

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.

08.05.18	Year 1 trip to Ryton Pools
14.05.18	KS2 SATs testing week
22.05.18	Year 5 trip to Jorvik Centre, York (8.00 departure)
23.05.18	9.00 STWA Assembly
24.05.18	P.A. Discos - 5-6pm R/1/2 and 6.15-7.15pm 3/4/5/6
25.05.18	School Photo Day
25.05.18	School finishes for half term
05.06.18 (Tuesday)	Children return to school
07.06.18	Year 5 to Bosworth Water Park
07.06.18	P.A. Meeting @ Bull and Anchor 6 o'clock - all welcome
08.06.18	9.15 - Reception class assembly for parents
13.06.18	New Reception and Nursery parents' information evening. 6 p.m. start

INSET 4th June 2018

2018/19 INSET (+ 1 more day to be set)
3rd September 2018 - 5th November 2018
7th January 2019 - 22nd July 2019

Attendance

Y1 96%	Y4 97%	Winner this is:  YR 97.5% Well Done!
Y2 96%	Y5 97%	
Y3 96%	Y6 96%	

Attendance for week commencing 30th April overall was 96.6%.

Good attendance achieved

Tesco Bags for school

Our project is now up and running for the Tesco Bags for School at Tesco in Bedworth and Tesco Express in Croft Road, Nuneaton. We hope to fund an allotment area and an extra-curricular club by developing an area of the school. Please use your tokens to vote for the school over the next few months. You can cast a vote for our school using a token given to you at the check-out in store each time you shop.



School Clubs

Monday	Library Club	Yr 6	3.15 - 4.15
	Reading Booster	Y6	3.15 - 4.30
	Chess Club	Exp Y3/4	3.15-4.15
Tuesday	Football	Y3 & Y4	12.30-1.00
	Chess Club	Y3 & Y4	12.30-1.00
	Multi-skills	Yr 1 and 2	3.15 - 4.15
	Cookery Club	Y4	3.15 - 4.45
	Maths Booster	Y6	3.15 - 4.30
Wednesday	Football	Y5/6	12.30-1.00
	Tennis	Y4/5/6	3.15 - 4.15
Thursday	Chess Club	Yr 3 & Y4	12.30-1.00

SATs 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.

Safeguarding

Age restrictions on social media WhatsApp have announced a new age limit of 16 for users based in Europe. With the upcoming changes to Data Protection rules in the EU, the Childnet blog looks at what age restrictions are in place across the most popular social media services, why they exist and what our advice is for parents and young people. Please use the link for more guidance.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/age-restrictions-on-social-media-services>

I've had a number of discussions with parents recently regarding the internet and games that are accessed through APPs where part of the advice I have given is to share parental controls with parents. Internet Matters has some excellent guides here <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Year 4 trip to Poole's Cavern, Derbyshire



Year 4 went to Poole's Cavern last week. They explored the caverns, which were amazing and then walked up to the Solomon's Tower. The views were beautiful over Buxton. Let's hope their story writing reflects this great day. They were a credit to the school. Well done, year 4!

School uniform including P.E. Policy

Please check the website for details of school uniform, including requirements for P.E. We have updated our P.E. Policy (attached) to ensure that information regarding clothing and regulations are clear for parents. Please read through to familiarise yourselves.

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit with them as it is part of the uniform and some children are often borrowing other children's kit on a regular basis which is not desirable or acceptable. We do have spare kit in school which can be borrowed the odd occasion that your child may have forgotten their kit.

Also please note the section on earrings. Earrings should be removed by the children before any sports activity. If the children are unable to do this themselves then they will need to be taken out at home in the morning. Further details are in the policy.

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.

Support for the school P.A.

Dear Parents

The Parents Association (PA) would like to ask for your help with fundraising for our school. In previous years the PA have arranged events and fundraising activities such as school discos, raffles, and Mothers/Fathers day gifts, in addition to our School Christmas and Summer fairs.

The funds raised by these events enable the PA to provide for our children:

- PE bags for all Nursery and Reception children.
- Recorders for Year 3 children.
- Leavers activities/event for Year 6 children.
- Subsidised coach costs for trips.
- Subsidised theatre tickets at Christmas.

More importantly, we have been able to fund more expensive items such as replacing the school sound system to support class assemblies, plays, and concerts.

At present, there are only 3 active members of the PA, which means we have to rely heavily on the support of teaching staff to be able to put on events such as discos and Christmas fairs. The PA met recently to discuss future events within the school. With only 3 members, we cannot manage larger activities such as a Summer fair which would raise a lot of money for our school. Realistically we can manage discos and similar small activities, but no larger events at present.

Holding only a few events each year means that the funds raised for supporting our school are quickly starting to run out. In the next academic year, there will not be funds available for the PA to pay for PE bags, recorders and trips as they have in previous years.

The current PA are happy to continue to support our school by running discos, however these events are aimed at providing fun for our children rather than fundraising. We would love to be able to put on larger events, but for this to happen we need help! The PA would love to hear from any parent, grandparent or carer who is able to help, even in the smallest way. It's really not a big commitment. We usually meet once in every half term, and a little more before the Christmas Fair. We are all parents too, so we understand the challenges of meeting around family commitments and keep meetings to a minimum. We do often meet in the pub so our meetings are quite easygoing!

If you could support our PA in any way, by sharing new ideas at meetings or helping at events then we would love to hear from you. The more people we have to help, the more activities we can put on for our children, enabling us to continue to fund school activities. To get in touch with us, please give your details to the school office or send us a message via our facebook group "Wheelwright Lane PA welcomes friends and family"

Thank you,

Helen, Nina, and Katie
(The Parents' Association)