

# 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.

04.05.2017	Gribblybugs in for Reception class
08.05.2017	KS2 SATs week - Breakfast club at 8 o'clock
09.05.2017	Yr 4 trip to Poole's Cavern, Derbyshire 8.15 depart school
09.05.2017	Y2 trip to Gurdwara
18.05.2017	Y1 - Ryton Pools trip - all day
19.05.2017	School photographs
22.05.2017	Maths Challenge week
25.05.2017	Yr 3 and 4 classes - Crystal Maze Challenge
26.05.2017	Yr 5 and 6 classes - Crystal Maze Challenge
26.05.2017	Break up for half term
05.06.2017	School re-opens 8.45am
07.06.2017	STWA Assembly - whole school
08.06.2017	President Kennedy Y6 - transition meeting at 'The Bridge'

### INSET Days 2017/18

INSET days = Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

1 further day will be allocated at a later date.

## Sports fixtures

02.05.17	Yr5 and 6 football match @Wolvey 4p.m. kick-off (children return at 5.30)
19.05.17	Yr5 and 6 football match @St Francis 3.45p.m. kick-off (children return at 5.15)

## Attendance

YR	99%	Y4	98%	Winners Y1 - 100% ★ Well done!
Y2	98%	Y5	94%	
Y3	99%	Y6	96%	

Attendance for week commencing the 24<sup>th</sup> April overall was 98%. Very Good attendance achieved.

## Parents' Association

Our P.A. are in need of support from parents to be able to continue their fantastic work for your children and the school. They have raised a lot of money over the years which have gone to help fund the following:-

- subsidised Christmas trips to quality theatres
- book bags/PE bags for Reception starters
- Recorders for year 3 and 5
- Year 6 leavers books and special leavers' event
- Hall Sound System
- Many other purchases in school

The P.A. and their fund-raising events are needed now more than ever before, with the current funding crisis in education. Currently, many of the extra events and subsidised trips are as a result of the extra money that school receives via the P.A. Without this support many will not take place.

There are a few core members that attend meetings and organise events but there is a lot more hard work leading up to, and on the

event days and this is when extra members are needed. There are currently 45 members on the P.A. Facebook group which is great, so I would urge you to come along to the next meeting to help with the events already planned for the end of term. It is not a life-long commitment, if you can help occasionally that would be great. Obviously the more people we have, the less work for everyone but most things don't take that long: a half hour here, an hour there, but whatever you can offer time-wise is greatly appreciated.

Some of the wonderful events that your children will remember about their time at Wheelwright Lane will come from the extra events put on by you, our community. Please don't rely on others to provide this; we all have a part to play.

You are all welcome to our next PA meeting on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm** in the school hall.

## 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

## Book Grant from Ernest Cook Trust

A big thank you to the trustees of Ernest Cook Trust who have kindly donated £2,500 to the school for the purchase of new reading books - a fantastic boost to our reading scheme.



## SAT's Breakfast Club

Once again we will be running the SAT's Breakfast Club. The children really enjoy this time together and it enables them to be settled and prepared for their tests. This year we will start at 8.00 and provide the usual toast, cereals and drinks for all. In response to requests from parents in previous years, we are able to accept siblings at the same time to ease the pressure in the morning. The children can go straight to their classes but breakfast will only be available to Year 6 children. Please let me know if you envisage a problem.

Again it is important that all Year 6 children attend every day. If your child can not attend for any reason please ring the school at 8.30 to inform staff. The school can allow children to take the test at a different time but we need to make arrangements to do this.

# Special Educational Needs Event

*Better Together! Conference Saturday, 13 May, Rugby, Warwickshire. SENDIAS is running its one-day Better Together! Conference in Rugby on Saturday, 13 May.*

The conference is for parents, carers and professionals who would like to find out more about supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Warwickshire. Please see leaflet attached for details.

# Nursery places for September

Our Nursery is now taking applications for places for September 2017. Please contact the Nursery directly and speak to Mrs Foxall or complete the application on the website to ensure a place for September.

# School uniform

Please check the website for details of school uniform, including requirements for P.E.

Some children are coming to school in trainers or footwear supplied by sports companies - **school shoes** only please for everyday use. If your child comes to school in trainers, as their shoes are temporarily unavailable due to being too small or worn out, then staff will ask that they put their black pumps on while in class. Sensible shoes also for the Summer term please - no sandals.

Head bands need to be in school colours, blue, white or black.

# School Funding

I am sure you are aware of the funding crisis facing most schools in England, Wheelwright Lane included. The news is full of the concerns about how to ensure that there is fair funding for all children. Sadly this isn't the case for Warwickshire children who again will receive less funding than other areas of the country.

There are also cuts to many of the services that were originally provided by the Local Authority, putting pressure on schools in accessing vital support and ensuring short waiting times.

Warwickshire Headteachers have written to the Government to urge them to reconsider their funding cuts to Local Authority schools who are providing an excellent education for children.

I would urge you to write to your M.P. regarding the unfair funding for Warwickshire children and to stop vital funding cuts to educational services.

Thank you for your support.

# Sainsbury Vouchers

Thank you again for sending in your vouchers. Sainsbury's have now stopped issuing the vouchers as of today. Please check your handbags, purses, pockets etc and send in any vouchers you still have. We cannot use them if they are not sent in before our order deadline for this year. The collection box is in the entrance hall outside the school office.



## Better Together! Conference Saturday, 13 May, Rugby

Warwickshire SENDIAS is running its one-day *Better Together! Conference* in Rugby on Saturday, 13 May.

### Who?

The conference is for parents, carers and professionals who would like to find out more about supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Warwickshire.

### What?

The event will offer the opportunity to:

- hear from guest speakers, including
  - British Paralympic Swimmer, Fran Williamson
  - Pate Tate, Service Manager, Vulnerable Learners, Warwickshire County Council
  - David Holmes CBE, Family Action's Chief Executive
- take part in a range of interactive workshops (see opposite)
- get practical ideas for supporting a child with SEND
- browse an exhibition of resources and support organisations
- network with other parents, carers and professionals.

### Where?

Ashlawn School  
Ashlawn Road, Hillmorton  
Rugby CV22 5ET

### When?

Saturday, 13 May 2017 (10am to 4pm)

### How much?

- £10 (incl VAT) for parents and carers
- £30 (incl VAT) for professionals

*Prices include lunch and light refreshments throughout the day.*

### How to book?

To book a place at the *Better Together!* Conference, and to select two workshops to attend from those listed opposite, please visit our Eventbrite page at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/better-together-tickets-32582611468](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/better-together-tickets-32582611468)

*Please book early as places are limited! If for any reason you cannot book online, please contact the Warwickshire SENDIAS team (see details overleaf).*

*Please also contact Warwickshire SENDIAS to discuss any dietary/ accessibility requirements and if you wish an invoice to be raised.*

**Who's Looking After You? Wellbeing and Self Care for Parents and Carers, Nicky Probert, Family Action:** This workshop will give parents/carers the opportunity to reflect on their own wellbeing, recognise signs of increasing stress, develop strategies to build their own resilience, and gain confidence to ask for and receive help when they need it.

**Meeting Your Child's Sensory Needs, Ann Huc, Links Therapy Company:** This workshop offers an introduction to sensory processing and how it affects all areas of life. Delegates will gain an understanding of how to spot when their child is having difficulties coping with their sensory world, and learn some practical strategies for developing a sensory rich environment and for helping their child feel better about their world.

**ADHD Awareness for Parents, Jo Wagstaff, ADHD Solutions:** This workshop looks at how ADHD affects children and young people, and offers ideas to help with the challenges children, young people and families face.

**ASD and Family Relationships, Sam Ramsey, Curly Hair Project:** A child's autism affects every member of the family in different ways. This workshop will provide insights and, most importantly, strategies focusing on: parental expectations of the autistic child/young person; worrying about siblings; puberty and increasing levels of anxiety; coping with meltdowns; decision making; 'stepping back' as the parent.

**Getting Your Voice Heard, Aimee Mann, Entrust Care Partnership:** This workshop is for parents and carers who find it a challenge to attend meetings with professionals, especially in medical, educational and social services settings. We will: look at tools/techniques to get you focused and into the most resourceful state of mind to help achieve the best possible outcome; and share a process of how to plan well-formed, realistic outcomes/goals.

**Mental Health Awareness, Kanu Patel, Family Action:** In this workshop parents/carers will: gain an understanding of the stigma related to mental ill health and some of the common mental health issues affecting young people; and explore ways in which young people use positive/negative strategies to cope with their situation.

