

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.

16.02.2017	Parents' Evening 5.00-8.00
17.02.2017	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

07.03.2017	Cross Country @ Twycross
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Attendance

YR	97%	Y4	98%	Winners Y2 - 98.3% 
Y1	94%	Y5	92%	
Y3	97%	Y6	92%	

Attendance for week commencing the 6th February overall was 95%. Good attendance achieved.

Parents' Association

07.03.17	P.A. Meeting 6 o'clock in school
23.03.17	School Disco
24.03.17	2 o'clock Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea with the children £3.00 (see flyer attached)

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

Food Safety

You may have heard in the news recently about another case of a child choking on a whole grape. Our caterers ensure that all grapes contained in the fruit selection at school are cut in half for safety purposes.

Many of you send in grapes with your child's packed lunch as part of their healthy snack. In light of the recent incident we would recommend that these are also cut in half.

A reminder also that nuts and nut products are not allowed in school.

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.

Macmillan Nurses visit

Monday's assembly focussed on the message that we can all make a positive difference in someone else's life: a message of kindness and caring for others.

We were joined by 2 Macmillan Nurses, Tracey and Catherine from the University Hospital at Walsgrave. Our Year 5 and 6 children, under the guidance of Mrs Ann Bloor, have made special shoulder bags to help patients move around with their syringe pumps. The nurses reported that this will make a huge difference in the lives of their patients and passed on their thanks to all the children and the school, especially Mrs Bloor who organised the support.



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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.

Mathletics

The school has been using Mathletics for a few years. Unfortunately the number of pupils accessing the program from home has dwindled, despite our repeated reminders. The annual contract for the year is due in March and as we cannot justify the cost, we will not be renewing it.

As a school we regret losing any resource that can give our pupils additional help at home, but the resources we use are reviewed, and then purchased when they will benefit the whole school.

Mathletics is however, available for purchase as a family.

Below are details of family access to Mathletics on an annual basis.

- ✓ Highly engaging, students love learning with Mathletics!
- ✓ Supports the curriculum work your child is following at school
- ✓ Accessible anywhere, any time. Tablet compatible – now also including offline mode
- ✓ Mathletics is independently verified to improve students results
- ✓ Track your child's progress and assign them activities via the Family Console
- ✓ Instant feedback, encouraging independent learning
- ✓ FREE weekly report on progress emailed to parents
- ✓ Compete with students around the globe in Live Mathletics activities, or study individually

Family discounts available!

1 student	£59
2 students	£89
3 students	£119
4 students	£139
5 students	£159

Letters for Education City, the other online resource that we use in school (which can also be used at home), will be sent out at the end of the week to remind parents and pupils of login details.

Exhall Education Foundation

Any young people under 25 living in Exhall parish and Keresley End who are interested in applying to the Exhall Educational Foundation this Autumn have until **Friday 10th March 2017** to return the forms to us. 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.blogspot.co.uk

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.

Activities in the community

Impact Day

When: Wednesday 22nd Feb

Time: 10am-2pm

For: Primary School Children

At: Life Church, Bedworth, CV12 9DG

Cost: £4.00 per child

Bring a packed lunch

There will be Games, Competitions, Crafts and loads more.



Special Mother's Day



Menu

Mini Cakes
Strawberry & Cream
Scone

Fruit Punch

£3.00 (includes a
small gift)



Happy
Mother's
Day



A Service provided by Warwickshire County Caterers



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