

# Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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## Diary Dates

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

11.07.17	9.15 Guitarists and Y3 Class Recorders Assembly for parents
13.07.17	3.30 (crèche available) and 5.30 (no crèche) Phonics Evening for Parents
14.07.17	Y1 Portrait Gallery open for parents to see - 2pm onwards
17.07.17	Nursery Leavers Celebration 3.30-5.00
18.07.17	Sports afternoon 1.15 (standby date if raining Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> ) (if too hot- we will arrange for the morning slot(9.30) on Tues/Wed)
19.07.17	Yr 6 play for families 6 o'clock start. Children stay at school - tea is provided.
20.07.17	Year 1 & 2 to Bedworth Park for Fun Day.
20.07.17	p.m. Yr 6 activity afternoon funded by P.A. 1 p.m. till 6 p.m. Parents collect at 6 p.m.
21.07.17	School finishes for Summer <b>2.15</b>

### 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.

## Attendance

Y1 99%	Y4 96%	Winners <b>YR - 100%</b> <b>Well Done!</b> ★
Y2 97%	Y5 96%	
Y3 97%	Y6 99.7%	

Attendance for week commencing the 3<sup>rd</sup> July overall was 98%. Very Good attendance achieved.

## Parents Association

Unfortunately the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration that was due to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> July will be postponed until September. The celebration clashes with a local event which is likely to affect attendance and numbers. The P.A. have agreed to arrange a further date for September.

## 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.

## Extra-curricular activities

Monday	Library Club	Yr 5	3.15 - 4.15
Tuesday	Football	Y3 & Y4	12.30 - 1.00
	Gymnastics	Yr 1 and 2	3.15 - 4.15
	Cookery Club	Y4	3.15 - 4.45
Wednesday	Football	Y5/6	12.30 - 1.00
	Cricket	Y3/4/5/6	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

## Relief Midday Supervisor

We are looking for a Relief Midday Supervisor for 2 days per week - Tuesday and Wednesday from September. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested in joining our team, please contact Mrs Hull at the office.

# School Uniform

Details of school uniform can be found on our website, please make sure that your child comes to school with the correct uniform and P.E. kit in September. Remember children are to wear black school shoes and not black trainers or footwear manufactured by trainer companies eg Nike etc. We will ask you to replace these and adhere to the school policy on school dress.

# Sports Day

We shall be holding our annual Sports Day next week (weather permitting) on Tuesday afternoon starting at 1.15 pm on the field. Should the forecast be hot then we shall hold it in the morning at 9.30am instead before the heat is too much for the children. Wednesday is a back-up day should it rain on Tuesday.

We shall be selling ice creams.

# Nursery News

The families of all the nursery children who will be leaving the nursery this year are invited to join us for a Celebration evening on Monday 17th July (please note the change of date) at 3.30 - 5.00pm.

We would relish this opportunity to share time with the children and their families before we have to say goodbye and send them off to school next year.

There will be a few light refreshments too.

# Book Sale

The children had the opportunity to buy a selection of previously owned books for 20p each again at lunchtime today. Books can be

reserved but payment must be made by Thursday this week 13<sup>th</sup> July.

# Year 2 Castles

Wow! Year 2 children have brought in some fantastic castles they have made at home with their parents. This is a wonderful topic that really captures the children's imagination and learning. Thank you to all who have supported and 'project managed' the build. We have some talented parents and children - great to see the children using professional tools with their families. Thank you Jude for the presentation on castles - very informative.



# Dinner Money

After a long time with no price increase, County Caterers have advised us that they are going to increase the cost of a school meal to £2.15 per day from September. Thank you to all of those who ensure their payments are kept up to date.

Please ensure all dinner money payments are paid up to the end of the Summer term.

# Agora Payments

A big thank you to all parents who are currently using our on-line payment system Agora to make payments to school, the feedback we have received has been very positive and the added security gives complete peace of mind to you the parent and the school.

If you are not already using this system, please contact us for details as we would like all payments to be made this way from September. Payments can be made for school meals, trips, music lessons and school clubs.

## S.O.S. - appeal for old uniform

Ruby Greenway, a previous pupil here, who is now a student at Ash Green school, has asked for our help. Ash Green school are appealing for any unwanted school uniform, sports kit, pre-school and any educational games, stationary items, craft items. Some of the students are planning a trip to Ghana to help set up a school there. They are asking if the parents of Wheelwright Lane would be able to support this project with donations of the above.

If you are having a clear-out during the summer holidays and have any items that you would like to donate, then **please bring these in during the first week in September only**. Please **do not bring in anything before then** as we do not have room to store them here.

## Leave of Absence

The recent court case regarding taking children out of school for leave of absence resulted in the court upholding the Leave of Absence guidelines provided by the Government to all schools. The court was clear that Leave of Absence should only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances' and not for term-time holidays. The school is obliged to follow these strict guidelines and will only grant L.O.A. under truly 'exceptional circumstances' from September 2017 onwards. Our L.A. Attendance and Compliance and Enforcement Team (ACE) will continue to support the school regarding all L.O.A.s. All unauthorised L.O.A.s will be subject to the standard fines from September 2017.

Children who are away from school due to sickness will require a note/prescription slip after the third day.

I remind parents/carers of the following:-

A Head teacher may not grant a leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances and these are not likely to be repeated again.

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

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. If the leave is granted, the head teacher is able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

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

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).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and 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.

Parents are asked to respect the new regulations under which the school must work and if there is a need to take a child out of school during term-time, an application or request must be made in advance and make clear how the circumstances are exceptional.