

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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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. Please continue the good work and keep going for a little while longer. **Please wear face masks while on school site and especially if speaking with a member of staff - we all need to keep safe. We all want a Christmas with our loved ones - please help us all to achieve this.** We greatly appreciate your support.

Year 5 and 6 children are using the Skamps entrance - the main school entrance door is still open at 8.40 for siblings.

Diary Dates

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

09.11.2020- 09.12.2020	Year 2 phonics testing window
03.12.20	Yr 5 and 6 to see virtual play 'The University of Wonder and Imagination' by Birmingham Rep. (in school via Zoom)
08.12.2020	SATs evening for Yr 6 parents on TEAMs 6pm -7pm
11.12.2020	Christmas Jumper Day
14.12.2020	Flu Immunisation Rec to Yr 6 children
16.12.2020	Christmas Dinner (see attached menu)
18.12.2020	Schools closes for Christmas break 2.15 finish


INSET Day Monday 22nd February 2021

Christmas Events

Staff and children are working hard to put on a Christmas Nativity play and a Carol Concert this year - albeit virtual and following restrictions and Government guidelines. We are hoping to have this filmed for you to watch at your leisure over the Christmas period. We will continue to keep you updated as to our progress.



Attendance

Y1 97%	Y4 91%	Winners this week are  YR with 99% Well Done!
Y2 98.8%	Y5 96.9%	
Y3 96.7%	Y6 94%	

Attendance for week commencing 23rd November overall was %. Very Good Attendance achieved.

Extra-curricular activities

Activities start the week Monday 9th September

Monday			
Tuesday	Football Skills	Yr3 & Yr4	12.30-1.00
	Multi-skills Tuesday 8 th and 15 th December	Y3 & Y4	3.15-4.15

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
	Dance Club Friday 4 th and 11 th December	Yr1 & Yr2	3.00-4.00

We are able to start our after-school sports activities from Friday 4th December starting with Dance - great news for the children.

Christmas Cards

The children love to write and send cards to their friends this time of year and we want to continue with this tradition. We will not have the post box in the entrance hall for children to use this year. Instead we ask that cards be brought straight into classes to be distributed 72 hours later. The last day for cards to be brought in to school is Tuesday 15th December. We also acknowledge that families are very generous this time of year and children love to give gifts to their teachers. We ask that this year you donate your gifts to local charities and needy families - we are all just happy with a 'Thank you'.

Pupil premium (Free School Meal Fund)

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium?

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per pupil, per school year, for six years after they stopped qualifying for free school meals

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Children recorded as being from service families: £310 per pupil, per school year.

If your child qualifies for free school meals or has at any point in the past six years, it's important that you notify the school office - even if they're in Reception or KS1 and receive universal school meals for infant pupils, or are in KS2 and take a packed lunch. This enables us to claim pupil premium and the school will receive the additional funding.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply via

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Please see attached leaflet for further details.

Christmas Food Hampers

Information received from St Michaels Family Centre:

Following on from the success of the summer parcel delivery service we are pleased to announce that we are able to offer the delivery of a Christmas food hamper for families in need across the Bedworth area. The one-off deliveries will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday 22nd and 23rd of December.

Again, we are linking with Bedworth Foodbank and Fareshare East Midlands to provide the hampers. We hope that this gesture will give families a much needed boost at the end of what has been a challenging year.

We now know that the government have made provisions for children in receipt of free school meals (FSM) to have food during the school holidays; families can access support from Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme on: 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfare/scheme>

Although the food hampers are available to any family as described below, they are not necessarily to support families in receipt of FSM, but rather to support those who may find themselves facing new financial difficulties, family challenges or for those who simply need to know we care.

The criteria for referrals can be found below:

- Families must live in the Bedworth area, including Keresley and Bulkington.
- Families attending a Bedworth school, but living outside of Bedworth, can receive a hamper, but the referrer will need to collect and deliver the hamper to the family (available from 22.12.20).
- Families must have a child/children between aged 0-19 Years (25 if they have SEND).
- In line with GDPR, a Warwickshire Children & Family Centre (CFC) Registration form must be completed in full alongside the Christmas Hamper referral form. If a CFC Registration form has been completed previously, this does not have to be done again.
- Hamper referrals must be sent to: stmichaelscfc@welearn365.com by **Wednesday 16th December 2020**.

It is important to include an up to date telephone number on the referral form as we will phone the family before we deliver. All deliveries will be carried out in a Covid safe

way. Please contact the school for a referral form.

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

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. **It is important that you ring the school office if you are given information regarding a positive case in your family and you need to isolate.**

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. At all other times ring the school office.

Flu Vaccinations

The Nasal Flu Vaccination will take place in school on **Monday 14th December** for Years Reception to Year 6 inclusive.

The immunisation team have advised that consent forms will be online this year. A letter has been sent via Teachers2Parents providing more information. When your form has been successfully uploaded you will receive a confirmation reference number from the immunisation team.

School Christmas Lunch Menu

On **Wednesday 16th December** we will be serving a special festive menu for Christmas. A copy of the menu is attached for your information.

Are you worried about a child, young person or their family?

Please see the attached poster for services available for children, young people and families that will offer support during this crisis.

POSTER ATTACHED

let's do the right thing for Warwickshire

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our schools and early years settings are continuing to work hard to maintain provision for your children by reducing bubbles sizes, documenting seating plans, asking for close contact details, supporting families with IT where possible and provision of food parcels to eligible pupils during self-isolation.

We know that you may be getting tired of all the information about Coronavirus and could be feeling exhausted and frustrated. Support is available if you need it from schools, settings, or the council at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirus. We have come so far together and if we continue to support each other to follow guidance and stay safe we will have a better chance of controlling the virus and keeping well.

There are four weeks until the end of term and what we all do now, in Warwickshire, will have a massive impact on transmission leading up to the festive period - which we all want to be as close to normal as possible.

Wards which have the highest numbers of cases in this area are Poplar, Abbey and Exhall¹. We wish to focus efforts even more in these particular wards to stop this increase in cases. In all five of Warwickshire's districts and boroughs the highest transmission is caused by meeting with others in home settings.

What our families do, in our communities has a massive impact on schools and early years settings. For example, we have had situations where some children have experienced multiple episodes of self-isolations due to positive cases at settings. However, there are still some simple things you can do help your child remain in childcare or education and prevent transmission of Coronavirus.

- Follow lockdown rules now and after lockdown by limiting social interactions and socially distancing when you do. Spread into settings is due to social interactions outside. Doing as much as you're able to will prevent your families from being exposed to Coronavirus and minimises exposure risk for the setting.
- Maintaining social distancing from others is the best way to prevent spread whether you're indoors or outdoors or wearing a face covering. Remember to keep 2 metres away from others.
- If you, or anyone in your household, is unwell with a new or worsening cough, a high temperature, loss or change in taste or smell, then please self-isolate

and get a Coronavirus test. Do not send your child into school and do wait for the test result. Your child can return to school if your result is negative.

There are three main symptoms of Coronavirus - a cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste or a high temperature. When anyone displays these symptoms it is most likely a Coronavirus infection, we therefore ask you to isolate with your household, book a test, and if positive self-isolate for 10 days if you were the one who tested positive, and 14 days if you are a household contact.

We are all working tirelessly to maintain education provision in this crisis, we ask for your support in ensuring that schools and early years settings continue to remain open.

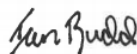
Yours sincerely



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¹ Data at 18th November based on positive cases with a specimen date between 23rd October to 12th November

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How to claim your child's pupil premium

All children who currently qualify for free school meals based on their family circumstances are entitled to pupil premium. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)

Income support

Income-based jobseekers' allowance

Income-related employment and support allowance

Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state pension credit

Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to pupil premium.

In addition, pupils who have qualified for free school meals on the above grounds in the past, but are no longer eligible, continue to receive pupil premium for the next six years.

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