Wheelwright Lane News

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Headteacher Weekly Update

Thank you to all of our parents that attended our Reading Workshops over the last 2 weeks. It was a great opportunity to share with you our reading offer for home and school and for parents to ask questions. Reading really is the gateway to all areas of the curriculum. Remember that even maths involves reading! We are looking forward to developing our reading opportunities with parents and pupils over the course of this year so keep an eye out in our weekly newsletter.

As the weather starts to turn cooler please do make sure your child brings a coat to school and outdoor PE wear, this includes joggers, a warm top and outdoor trainers.

This week the Reverent Gail is visiting our school to share in Harvest Celebrations and talk about how we can help others through the act of sharing. Please do visit Reverent Gail at our local St Giles church if you wish to be involved in Harvest events. Keep a look out on the church facebook page and website Home Coventry (stgileschurchexhall.info).

Diary Dates to Remember!





Attendance Updates

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

Our school attendance target is 96%

This week our attendance was 92.12%.

This is a decline in last week's attendance



Class Attendance

Reception	83.33%
Year 1	99.17%
Year 2	91.38%
Year 3	92.58%
Year 4	82.42%
Year 5	95.45%
Year 6	100%

Well done year 1 and year 6 for reaching our whole school target!



Staff Inset Day



Last Friday 7th October the staff attended a whole school training event alongside the other Bedworth schools. The training focused on understanding the barriers to children that have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs as they are known. We are proud of the research and knowledge that the staff of Wheelwright Lane School have gained over the years, and this has enabled us to positively support our children and families during times of great need. We continue to develop a restorative approach to supporting all of our pupils. This means we talk carefully with our children about the decisions and choices they make and reflect carefully on the impact this may have on others. We also know that children communicate their needs in different ways and invest time in helping our children to understand their emotions. You will remember that our September Inset days were to launch our new Zones of Regulation program. We hope to invite you to school over the autumn term to share this with you further. If you require more information around restorative practice and how we approach this in school please see our Relationships Policy on our website.

Non Uniform Day

Thursday 20th October will be non-uniform day for all children. As previously mentioned our PA funds are not able to fully cover the costs of our Christmas Theatre trips this year. We are hopeful that the school disco and non-uniform day will go some way to re-building our funds. Children are encouraged to wear what they want on non-uniform day, and we are asking for a £1 donation. All money raised will go towards enrichment opportunities for our children. We will report back to you how much the event raises for our PA funds.

Learning Reviews

Please do not forget to sign up to your child's Learning Review meeting which will be held in school. We are so pleased to be getting back to our face-to-face meetings to discuss your child's progress and how they have settled into their new class. Appointments will be made electronically. If you have more than one child in school, we will do our very best to make appointment times close together, although we cannot promise. We do encourage you to bring your child along to the learning review so they can be part of the process.

Black History Month.



This month we celebrate Black History. This is an important time in the yearly calendar when we celebrate the amazing things that black people have achieved. People from all backgrounds can come together to talk, discuss and celebrate. Over the coming month all classes will be taking part in Black History Month. In our assemblies we will be linking this with our Growth Mindset philosophy and looking at the great things achieved by black people and the significant contributions they have made to our society. At Wheelwright Lane we believe that education plays a huge role in stamping out discrimination. We are sure that all families will support us in discussions with their children. We can recommend visiting the bbc newsround website for further information. If any of our families would like to come and offer information to our pupils in their classes then please do contact your child's class teacher. We are always keen for our children to connect with visitors to our schools and learn more about the community and society that they will grow up in.

Family Information Service

The Warwickshire Family Information Service is an excellent website and resource for families. You can find information relating to mental health and wellbeing, keeping you and your children safe, special educational needs and disabilities, housing, money and debt, parenting support and much more. For more information visit their website at <u>Children</u> and families – Warwickshire County Council



Learning Behaviours

You will remember from the newsletter last week that we have developed our 5 core learning behaviours. The children have been busy learning these by heart and recognizing when they are using these in everyday activities and learning. We wanted to share with our families our learning behaviours in action!

- 1. Being Brave
- 2. Being Determined
- 3. Being Resilient
- 4. Being collaborative
- 5. Being Curious

Early Years Learning

The children in EYFS have been busy outdoors this week. They have been developing their finger strength using pegs. This is a vital pre writing skill, enabling children to build dexterity ready for handwriting. What super determination the children have shown!



They have certainly been demonstrating our curiosity learning behaviour!



Key Stage Two Learning

Key stage two have been busy working on their learning behaviours this week. They have focused on being collaborative. We know that working with others helps us to think in different ways, gain new ways of working and developing team work skills. These are important behaviours that help develop a positive attitude towards lifelong learning



Keep up the super work children!

Key Stage One Learning

Key stage one children have been busy finding out about our solar system during space week. They have used their scientific enquiry skills to ask, questions and find out using research skills. We had lots of interesting and thought provoking questions!





Best Wishes

Miss Rutherford

Headteacher.



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