

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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| Friday | Penalty Shoot-out | KS2 | 12.30-1.00 |
| | Dance Club | Yr1 & Yr2 | 3.00-3.45 |

Diary Dates

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

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| 09.10.2020 | Hello Yellow Day World Mental Health Day |
| Monday 12.10.2020 <i>Change of date</i> | Proposed Parents' Evening via TEAMS 3.30-6.00 |
| Thursday 15.10.2020 <i>Change of date</i> | Proposed Parents' Evening via TEAMS 4.30-7.00 |
| 22.10.2020 (Thursday) | School finishes 3.15 |
| 23.10.2020 (Friday) | INSET Training Day - children not in |
| w.c. 26.10.2020 | Half term begins |
| 02.11.2020 (Mon) | Children return |

INSET Day Friday 23rd October

INSET Days yet to be set = 1 day

Parents' Evenings

We hope to conduct our Parents' Evening discussions on the TEAMS site where possible. We are currently trialing the system to ensure that we have private chat areas for each child within the site. I have brought the PE dates forward one week just in case we have a few technical issues - this gives us time to rectify before the end of term.

Further details will be given out next week.

Extra-curricular activities

Activities start the week Monday 9th September

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| Monday | | | |
| Tuesday | Running club | Yr3 & Yr4 | 12.30-1.00 |
| | Multi-skills | Y3 & Y4 | 3.15-4.15 |
| Wednesday | Rounders | Y5 & Y6 | 12.30 - 1.00 |
| | Multi-skills | Y1 & Y2 | 3.15-4.15 |

World Mental Health Day

Hello Yellow Day is Friday 9th October. We would like the children to come to school dressed in something yellow (it doesn't have to be all yellow) so non-school uniform day. The children will be enjoying lots of activities to support their mental health and well-being. The kitchen will be putting on a special menu-see **attached**.

Guidance on what to do In different situations.

New guidance for schools - please read the **attached** sheet.

New legal duty to self-isolate comes into force today

From today, people in England will be required by law to self-isolate if they test positive or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. This law has been introduced to ensure compliance with self-isolation rules and to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Fines will also be introduced from today for those breaching self-isolation rules, starting at £1,000, in line with the existing penalty for breaking quarantine after international travel. This could increase to up to £10,000 for

repeat offences and the most serious breaches, including for those preventing others from self-isolating.

Year 2's Lighthouses

Thank you parents/carers for sending in cardboard boxes. As you can see Year 2 children made some working lighthouses. They demonstrated a good level of resilience and kept going even when things got tough - well done Year 2.



Maths Rockstars

All the children have been accessing Maths Rockstars in school. This is a resource that the school have purchased for the children and can be used at home. I would encourage you to get the children to use the programme to improve their maths. There are lots of excellent games etc. Staff will also set homework using this site.

Early Years Curriculum 2021

It has been confirmed that our Nursery and Reception class at Wheelwright Lane are early adopter of the new EYFS curriculum. This means we are exempt from using the 2017 Early Learning Goals and the assessment and moderation process at the end of the Reception year. Instead we will follow the full EYFS reforms which involve using the new Development Matter Statements and Early Learning Goals. This will become statutory in September 2021. We are still required to submit this data to Warwickshire County Council at the end of the Reception year.

What does this mean for your child?

The new curriculum and assessment is as aspirational as the 2017 curriculum and has the same 7 areas of learning. Most goals are similar although under different headings. The biggest change is the emphasis on developing vocabulary, self-regulation and a deeper understanding of number bonds to 10. We will be sending out further information over this half term.

Absence due to Medical reasons

Just a reminder that if children are ill (not due to Coronavirus or advised to stay off due to close contact with Coronavirus) then we still require proof of illness after 3 days. If a child is ill for 3 days then they will normally be seen by a G.P. and be prescribed medicine. Please take a picture of the medicine and forward to the school office admin2021@welearn365.com

It is our safeguarding duty to ensure that children are seen during this time and that they are not being kept away from school for another reason.

Letter from PHE

I am attaching a letter from Public Health England regarding the use of testing. Please only get your child tested if they display coronavirus symptoms - please see **attached** for guidance.

Outdoor clothing

Please make sure your child comes to school with a suitable outdoor coat, preferably waterproof. KS2 children will need their tracksuits for sports and may be outside in the rain and cold accessing sports. They may need their waterproof too.

Applying for Reception

Please make sure you have applied for your child's Reception place for September 2021 by 15th January 2021. For Warwickshire schools use the following website.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-school-place-reception/apply-school-place-reception/1>

For Coventry schools use the following website:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school_admissions/114/primary_school_admissions/2

Hybrid Learning

We will continue to use TEAMS for our on-line learning. As you are aware over the coming months children will be in and out of school either isolating with their families or because they are part of a bubble that has a positive Covid-19 member. We want to make sure that their learning continues on-line if they are at home. Teachers from Yr 3 to Yr6 will be uploading Maths and English assignments that children can work on if they are at home. These will be uploaded from 9.00 to 3.00 daily in line with the school day. Yr 1 and Yr2 children will also access this once their teachers have introduced this to parents on Parents' Evening.

Contacting School

The numbers of Coronavirus infections have increased all around the country and many schools in the local area have sent bubbles home due to positive cases. On many occasions parents are given the information of a positive case when the school is closed - this causes delay to the track and trace system.

The school has a new out-of-hours phone that parents can contact after 6 o'clock at night and early in the morning to be used for reporting a positive coronavirus test.

If you are advised that someone in your household has tested positive and it is out of hours then please call this number: 07704064023.