

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

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

01.03.2017	Yr 4 to Bedworth Library 8.30 at the school.
07.03.2017	P.A. meeting in school 6 o'clock
17.03.2017	Yr 3 class assembly 2.30 start
23.03.2017	School Disco R/1/2 5 till 6 and 3/4/5/6 6.15 till 7.15.
24.03.2017	Mothers' Day afternoon tea in the school hall 2 p.m. onwards
31.03.2017	Yr 4 class assembly - 2.00 start
03.04.2017	Maths Challenge week
07.04.2017	School closes for Easter break
24.04.2017	Children return to school

INSET Day

Yesterday we joined 12 other schools in Bedworth for a joint INSET day. The focus was Assessment in year groups 1 to 6 using the new curriculum.

It was very positive and staff had the opportunity to moderate judgements in writing across all the Bedworth schools.

Early Years and Nursery staff also received training focusing on physical development in early childhood.

We continue to work very closely with all our neighbouring schools for the benefit of all children in our locality. We have very strong relationships with our Bedworth colleagues and will continue to develop relationships over the coming months.

Thank you to all staff for their continuing commitment to the school.

Sports fixtures

07.03.2017	Cross Country @ Twycross
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Attendance

YR	95%	Y4	96%	Winners Y3 - 98% 
Y1	88%	Y5	87%	
Y2	96%	Y6	95%	

Attendance for week commencing the 13th February overall was 94%. Average 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 - Letter to follow

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

University Challenge

Our brilliant House Captains organised a quiz for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. They came up with sets of questions to challenge the children and arranged the whole event themselves. It was a great success. All the children and adults enjoyed the fun.



Their next event will be a 'Crystal Maze Challenge' for Key Stage 2 children - we are all looking forward to it.

Well done everyone.

Essential Texts

Thank you for your support with reading - we hope that the essential texts for each year group supports and guides you when choosing books for your children. Details are on the website. The children are enjoying reading a wide variety of books and collecting stars and certificates for all their hard work.

Short book review by Alisha Yr 6

Title: Friend of Foe

Author: Michael Morpurgo

Friend of Foe is an adventurous story written by Michael Morpurgo, an author who writes many books.

First of all, two boys, David and Tuckey were evacuated to Devon because the Blitz had just started. Sadly they got separated from their mothers. They travelled many hours to get to Devon. When they arrived they sat on wooden benches at the Town Hall waiting to

be picked. They got chosen by a couple, Mr and Mrs Reynolds. Later the boys witness something strange down by the moor... what will they do? Was it their imagination?

I liked the story a lot and I would read it over and over again (that's how good it was). I would recommend it to anyone who likes adventure.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you for your responses to the school questionnaire. These have been handed to the school Governors for their analysis and results will be published soon. On initial overview the vast majority of parents are happy with the school and the progress their children make. My staff work extremely hard to ensure that your children make good progress with their learning and are happy at school and many of you recognise this - thank you.

Issues that arise will be addressed. If you would like to speak to the Governors regarding this or any other issue please contact Mrs Hull who will arrange a meeting.

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

Lost Trainers

Please can you check your child's PE kit for a pair of plain black Reebok trainers that have gone missing from a pupil in Year 4. Mum has written JT4 inside them. They may have been taken home by mistake before half term. Thank you

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.