

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

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

12.02.2021	Children finish for half term
22.02.21	INSET day
23.02.21 Tuesday	Keyworker and vulnerable children back today
01.04.21	Parents' Evening
02.04.21	Parents' Evening

INSET Day Monday 22nd February 2021

Remote Learning

Staff would like to pass on their thanks and admiration for all your hard work and support. They feel well supported by you, our parents, and are happy to give advice and support through these challenging times.

It is good to see the children regularly on screen - we do miss them.

Just a few concerns regarding live lessons with our older children. Staff have become aware that some children are logging on to live lessons and then not participating in the lessons or completing the work. When they have been asked a question or to comment they are not at the computer to answer. Please can parents of our older children keep a check on the children to ensure that they are doing what they should be doing - we do expect that they are old enough to take responsibility for their own learning but they may need some supervision to help them understand this.

We will continue to monitor and let you know if the problem persists.

Free Data SIMs for schools

We have also been sent a few 'Data SIMs' - these are free from Vodafone. Please see the attached leaflet for more information. Again if you feel that your child would benefit from this then ring the office and we will add you to our list and get them to you as soon as we can.

Free School Meals

Free school meal vouchers have been sent out this week. Parents will receive an email Tuesday 19th January and Tuesday 2nd February from Edenred - please check your clutter/junk box if you have not received it.

You will be able to choose your supermarket and download the vouchers and use them for food.

We have been informed that families will receive a voucher form the LA under the Covid Winter Grant Scheme for the February half term week. This will be sent out at the beginning of the half term week.

Covid Winter Grant Scheme

The Government has continued to make available COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme funding to support those most in need across England with the cost of food, energy, water bills and other essentials. This funding is ring-fenced and available from December until the end of March

2021 for Warwickshire families and individuals facing hardship during this winter. The objective of the COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme is to provide support to vulnerable households and families with children particularly affected by the pandemic throughout the winter period where alternative sources of assistance may be unavailable. The council will be administering the allocation from the COVID-19 Winter Grant Scheme through the Local Welfare Scheme. Further information on the Local Welfare Scheme can be found at:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

Lateral Flow Testing in Primary Schools

The government would like all staff who work in Primary Schools to be tested for Covid twice a week starting from Monday 25th January. All staff who work in school, part-time and full-time, have received training on how to take an LFT and what to do with the results. Our results are reported directly to the DfE and to school. This means we can pick up any cases, particularly the asymptomatic cases, straight away and stop the spread of the virus.

I am pleased to say that our school received LFT equipment on Friday 22nd January.

Please be aware that we test on a Sunday evening and a Wednesday evening - if we are informed of a positive test then we will inform parents on those evenings if we need to close down a bubble.

This does not replace current government guidance on what to do if you are displaying symptoms of the virus - stay home, get a PCR test and await the result - the LFT does not replace this.

Autism Awareness Workshops for Parents

If you are a Coventry or Warwickshire parent/carer of an autistic child or teenager you are able to access free training from Act for Autism.

Please see the attached leaflet for more details.

Microsoft Teams

Please click on the following link to see what is required on a device to get Teams to work.

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoftteams/hardware-requirements-for-the-teams-app?WT.mc_id=email

Also please ensure you regularly update all of your devices as well as Microsoft Teams to ensure you have the latest versions available. Thank you.

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Are you a Coventry/Warwickshire based parent/carer of an autistic child or teenager?

Do you want to understand their autism and help them understand their autism?

We are offering a series of facilitator led workshops

CASP: Children's Autism Support Programme for parents/carers of children aged 4-12

TASP: Teenage Autism Support Programme for parents/carers of children aged 13-18

The workshops are fully-funded and comprise of 4 x 3-hour sessions over a 4-week period facilitated by autism professionals who are also parents.

You will be joined by up to 15 other parents for an informative and empowering workshop.

Objectives:

- To enable parents/carers to understand their child's lived experience – the joys and the challenges
- To facilitate a 'conscious connection' between parent/carer and their child via the **3 C pathway**, a relational approach to parenting
- To identify adjustments/changes to help their child feel secure and be understood

The four weeks will follow a broad framework:

1. Autism, a brief history and context. Your child and their autism
2. The sensory world – experience it and consider how it impacts on your child
3. Communication – making connections and building a secure base
4. Transitions, advocacy, planning next steps and problem solving

Each week aims to be person-focused and attendees will be encouraged to share and comment.

Open to families based across Coventry and Warwickshire.