

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.

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
05.10.17	Yr 3 Class Assembly and Harvest Assembly 9.15 start
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
16.10.17	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00
19.10.17	Yr 6 to Coventry Cathedral
19.10.17	Parents' Evening 4.30-8.00
20.10.17	Half term
30.10.17 (Mon)	INSET Training Day
31.10.17 (Tues)	Children back in school

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

Attendance

YR	91%	Y4	97%	2 Winners Y3 & Y6 - ★ 100% Well Done
Y1	96%	Y5	96%	
Y2	95%			

Attendance for week commencing the 5th September overall was 97%. Very Good attendance achieved.

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	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
	Dodgeball	Y3 & Y4	3.15 - 4.15

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.

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

Safeguarding

The school allows for children to wear stud earrings only. It is preferable that children can remove these when taking part in P.E. Can you help your child to become independent when taking care of their earrings by helping them remove and replace them with confidence.

Please look at the website for details of P.E. kit and uniform.

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

We are hoping that the building works around the kitchen area will be completed by the end of this week (weather permitting!)

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.

Leave of Absence LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant

any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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

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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Relief Midday Supervisor

We are looking for a Relief Midday Supervisor. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested in joining our team, please contact Mrs Hull at the office.

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.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Parents, Carers and Friends

Just sending a reminder for your diary, as you may be aware, the charity MacMillan is holding a national coffee morning event this month. As a school we would like to support this by holding our own coffee morning on **Friday the 22nd September** between 9am and 10.30am.

Please come along and join us, we will be serving tea and coffee with homemade cakes, made by our dedicated team of bakers.

Our year 6 pupils will also be involved, selling cakes during play time when children can buy them.

There will also be a raffle at the coffee morning and the prizes will be drawn at the end of the session. Raffle tickets will also be on sale after school, week beginning Monday 18th September. If you are not able to attend the event itself but would like to make a donation to the charity there will be a charity box set up in school via Mrs Hull in the office.

We look forward to seeing you on the day and supporting a worthwhile charity. Please feel free to bring family and friends-children are welcome!

Further details will be sent out nearer the time via the school newsletter.

