

Wheelwright Lane News

14th December 2022



Headteacher Weekly Update

What a busy week it has been at Wheelwright Lane Primary school! The Upper Phase children have performed their Christmas Carol concerts at St Giles Church this week. The atmosphere was very festive and this was such a lovely opportunity for the children. It is experiences like this that the children will carry as memories as they get older. Thank you for all the kind words from the parents to the staff and children.

Meanwhile our lower phase children have performed their Christmas play to a packed audience! What bravery our children showed standing up in front of so many people. It is truly wonderful to be able to welcome our parents into school during the Christmas period – we have certainly missed this over the years.

Safety awareness.

I am sure many of you have heard and read the devastating news of the three children that sadly lost their lives in a tragic lake accident. Our thoughts are with the families of these young children at this very sad time. Please do take the time to speak sensitively and age appropriately with your children about the dangers of lakes that appear frozen. As the weather turns extremely cold, children will have a natural curiosity to explore the effects of extreme temperatures on water. However, as we know, this can have devastating consequences. Our children are incredibly precious and their safety at all times is paramount.



Public Health Notice

Please do continue to be mindful of the signs and symptoms of Strep A and Scarlet Fever. If you suspect your child is showing symptoms please do not send them to school. Please call the NHS 111 line or visit your GP where they will be able to advise.



PA Events

I would personally like to thank all of the parents that have been involved in the PA this autumn term. Some of our parents have dedicated much of their spare time to create wonderful events for the children and families of our Wheelwright Lane Community. This is enabling our PA funds to grow and to provide enrichment opportunities for all of our pupils in the future. We cannot thank you enough for your support and dedication to the children. If you wish to be part of the PA please do get in touch. Our PA is really developing and I know they would welcome more help as we plan for the spring term events.



Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success! We had so many welcome visitors and families and we are completely overwhelmed by the donations to the school. The hall was particularly busy but we thoroughly enjoyed the the buzz of all our families and children coming together. What a delight after somany years restricted by COVID!

Church Carol Service



We have our final church carol service for our year 4, 5 and 6 children on Thursday 15th December. Please remember this is via tickets only due to health and safety. The children had a truly wonderful experience on Monday this

week as they gave their first performance since before the pandemic. It was such a treat to be in the church singing by candle light. Thank you to all the parents who gave such positive feedback. This really means a lot to the staff who have worked hard to support the children. We had a few nerves prior to the performance but I was so proud of our children remembering their 5 learning behaviours to help get them through!

All children will need to be collected from St Giles Church (not the hall) when the performance finishes at 4:45pm. We will not be returning to the school site.

Chocolate Assembly



We will be having our annual festive chocolate assembly on the last day of term. Every year all the staff donate chocolate items and they are raffled off to the children across the school in our assembly. This is a really fun and exciting experience for all the children and is a great way to teach the children to champion one another to win. It really is a delight to see the children cheering on for one another (if a little noisy!). A huge thank you to the staff who have donated these prizes for the children out of their own funds.

Diary Dates to Remember!

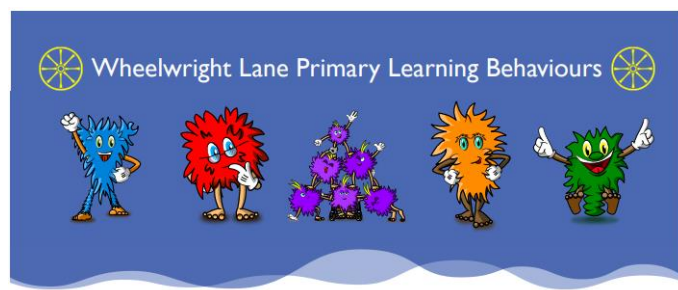
14.12.2022	Christmas Play 1.45pm – yrs 1,2,3
14.12.2022	R, 1, 2 Warwick Arts Centre Stickman
15.12.2022	Nursery Warwick Arts Centre Stickman Year 4,5,6 Carol Service St Giles. 4pm
16.12.2022	Break up for Christmas 2:15pm
3.1.2023	Staff Inset Day - no children

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4.1.2023	Children return to school 8:45am
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Learning Behaviours

As promised we can finally reveal our 5 learning behaviour characters which the children and staff have been involved in over the last term. As you will remember the children have chosen the 5 learning behaviours that they feel are the key to success in the future. We are delighted to show you our characters which will help to embed these values across all aspects of school life at Wheelwright Lane Primary School. We have been fortunate to secure some funding from the Exhall Foundation and will be using this to commission and artist to capture our characters in the school building. This is very exciting!



Brave, Curious, Collaborative, Determined, Resilient

A special message

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Message...

As the autumn term draws to an end I would like to personally thank the staff, children and families for their continued hard work, dedication and support to the school. I feel privileged to work alongside so many wonderful people. Many of you will know that I was a pupil at Wheelwright Lane Primary school and have been a parent, teacher and governor of the school for many years. I am fortunate to hold many different perspectives of the school and I keep this firmly in mind when leading the

school, children and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank the parents for their kind words during my first term as Head Teacher. I look forward to continuing our journey and wish everyone a very Happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Best Wishes

Miss Rutherford

Headteacher.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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