

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

Children of Keyworkers and vulnerable children

The Government's message is very clear - **'Please stay at home if you are able to and only use your school place where necessary to cover your work.'**

Thank you to those parents that have worked with us to safeguard children and staff coming in to school bringing children in only when you are at work or on your shift - I thank you for your patience and support. We know that the more children we bring in the likelihood of the virus coming in increases - none of us want this to happen as it doesn't help anyone.

As mentioned in my previous extra newsletter dated 7th January we will move to remote learning for most of the children, including the children in school. Teachers are set to use the live lesson slots to support your children at home. Please make sure that the children use the Chat function to respond to the teaching staff/teaching assistants during lessons. If parents wish to speak to teachers then please contact through the correct channels or

telephone the school - we are still all here and able to support you.

Government advice is for schools to provide face-to-face/recorded (TEAMs/Tapestry) learning and work through assignments and websites for children to access. Just a reminder that TEAMS will be used for Yrs 1 to 6 and EYFS will use Tapestry.

We do not expect parents to be on line the whole time as we are aware that you have a job to do as well and we know how difficult it is for you juggling your own work and supporting your children. We will continue to upload assignments and invite children to lessons but you will be the judge of how much on-line learning takes place - we are happy to discuss this with you if you need support.

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

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Miss Skidmore, our Nursery Assistant, at the end of this month. She will be sad to leave our lovely Nursery children but she is moving on and will now be working for the NHS. We wish her best of luck in her new role.

Government devices

We are ready to roll out our Ipad's provided by the Government. We have many requests from parents already but again please contact the office if you need access to an Ipad for your children to access their on-line learning.

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 will keep you informed as to whether this will continue after Friday 12th February.

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



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Turn overleaf on how to get started with your free Data SIM

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Smart Laptop / Dongle

If you have a device with a slot for a SIM card, just pop it in and you're good to go!



Smartphone

Pop the SIM card in your phone. You can then use that data to connect or 'tether' your other devices by using the 'Hotspot' feature on the phone.

- If your phone is **locked to another network**, do not fear – you just need to contact your network provider's customer service team to request for your phone to be unlocked.
- You won't be able to use your phone to make calls/texts while using this data SIM.
- You'll be able to enjoy **30GB data for 90 days** – this will start once you insert the SIM into your phone and start using the data.

Where to get help



Contact our customer service team on **03333 040191** (free from a Vodafone mobile)



Book a free 30-minute tech support session with our team by going to: **www.vodafone.co.uk/techteam**



Our Digital Parenting site has lots of resources to make sure you are getting the most out of being connected while keeping yourself safe. Take a look by going to: **www.vodafone.co.uk/digitalparenting**

What happens after 90 days from the activation date?

Your 30GB data plan will automatically expire in 90 days from the activation date. However, you can still top up the SIM with more data once the 90 days has finished - just head to **www.vodafone.co.uk/topup**. You will then be charged in accordance with your chosen price plan.

For more info visit: **<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/schoolsconnectedterms>**