

Wheelwright Lane News



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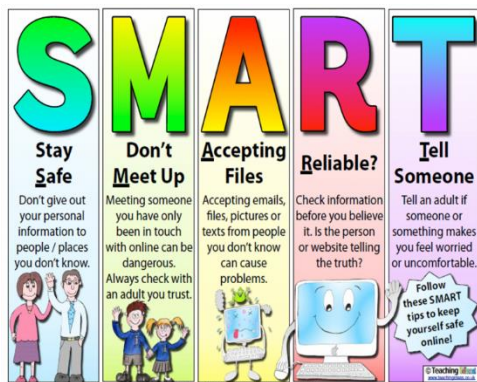
15th November 2022

Headteacher Weekly Update

This week the children were very proud of their walk or bike to school achievements. Each morning the children have been very keen to get their passport stamps if they have parked and walked further from school or chosen to use their bikes, scooters or even walked the whole distance. Keep up the great work as it ensures our school air is cleaner and reduces the risk of accidents from heavy school traffic.

Following the great turn out of parents to our reading work shop in the last half term, we will now be inviting parents to come into school to learn more about how maths is taught here and how you can support your child at home. I cannot recommend attendance at these parent workshops more highly. The teaching of maths has changed greatly in recent years and certainly looks very different to when many of our parents and grandparents were at school. Please check the diary dates in this newsletter as workshops will be taking place shortly.

Online safety



Each Wednesday our ICT leader Mrs Hitchins, sends out the latest guidance around online safety. Please do keep an eye out for these as they give helpful guidance to parents and children around safety and security when using social media, chat groups and online gaming to name a few. We are aware of how difficult it can be to monitor your child's use of mobile phones, tablets and computers. Using the guidance offers parents with the skills and knowledge to keep your child safe online. As the daylight hours decrease our pupils may be spending more time on computers and mobile phones. Please do talk with your children openly about safety but also take an interest in what they are choosing to watch or who they are talking

to. If you need any advice please do speak to Mrs Hitchins who can support you. If you have any safeguarding concerns please speak to one of our DSLs in school (designated safeguarding leads).



Children in Need day.

On **Friday 18th November** the children and staff of WWL will be celebrating Children in Need day. This will be a non uniform day and a chance for your child to dress in Pudsey style spots or clothing of their choice. We ask for donations to this great cause so please give what you can afford. We will publish how much we have raised in our newsletter next week.

Class Assembly Award

Congratulations to year 4 who achieved our Best Class in Assembly trophy. They have been consistently calm and polite in assembly and demonstrating our Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair motto.



Diary Dates to Remember!

17.11.22	KS2 Royal Shakespeare Company – A Christmas Carol
22.11.22	Year 1,2 Maths Parent Meeting 5:30 – 6:00pm
24.11.22	Year 3,4,5 Maths Parent Meeting 5:30 – 6:00pm
2.12.22	Christmas Jumper day and bring a bottle (any bottle) for our Christmas raffle
9.12.2022	PA Christmas Fair
12.12.2022	Christmas Play pm - TBA
13.12.2022	Christmas Play pm - TBA
14.12.2022	Christmas Play pm - TBA
14.12.2022	R, 1, 2 Warwick Arts Centre Stickman

15.12.2022	Nursery Warwick Arts Centre Stickman
16.12.2022	Break up for Christmas

Year 4	84.84%
Year 5	99.06%
Year 6	98.79%

Christmas performances 2022



This year we have decided to split our Christmas performances into the three phases of the school Nursery and Reception will create their own Early Years performance, year 1, 2 and 3 will perform together and year 4,5 and 6 will be producing a candlelight Christmas Carol performance at St Giles Church after school. We will be publishing dates and times nearer to Christmas so please check the newsletter later in November.

Attendance Updates

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 **93.46%**.

This is an improvement in last week's attendance



Class Attendance

Reception	86.67%
Year 1	88.33%
Year 2	97.78%
Year 3	98.39%

Well done year 2,3,5 and 6 for reaching our whole school target! Year 5 have won the attendance trophy this week for the best attendance!



Christmas Fayre

This year we will be hosting a Christmas fayre in school on Friday 9th December. The PA met last Thursday to start the preparations for this. If you think you can help out at the fayre please let the PA know. They will be producing a contact leaflet and information about the PA shortly and this will be emailed out to you. If you are a small business and wish to sell your produce, there will be an opportunity for you to rent a table from us. Cost of this and further details of the fayre will be issued shortly. Please remember that all funds raised go towards providing enrichment opportunities for our pupils so these events are a really great way to raise funds and build our Wheelwright Lane school community.

Wrap Around facilities

As you know our wrap around club is run by the school and the staff. As more parents are returning to work our club has become very popular. In recent weeks we have reached our capacity in terms of the number of children we can accommodate and the space that we provide for this. We ask that parents book into wrap around **at least 24 hours before**. This is to allow us to ensure we have the space and staffing. We regret that we will have to turn down any requests for wrap around that come in late. This is purely due to health and safety reasons. I am sure you will understand that the safety of our children is paramount.

Can I also ask that parents ensure their child is in wrap around and handed to an adult before leaving the site. We have had several reports of parents dropping their child(ren) at the gate and leaving before they have been safely admitted to the building. This is a serious safety concern and, until children are admitted to our building by

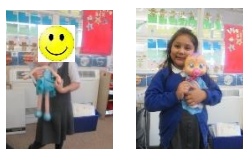
a member of our staff, they remain under parental responsibility.



Learning at WWL

Year 1:

Eva and Harlo were brave learners. They spoke clearly and confidently about their favourite toys in front of the whole class.



Year 2:

Ruby was being determined by working really hard on her number bonds both in school and at home. Marques has been curious by asking lots of questions about Florence Nightingale



Year 3:

Isobel and Thea have been collaborating well in our English lessons this week. They have worked well together to think of emotions to describe how the characters feel in our class reader.



Year 4:

Helmut showed great determination with his missing number problem in maths! Teiera showed great curiosity when asking questions to Howard Carter.



Year 5:

Rae has been so determined this week and has tried her hardest everyday in Maths. Lucia was determined to use all her skills to help in her writing.

Year 6:

Elliot and Bailey have shown fantastic determination in their maths this week even when it has been challenging!

Learning Behaviours Assembly

A special shout out to the children who received a Headteacher certificate in assembly for demonstrating our new learning behaviours.

Year 1	Eva	Harlo
Year 2	Ruby	Marques
Year 3	Isobel	Thea
Year 4	Helmut	Teiera
Year 5	Rai	Lucia
Year 6	Elliot	Bailey

Best Wishes

Miss Rutherford

Headteacher.



Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair

Online Safety - YouTube

There is no denying it, children love YouTube. They can spend hours searching and watching their favourite videos, researching a school topic or creating their own videos and uploading them to share with family and friends. Unfortunately, not everything on YouTube is child friendly, and young people can come across some very inappropriate content including violence, sexual videos, bad language and even bullying and trolls.

YouTube can be an amazing resource for knowledge and entertainment, as well as a great way for children to explore their creativity when making videos. However, don't forget that YouTube's own terms and conditions mean that it should not be used by anyone under 13 years of age. By following the advice and tips on the information leaflet (sent out with the newsletter), you can make it a safer place, but remember you can't make it 100% safe, so keep having regular chats with your children about what they are doing and take time to sit down with them and use YouTube together and have some fun as a family.

If your children are under 13 years of age then YouTube has created an App available on Google Play and Apple's App store especially for them called '[YouTube for Kids](#)'. Created especially by YouTube using stronger filtering algorithms to keep kids safe. Remember though nothing is 100% safe so maintain an interest in what they are doing and keep having those important safety chats. There is a second leaflet about YouTube for Kids with this newsletter.

If you have any further questions or need any more advice regarding this, please contact Mrs Hitchins.