

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back

We hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and managed to spend quality time as families. The staff are also feeling well rested and ready for the new year ahead.

A big thank you to all parents/carers for ensuring that the children's uniform adheres to the school policy. They all look very sparkly and smart. It sets a professional tone for the children and a 'ready to learn' approach. Thank you!

Diary Dates

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

05.09.17	Children in today
11.09.17	Nursery children start.
19.09.2017	Parents' information evening - Spring Fever - 6 o'clock start
22.09.17	MacMillan Coffee Morning/cake sale - all welcome.
26.09.17	Yr1 to Ash End Farm
26.09.17	Yr 4 to JLR Gaydon - re I.T. topic
09.10.17	Yr 6 to Coventry Transport Museum and Herbert Art Gallery
11.10.17	Flu vaccinations - more details to follow.
13.10.17	Yr 4 class assembly 2.30 start
19.10.17	Yr 6 to Coventry Cathedral
20.10.17	Half term
30.10.17 (Mon)	INSET Training Day
31.10.17 (Tues)	Children back in school

INSET Monday 5th September
 Monday 30th October
 Friday 5th January
 +1 other to be decided.

Website updates

The school website has been updated again over the Sumer holidays and will continue to be updated over the next two weeks. Please take a look at the updates.

Extra-curricular activities

Activities start the week Monday 12th September

Monday	Library Club	Yr 6	3.15 - 4.15
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	Y3 & Y4	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills	Yr 1 and 2	3.15 - 4.15
Wednesday	Physical Activity sessions	Yr 3 and 4	8.00-8.40
	Football	Y5/6	12.30 - 1.00
	Dodgeball	Y3 & Y4	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

Sports Day

The children enjoyed another competitive sports day in July.



The results were as follows:

Results:

- 1st place - Emerald - 1797 points
- 2nd place - Sapphire - 1751 points
- 3rd place - Ruby - 1705 points
- 4th place - Diamond - 1683 points

Spring Fever

The school will be delivering a new Sex and Relationships Education programme called 'Spring Fever.' This will be tailored to children's understanding and relevant to their age group. Staff and Governors have received information and training to deliver the programme from September 2017.

Parents are invited to come along to an information evening on Tuesday 19th September from 6 o'clock onwards where you will be able to find out information regarding the programme and talk to the facilitator from Warwickshire L.A., Johnny Hunt . Details are attached.

Snack bar

The school provides healthy snacks from the kitchen for children at breaktime (prices listed below). Children continue to want this provision and so we are happy to continue to provide this service. Please make sure that you do not send in too much money as they sometimes will spend it all. Also remind your children that they must only buy for themselves as other children's parents may not want them to have certain foods/drinks. Our children are very generous and kind and want to help other children so please explain that sometimes children are not allowed to have certain foods/drinks.

Healthy Snacks available from the snack bar

Bag of fruit =	30p
Toast =	20p
Muffin =	25p
Raisins =	20p

Teacake =	25p
Teabread =	25p
Fruit juice =	35p
Milk shake =	40p
Fruit cup =	25p

Universal free school meals

A reminder that the Government are still funding free school meals for children in Reception, Year1 and Year2. We would encourage you to take advantage of this as this is a good saving for the family and ensures that your child has a healthy balanced meal every day.

Please see the school website for up to date menus.

For the rest of the school, dinners are priced at £2.15 per meal and our preferred method of payment is through Agora payment systems (information on website).

Contact the office if you need any advice.

Safeguarding

Just a reminder to let myself or Mrs Hull know of any suspicious incidents that may endanger our children. I do report all suspicious activity to other parents and Warwickshire Authority.

Any Concerns?

Here at Wheelwright Lane we have an 'open door' policy where you are welcome to come and discuss any issue, small or large, with myself or my staff. It is tempting to vent concerns or complaints about the school on social media sites and I would urge parents/carers to always come in to school to discuss any sensitive issues with myself or staff. The school has a clear policy on dealing with accusations regarding the school, staff and pupils that are placed on social media sites. Please read our Complaints Policy for information.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants are also available at **8.30 when they are more than pleased to discuss minor issues with you**, but they need to be ready to register their children at 8.45. From 8.45 staff will be working with children in the class on reading and times tables work. If you require a longer discussion then staff are usually able to accommodate after school. Just call in if you need to. **Please make sure that staff are able to carry out their teaching commitments from 8.45 onwards.**

It is important to encourage independence in your children and leave them at the entrance door in the morning so that they can organise themselves for the day. Please help them settle in by encouraging them to walk to their classes independently.

My door is always open and I will endeavor to speak to you straight away if possible, depending on my diary commitments. Do remember I often lead assemblies first thing in the morning for the first part of the week but am happy to see you from 9.30 onwards.

Christine Browne

Building Works

Unfortunately the building work being carried out on our kitchen area has been delayed and we are expecting this to take approximately another 2 weeks to complete.

Please ensure that your child/children are kept safely away from the area and that they are supervised at all times.

Please do not use the carpark entrance and only use the pedestrian gate when coming into and out of school.

Community Events

Dear Parents,

If you have a baptised Catholic child and wish them to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Y3 and above) or Confirmation (Y6), please come along to a meeting at **St Francis Catholic Church, Rye Piece Ringway, on Wednesday 4th October at 6pm**. At this meeting there will be an opportunity to register your child for the programme of preparation which begins in early November at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Weston Lane, Bulkington. If, in the meantime, you have any questions please call 02476 327330.

Spring Fever Programme:

Warwickshire County Council is offering schools the opportunity to take part in their Spring Fever Programme. This is a fully supported training and educational package which focuses on comprehensive Relationship and sex education across all year groups from reception to year 6.

Indeed, there is a lot of misunderstanding about what a comprehensive relationship and sex education package might contain, especially when aimed at primary school children. There is the worry that children will lose their innocence if we give them certain information too soon. The evidence suggests that this couldn't be further from the truth.

In fact, Spring Fever is an **evidence based** package which progresses year-by-year to an **age appropriate** level. The programme is designed to be delivered across all year groups and builds in knowledge and details along with the children's natural development and curiosity.

There are four key themes that run throughout the programme:

- Physical development & self-image
- Reproduction & Family forming
- Social & Emotional Development
- Assertiveness:

Whilst these themes do cover the physical changes of puberty; the similarities and differences between boys and girls' bodies, including giving the correct names to all their body parts (as we know this is a huge protective factor and helps to keep children safe); whilst also answering the question of sex and where babies come from - more importantly, these issues are supported by a framework of lessons which puts them firmly in context and focuses on children learning the skills to form and maintain positive relationships, especially friendships, based on respect and empathy.



Indeed, the focus is on providing children with a safe space to ask questions and offers fun and responsible support which enables children to express and deal with their feelings in a positive manner. It helps to tackle many of the issues which arise naturally in school, from dealing with crushes, friendships, and understanding the social rules and boundaries that exist around us and our bodies.

Schools that have delivered the programme have found that children become more confident and open to asking questions. There is less unrest in the classroom and fewer problems in the interactions between girls and boys. Indeed, children find it easier to correct their classmates if they behave inappropriately or in a manner that makes them uncomfortable. Children feel better prepared to deal with the challenges of puberty and become more assertive.

