

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.

16.12.2020	Deadline date for Christmas hampers - please contact the school office.
16.12.2020	Christmas Dinner (see attached menu)
Thursday 17 th December	Schools closes for Christmas at normal staggered times
Friday 18 th December	INSET day - Government advice - school not open
Monday 4 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 05.01.2021	Children return - staggered start and departure times continue.

INSET Day Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021


Christmas Events

We are hoping to get the Nativity and Christmas Carol singing out to you soon. We will load these events on to TEAMS and let you know when they are available to see.

Thank you Parents/Carers

Thank you to parents/Carers for keeping to the rules/restrictions. You have really helped us in being able to keep our school open since September. Unfortunately we have had to close the Yr 3 and Yr4 bubble due to a positive case on Monday so we nearly got to the end of term. Learning for children not attending will now be on TEAMS so please attend the session and complete the work set by the Teachers.

Attendance

YR 96%	Y4 95.3%	Winners this week are  Y2 with 99.2% Well Done!
Y1 96.7%	Y5 98%	
Y3 96%	Y6 95.5%	

Attendance for this term has been excellent - thank you all for keeping the children going.

Extra-curricular activities

Activities start the week Monday 9th September

Monday			
Tuesday	Football Skills	Yr3 & Yr4	12.30-1.00
Wednesday	Football Skills	Y5 & Y6	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills Wednesday 9 th and 16 th December	Y1 & Y2	3.15-4.15
Friday	Penalty Shoot-out	KS2	12.30-1.00

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

Covid Winter Grant Scheme

The Government has recently made 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

Family Information Services

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Contacting School

The school is still a crucial part of the test and trace systems in place in the country. From Thursday 17th December if you are advised that someone in your household has tested positive and it is out of hours or within 48 hours of your child attending school then please call the school out of hours number: 07704064023.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles

All the children in school made decorations for our school Christmas trees - each school bubble had their own tree to decorate (4). These have now been placed in St Giles churchyard for the tree festival. Please pop in and take a look when you are walking past - they are lovely. The Yr5 and Yr6 tree is made out of plastic bottles and each one contains a picture of each child's family - the family in the bubble-bauble.

Well done everyone for your contributions.



services can be found on the attached briefing paper.'

Please see attached

Flu Vaccinations

If your child was absent from school and they missed the nasal flu immunisation please contact the North Warwickshire Immunisation Team to arrange the vaccination on 024 76321550. If it goes to voicemail there is a facility to leave your details at the end of the message and a member of the immunisation team will get back to you.

Winter Closures

As you know, we endeavour to stay open whenever possible in the case of bad weather. If for any reason we do need to close we will:

- contact you by text (we can operate this system from home)
- update the website with a news flash (check www.wheelwrightlane.warwickshire.sch.uk)
- update Warwickshire Central Website (check www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)
- alert local radio stations

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details!



The staff and I would like to wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

C. Browne

Christmas Holiday Activities

Please look at the Coventry Rocks website for fun things to do in the Coventry area over the Christmas break:

<http://www.coventryrocks.co.uk/>



Warwickshire Family Information Service briefing for families

December 2020

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Citizens Advice offer a local debt advice service. There are offices throughout Warwickshire. Their details along with a range of other debt advice services can be found here:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/managing-money-debt/benefits-welfare/1>

Citistave Credit Union provides an alternative to high street banks, payday and other lenders. They are a modern credit union providing services on-line. To find out how CitiSave could help you save, borrow, or plan for tomorrow call 0121 616 6200 or visit www.citysave.org.uk

Protect yourself from loan sharks. Always check the lender is @TheFCA authorised.

Act on Energy If you are struggling to pay your electricity bills or you have a prepayment meter you may be eligible for some financial help. You could pay less if you switch supplier. Act on Energy can help with both of these. Call 0800 988 2881 or visit www.actonenergy.org.uk

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme Central government has provided councils with one-off funding (COVID Winter Grant Scheme) for the period 1 December 2020 to 31 March 2021 to support vulnerable families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals who have been particularly affected by the pandemic to ensure they have the support they need to afford food energy, water bills and associated costs. As a result of this one-off funding the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme has been revised for this period. More information here www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme or call 01926 359182 or 0800 4081 448.

For information about wider support from the council and other services, please go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Childcare to find out if you are entitled to childcare funding, and to source childcare in Warwickshire, please go to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcare>

Webpages Good quality, accurate and up to date information on a wide range of subjects including finance, housing, childcare, family relationships, parenting and behaviour can be accessed via the Children and Families Webpages. www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

For families looking for information and support around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer can be found here www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send

If you wish to speak with someone, one to one support is available:

Family Information Service (FIS) run an advice and guidance helpline. Contact FIS for practical support on a range of issues including finance, housing, parental contact/conflict, holiday activities and childcare.

Available 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. (closed 25th, 28th, 29th December & 1st January)

Phone - 01926 742272

E-mail - Fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

Family Support Workers (FSW) run a Family Support line. Contact FSW where primary concerns relate to family wellbeing including emotional wellbeing, conflict, behaviour and parenting.

Available 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday (closed 25th, 28th, 29th December & 1st January)

Phone - 01926 412412

The family support team can also be contacted by email for advice, support and guidance:

North Warwickshire	Familysupportnorthwarks@warwickshire.gov.uk
Stratford District	Familysupportstratford@warwickshire.gov.uk
Warwick District	Familysupportwarwick@warwickshire.gov.uk
Nuneaton and Bedworth	Familysupportnunbed@warwickshire.gov.uk
Rugby	Familysupportrugby@warwickshire.gov.uk

Families are encouraged to sign up to the weekly FIS newsletter. This is delivered 52 weeks of the year so you can receive up to date information throughout school holidays. To keep up to date with information, local activities and support sign up here <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/familyinfoservice>

Other ways to keep up to date

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