

# Wheelwright Lane News

4th January 2023



## Headteacher Welcome Back

Happy New Year to all of our families of Wheelwright Lane Primary school. We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and a chance to spend time with family and friends. I know for many that Christmas can be a difficult time for some families, particularly for those who have lost loved ones. We send our thoughts and warmest wishes to you all.

After the busy Christmas period we are looking forward to getting back to normality! Our classrooms are set up with our new topics and the staff have planned some fantastic learning opportunities this half term. I am looking forward to getting around to see all the children this week.

## Miss Rutherford's quote of the week!

As we start 2023 we reflect on what has gone before and think of what lies ahead. At Wheelwright Lane we nurture a growth mindset in our pupils and truly believe that effort is the key to success.

*"We all get the same 365 days - the only difference is what we do with them" -  
Hillary Depiano.*



Public Health  
England

## Health Notices

Public Health are continuing to remind parents of the symptoms of Scarlet Fever. Please ensure that you notify the school if your child has a confirmed case of scarlet fever as the school has been given strict guidance on reporting this. If you are unsure of the signs and symptoms please visit the website below. If your child has a high

temperature then please keep them at home where they can be monitored. This also limits the spread of the virus.

You will have read in the news about the high number of Flu cases reported at present. Hospitals are increasingly stretched and waiting times are high. Please do be mindful of good handwashing and avoid contact with the elderly and vulnerable if you believe you have flu or covid.



## Staff Inset Day

Our staff training on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January was a busy event. Our senior leaders in school led a series of workshops and training for our staff. Mr Trew our Upper Phase Leader and English standards leader has delivered training around our new Spelling Shed program. Your child will receive a log in to use at home to support with their spellings. Mrs Haughey and Mrs Hammonds, our Lower Phase Leaders and Maths Standards leaders led training around the use of manipulatives in mathematics – use of concrete resources is a vital part of mathematical fluency, reasoning and problem solving. As part of our school relationship motto Be Kind Be Safe Be Fair I delivered training around restorative practice. This is at the core of our Relationship Policy and focuses on adults supporting children to reflect on their actions and choices. We look forward to incorporating this as part of our Zones of Regulation work which we introduced last year.

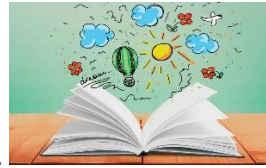
## Parent Workshops

We will be continuing our parent partnership work this half term. Last term we delivered workshops around reading and mathematics and this term we will be inviting parents in for our SEND coffee morning, year 2 SATS meeting and Zones of Regulation workshops. Please keep a look out for these in our weekly newsletters.

We will also be sending out a parent questionnaire which helps to guide our work with families.



the wider world. Please ensure you read with your child regularly. We recommend 3 times per week. Even older children benefit from being heard read. If your child is in key stage 2 they are set reading questions each week. It is important that this is completed to ensure they are prepared for the lesson



## Attendance and lateness

As a school we are committed to ensuring that every child has access to a broad and balanced curriculum. We know that every minute spent in school is an opportunity to learn and we want all of our children to thrive. Please ensure that your child is on time for school every day. The doors open at 8:45am and lessons start at 8:55am. Similarly, we aim for at least 96% attendance for all of our pupils. We know that illness cannot be helped, especially during the autumn and winter months. However, please do not be offended when we call or write to you to ask about your child's attendance. This is part of our duty around attendance and safeguarding.

## Diary Dates to Remember!



4.1.2023	Children returned to school
4.1.2023	Afterschool Multi skills Yrs 1,2,3 begin again
6.1.2023	Afterschool Multi skills Yrs 3,4,5,6 begin again
w.c 9.1.2023	Afterschool Multi skills Yrs 4,5,6 begin again  Keyboard/Guitar lessons begin again  Year 6 Booster Classes begin again (except for Mrs Haughey's group). <b>individual children/parents will be contacted as groups may have changed</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Last day of term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Children return to school

## Home Learning



Please remember that home learning is an important part of consolidating key skills and knowledge taught at school that week. The school have paid into online resources such as Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed to support with learning at home. If you have any problems accessing these please contact your child's teacher so that they can help.



Daily reading is vital in all year groups. Children develop decoding and fluency skills as well as develop their understanding of new words. Evidence shows that fluent and competent readers are more likely to become better writers. Reading is also the gateway to the curriculum and

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Best Wishes

*Miss Rutherford*

Headteacher.



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