of medical evidence to prove this. It is important that parents/carers are aware of the rationale behind this procedure, as follows:-

The reason why medical evidence is requested is to deter parents from keeping children at home without seeking medical help:-

- a) *if a child is really poorly*
- b) *where abuse is happening and parents/carers do not want the child to disclose at school and will wait until the child has forgotten*
- c) *where the child has unexplained bruises.*

If a child is poorly for more than 3 days, it is in the best interest of the child to be seen by medical professionals so that they can be treated. If a parent is concerned about a child's health and keeps them at home without seeking medical advice, it raises concerns because safeguarding is also about preventing harm to children's health or development.

As a school, the rationale to requesting such information is that we are preventing children from harm/neglect due to parents' failure to seek medical attention when needed. It also shows that we are taking all the necessary steps to safeguard children

I use an example of a child who was kept at home for more than a week because the parents did not want school to see visible signs of physical abuse. By having such a clause in our policy, we are deterring parents from such behaviours.

Also parents phone in sick whilst there are on holiday or may take children overseas for a variety of reasons. This has also caused difficulties and has resulted in the school contacting Children's Services as not knowing the child's whereabouts causes concerns.

It is school's policy that evidence is seen to show that a child was poorly. If we accept over the counter medicines, then we open doors for everyone to do this and we are not clear if the child is at risk. A note from the GP practice does not need to be signed by the doctor, it can be a stamp or signed note from GP's reception to say the child attended the practice. Most GP practices accept this and it is common practice.

Most of our parents have genuine reasons when they contact the school regarding attendance. However, as a result of safeguarding issues in the past due to lack of attendance, we have adopted these measures to safeguard all children in school. It is impossible for us to determine which ones are genuine cases and which are not so we must apply the policy to all families.

I am sure you will all agree that taken in the wider context of safeguarding it is a small thing to ask that medical evidence be submitted.