

# Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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## Welcome back

We are all set to welcome all of our children back to school. We have continued to review and update our Risk Assessment in line with Government advice and will continue with our social distancing and rigorous cleaning regime in school.

It is not an expectation that parents/carers wear masks when dropping off or collecting their children. However you may wish to wear one. Children are not required to wear masks in school.

## Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 01.09.2020	INSET day
Wednesday 02.09.2020	INSET Day
Thursday 03.09.2020	Children back to school - staggered start and pick-up times (see below)
Monday 19.10.2020	Proposed Parents' Evening via TEAMS 3.30-6.00
Thursday 22.10.2020	Proposed Parents' Evening via TEAMS 4.30-7.00
23.10.2020	School finishes 3.15
w.c. 26.10.2020	Half term begins
02.10.2020 (Mon)	Children return

INSET Days yet to be set = 2 days

## Extra-curricular activities

Activities start the week Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Monday			
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	Y5 & Y6	12.30 - 1.00
	Dodgeball	Y3 & Y4	3.15 - 4.15
Wednesday	Football	Y3 & Y4	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills	Y1 & Y2	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

## Returning to school - leaflet for parents/carers

I am attaching the latest Government information for parents/carers. I hope you find this information useful and reassuring. Please continue to check the Government website for further details:

## Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

Monday 31 August (Bank Holiday) from 10am to 4pm.

# Attendance

If your child has been asked to shield by health professionals (G.P. or Consultant) then please contact the school. Please forward the shielding letter so that we can update our records. We will continue to follow Government guidance regarding attendance. More details to follow.

# Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team are always on hand to provide support and advice for families who may be experiencing difficulties. We can signpost services and facilities that may be able to help. Safeguarding Team as follows:

Mrs C Browne - HT

Mrs J Harris - Acting DHT

Mrs E Haughey - Senior Leader

Mrs R Ford - Senior Leader

Mr B Trew - Senior Leader

Miss S McNiff - Nursery Manager

Miss T Gibbs - Assistant Nursery Manager

Dave Grove - Governor Safeguarding Lead

# Family updates

It has been great to catch up with some families over the telephone in recent weeks. We are aware that many of our families have had some difficult times over the past few months and have needed to share personal information with us. Please contact the school

if you need to update us on any changes that may have occurred that we may need to know about. All discussions will be handled in strictest confidence by myself or Jane Harris (Acting DHT).

# Snack bar

The snack bar facility is not available at the moment. If your child requires a snack then please send them in with a healthy snack for breaktime.

EYFS, Yr1 and Yr 2 will have their usual free fruit available throughout the day.

# Physical Activity

Over these next few weeks we will be accessing our outdoor areas more frequently than normal. We will be providing daily exercise for all children and will complete the Daily Mile every day. Your child will need to have their P.E. kit in school and left here for the half term.

KS2 children will need trainers so they can access the field (sometimes it is a little muddy).

KS1 children will need their trainers or the wellingtons.

Reception children will need their wellingtons in every day.

# Inhalers and medical arrangements

Please make sure that your child has an inhaler in school if needed. Most of these were sent home in March/April for home use. Also please inform the office for any other medical updates.

## 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 £2.25 per meal and our preferred method of payment is through Agora payment systems (information on website).

Contact the office if you need any advice.

## Premises updates

We have had a great deal of work completed in the school over the past few months. I am pleased to say that our Reception class is back up and running and looks amazing.

Mark Dunleavy (school caretaker) has worked incredibly hard over the summer to give the school a make-over - it looks clean, tidy and quite sparkly in places. We thank him for his hard work and dedication to the school. He has plenty more to do - it is a big school.

## Contacting School

If you need to speak to myself or a member of staff please contact the office and someone will telephone you back. We are also able to contact parents/carers through

TEAMS so if you prefer this then let the office know.

TEAMS/Tapestry will continue to be used to communicate with parents/carers. TEAMS is back online and staff will begin to use this from this week. We are hoping that children will complete their homework through TEAMS to cut down the paperwork moving from school to home. If this is not possible then paper copies will be sent home.