

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back

It is great to have everyone back and to return to school after an unusually hot summer holidays. The children were very excited to be back with their friends and share their news of vacations, day trips and play dates! It has been wonderful to hear the children talking with such confidence and enthusiasm. This week the children have been busy settling into their new classrooms and sharing our school values and shared ethos. I have had the pleasure of regularly visiting all of our classrooms across school to see the children discussing, listening and sharing ideas. Over the coming weeks we will be revisiting our school learning behaviours with the children and thinking carefully about how these help us to become lifelong learners. I look forward to reporting back on this in the weeks ahead.

I am delighted to have taken up the position as Head Teacher at Wheelwright Lane Primary School. I have many years of leadership experiences in mainstream, specialist and alternative provision settings and I am looking forward to continuing the great leadership of the school with a dedicated and committed team of staff. I have been busy this week getting to know all of the children across the school from

Nursery to year 6 and I am determined to learn all of the children's names!

Diary Dates

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

16.9.2022	Yr 6 Trip to Herbert Art Gallery & Coventry Cathedral
19.9.2022	School Closed - Queen Elizabeth II State Funeral.
20.9.2022	School Reopens 8:45am
20.9.2022	Year 5 Trip to National Space Centre
21.09.2022	Flu immunization for children in Reception to Year 6.
28.09.2022	Year 1 to Ash End Children's Farm
7.10.2022	INSET DAY school Closed
21.10.2022	School finishes 3.15
w.c. 31.10.2022	Half term begins

INSET Days yet to be set = 2 days

After school Clubs

Activities start the week beginning Monday 12th September

Monday			
Tuesday	Football (lunchtime)	Y3 & Y4	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills	Y4 & Y5 & Y6	3.15 - 4.15
Wednesday	Tag Rugby (lunchtime)	Y5 & Y6	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills	Y1 & Y2 & Y3	3.15 - 4.15
Friday	Dance	Y3 & Y4	3.15 - 4.15

Attendance

It is expected that all children will attend school every day unless they are unwell. We aim for at least 96% attendance as a school and will be reporting our attendance figures to you each week. The school doors open every day at 8:45am to enable children to be ready to learn by 8:55am. It is important that children arrive on time so that they can greet their friends, organize their belongings and hear important information which will support them with their learning. Children arriving after 9am will automatically be marked late on the school register.

Safeguarding

During our staff inset day on Tuesday 6th September all of our school staff received statutory safeguarding training and updates. The safeguarding and wellbeing of our pupils is paramount and our staff are committed to maintain a culture of vigilance across our school community. Our safeguarding team are always on hand to provide support and advice for families who may be experiencing difficulties. We can signpost services and facilities that may be able to help. Safeguarding Team as follows:

Miss S Rutherford - HT

Mrs J Harris - DHT

Mrs E Haughey - Senior Leader

Mrs R Ford - Senior Leader

Mr B Trew - Senior Leader

Miss T Gibbs - Acting Nursery Manager

Dave Grove - Governor Safeguarding Lead

Physical Activity

Over these next few weeks we will be accessing our outdoor areas more frequently than normal. We will be providing daily exercise for all children. Your child will need to have their P.E. kit in school and left here for the half term.

KS2 children will need trainers so they can access the field (sometimes it is a little muddy).

KS1 children will need their trainers or their wellingtons.

Reception children will need their wellingtons in every day.

Please note that children must wear non marking pumps to preserve our newly surfaced school hall floor.

Inhalers and medical arrangements

Please make sure that your child has an inhaler in school if needed. Some of these were sent home in June/July for home use. Also please inform the office for any other medical updates.

Universal free school meals

A reminder that the Government are still funding free school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We would encourage you to take advantage of this as this is a good saving for the family and ensures that your child has a healthy balanced meal every day.

Please see the school website for up to date menus.

For the rest of the school, dinners are priced at £2.30 per meal and our preferred method of payment is through PAY360 (information on website).

Contact the office if you need any advice.

Contacting School

If you need to speak to myself or a member of staff please contact the office and someone will endeavor telephone you back.

Staff Training

During our school inset days on Monday 5th September our staff have received additional training by our school Educational Psychologist around The Zones of Regulation. As part of our school Relationships Policy we continue to support children with emotional regulation. The Zones of Regulation is a highly visual resource in each of our classrooms that help support children with labelling and discussing their emotions. As children grow and develop they learn new strategies that help them to cope with big emotions. The children may well come home this week and tell you all about which colour zones they have been in today! We will be hosting information sessions for our parents over the coming months so look out for it in our news letters.

Nursery Places

Our Nursery is very popular and places fill up very quickly - usually a year in advance of the children starting. Please be aware if you have young children at home and would like a nursery place you will need to book them in a year before they are due to start. Please

contact Miss Gibbs (Nursery Manager) who will be able to help you.

Cool Milk

Free milk is available for all children aged under five in school, funded by the UK government.

In our school, this milk is provided by Cool Milk, the UK's leading school milk supplier.

When your child turns five, you are able to pay a subsidised rate for your child to continue to receive milk. If you wish for your child to continue receiving milk from the age of five, simply register with Cool Milk directly via their website (www.coolmilk.com). They will then contact you at the appropriate time to arrange pre-payment.

Queen Elizabeth II

The children and staff have been reflecting on the life of Queen Elizabeth II over the last few days. On Friday 9th September we had our whole school assembly where we remembered the Platinum celebrations and discussed her exceptional life. The children have been incredibly busy this weekend creating wonderful tributes to the Queen. On Monday 12th September we held an assembly where we discussed the pledge which the Queen made to serve her country for her whole life. The children talked about what

