

Wheelwright Lane News

9th January 2023



Headteacher Message

It has been lovely to catch up with the children this week and hear all about their Christmas presents and holiday news. I am so proud of the way the children have returned to school after their two-week break. They have remembered our motto of Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair and have demonstrated in the way they have spoken, interacted with one another and adults and have been helpful in ensuring our school is a happy place to be. Well done to all of our pupils!

Miss Rutherford's quote of the week!

Our assemblies this week have focused on our school motto and I am pleased to see and hear the children speaking so kindly to one another. During our inset day last Tuesday, we discussed the power of kindness. This week's quote truly captures this.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless" – Mother Teresa.

A parent has kindly shared a wonderful photo of a rainbow over our school! I shall be sharing this with the children in our Friday celebration assembly. Whenever our children see a rainbow it reminds them of our motto of Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair.



A special message



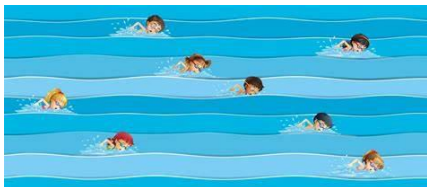
The staff and children at Wheelwright Lane would like to send a very special message to one of our pupils who is currently at home recovering from major spinal surgery. Daisy, one of our reception pupils, has recently undergone her 9th major operation. At just 4 years old Daisy has spent a significant proportion of her life in hospital having been born without a hip. Incredibly a new hip was made for Daisy, but she has continued to undergo many surgical procedures. Daisy is such an inspiration to us all. She never lets anything get in her way and demonstrates incredible resilience and determination. In assembly on Monday I shared Daisy's story with the children as we talked about overcoming challenges and achieving our goals and dreams. Daisy is fiercely independent – a skill that Daisy's parents and siblings have encouraged from a young age. We send Daisy our very best wishes and we will keep you updated on her progress.

High temperatures in children



You will be aware from recent news bulletins and from my letter last week that there are many viruses circulating at present. We are advised that parents should keep their child at home if they have a temperature. Please telephone the school to let us know if your child is at home with a temperature and monitor them. If you are unsure of their symptoms please do telephone 111 or call your GP. Please ensure your child returns to school as soon as they are well.

Year 3 Swimming



The children were incredibly excited about their first swimming session last Friday. I was so pleased to hear that the children demonstrated their learning behaviours, being brave, determined and resilient! Every Friday of this half term the children in year 3 will attend their swimming lessons with Mrs Cullinane who is one of our teachers and also a trained swimming teacher. We are so lucky to have a member of our staff that is also able to teach swimming and water safety. We are also delighted to be back using the Exhall Grange swimming pool for our lessons. This is something that we always did prior to the pandemic. The children make the very short 5 minute journey across our school field over to Exhall Grange with our staff. We are so fortunate to have such close links. Year 4 will start their swimming lessons after the half term break. By the end of primary school all children should be able to swim 25 meters. We do recommend that your child has additional swimming lessons outside of school to ensure they achieve this crucial life skill.

Year 2 SATS workshop



We will be warmly inviting our year 2 parents to attend one of our two sessions about the statutory SATS tests for year two pupils. This will be held on Monday 16th January at 3:20pm and again at 5:30pm. We recommend all parents of a child in year 2 attend one of these sessions.

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Mrs Wall, who is our local authority moderator for year 2, and Miss Wass will be hosting this workshop. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and look at some examples of SATS test papers. Mrs Wall and Miss Wass will also talk you through the process and how we support the children during their SATS, which usually take place in May. We ask that you do not request holiday or take your child out of school between now and the end of May as this is an important time for the children. We keep the SATS tests very low key and fun for the children and want to reassure all our parents of this.



SEND coffee morning



This half term we will be introducing our first coffee morning for parents with children who have special educational needs and disabilities. The coffee morning will be run by Mrs Ford who is our school SENDco. The coffee morning will be an opportunity for parents to find out information about how they can support their child and signposting to services. Over time we hope that our coffee morning will give parents an opportunity to share their experiences and offer support to one another. We encourage parents to attend this supportive forum. Initially these workshops will be run during the school day on Mondays. Our first one will take place on Monday 16th January at 9:15am until 10:15 am. For our first meeting a representative from the Family Information Service and one of our colleagues from STS (Specialist Teacher Service). This will be a good opportunity to ask questions and find out about the support available.

Maths and English Newsletters



As part of our work with parents our maths and English standards leaders Mr Trew, Mrs Haughey and Mrs Hammonds will be sending out a half termly newsletter specifically related to maths and English. Each letter will contain information to help you support your child at home and sign post you to helpful websites, apps and give you top tips. They will also be publishing the names of children that have reached record scores on our Spelling

Shed and Timestable sites. Please encourage your child to use these websites daily to improve their spellings and Timestables. If you have not received a log in for these then please ask your child's class teacher. Keep a look out for our standards leaders newsletters this half term.

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
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Monday 16 th January	Year 2 SATS parent meeting 3:20pm or 5:30pm
Monday 16 th January	SEND Coffee Morning (for parents of pupils with special educational needs) 9:15am
Friday 17 th February 2023	Last day of term
Monday 27 th February 2023	Children return to school

Extra-Curricular Activities

We still have availability for our afterschool clubs. If you wish your child to attend our multi skills sessions then please let the office know.

Attendance

Please see our additional autumn half term attendance newsletter. This provides further details regarding our attendance figures for last half term

Remember school opens at 8:45am and lessons start at 8:55am

Our school attendance target is **96%**
This week our attendance was **91.59%**



Last week's class Attendance

Reception	75%
Year 1	93.33%
Year 2	89.51%
Year 3	96.24%
Year 4	92.47%
Year 5	98.96%
Year 6	94.44%

Well done to year 5 who have won the class attendance trophy for last week!

Best Wishes

Miss Rutherford

Headteacher.



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Understanding Children's Behaviour

2-hour workshop for parents/carers at:

St. Michael's Children and Family Centre

Hazel Grove,

Bedworth CV12 9DA

On Wednesday, the 1st February at 12:30-14:30

Being a parent is exciting and rewarding but there are also times when children behave in ways that are challenging.

This two-hour interactive workshop for parents and carers looks at some of the reasons children behave the way that they do and offers insight and strategies to parents to help guide behaviour.

To book a place,
please scan QR code:



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