



NEWSLETTER # 2

Friday 20th September 2019

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (Galatians 5:22)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

NEW VISION LAUNCH

At Wellesbourne, our pastoral methodology has always been child-centred and based on teaching and nurturing children so they leave primary school the best they can. However, to further embed this in everything that we do, we have 'officialised' these long-standing beliefs in our new vision which unites our long held Core Values, our mission statement and our Church of England Foundation in one overarching vision:

Wellesbourne CE Primary School is a Christian community, which by sowing the seeds of friendship, forgiveness and service will enable the growth of happy and healthy individuals. Through love, nurture, respect and support of one another we will flourish and bloom. With a sprinkling of perseverance and determination, we can become the people that God has made us to be.



Last week, Revd. Greg Bartlem came into school to share the 'Parable of the Sower' with the children in order to explain the vision to the children. In a very practical and visual way, he retold the story and suggested ways in which the children might be like the seeds with all the barriers stopping their growth (learning). We, as teachers, have the role of farmer to help our children flourish and bloom into the amazing individuals we know they can be.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO STRATFORD



On Thursday 12th of September, Mr Hackett and Miss Johnson took Year 6 on the first school trip of the new academic year. They went to Shakespeare's Birthplace (and New Place) to learn all about William's life in order to write a biography on him. Besides looking at these wonderful and interesting old buildings, there were many activities to take part in. There was writing with a quill, visiting the underground vaults to look at artefacts, creating their own plague remedies and looking at Shakespeare's will - they even got to dress up as plague doctors. A special thank you to Mrs Ortu, Mrs Marsden and Mrs Campbell who volunteered to help.



FRIENDS AGM (PTA)

On Monday at 7:30pm at the school, the Friends AGM will take place and there is an open invitation to all to attend.

KEY UPCOMING FRIENDS' EVENTS

Friends Quiz - Friday 18th October 7:30pm - teams of up to 6 compete against each other across a number of different rounds. Bring your own drinks and food.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7th December 2019 (1-3pm (TBC).

NEW RECEPTION PARENTS' WORKSHOPS

This term, the Reception team will be running two workshops to help parents understand both how we teach children phonics and maths in school and how parents can help at home. This will comprise of a short meeting in the **MAIN HALL** at **MAIN SITE**, followed by workshops in the classroom.

Wednesday 16th October - Phonics 1:30pm

Wednesday 13th November - Maths 1:30pm

CLASSES 2019-20

A reminder that **your child's class teacher** should always be the first point of contact as they are the member of staff who will be able to solve any problems directly. If you still have a further concern then please contact your child's Head of Phase as indicated below in the right hand column:

Nursery- Mrs Eden	
ROW - Mrs Owen/Mrs Wigglesworth	Miss Scott
RP- Miss Perry	KS1
1S- Miss Scott	Leader
1N- Mrs Newman	Mrs Cooke
2CP- Mrs Cooke/Mrs Porter	Assistant Head
2T- Mrs Tibbits	
3S- Mrs Simms	Miss Freeman
3RW- Mrs Wiggins/Mrs Reed	Assistant Head and LKS2 Phase Leader
4B- Mrs Battle	
4F - Miss Freeman	
5OW- Miss Watts	Mr Hackett
5CW - Miss Wright	Upper KS2
6J - Miss Johnson	Leader
6H - Mr Hackett	

INSET DAYS IN SPRING TERM

Please note that we were due to have teacher training on Monday 6th January 2019, but unfortunately, our training supplier is now no longer able to offer that date. Therefore, we are seeking a replacement but it is likely that this will be a different date. As soon as we know, we will let you know as we realise parents and carers need plenty of notice. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Hewitt
Head of School

Wellesbourne CE Primary & Nursery School is committed to safeguarding.

DIARY DATES

Please be aware that, sometimes, it is necessary to change these dates.

FRIENDS AGM	Monday 23rd September 7:30pm		No Annexe Assembly Ks2 Class Assembly	Friday 6 th December 2.45pm
Individual/Sibling Photographs in School Uniform	Tuesday 24 th September		Christmas Fayre	Saturday 7 th December
2CP Class Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 27 th September 9.05am Friday 27 th September 2.45pm		Yr1 - Y2 Christmas Production. (1st Performance)	Monday 9 th December, 9:30-10:30am. (Tickets will be needed)
Shared Learning (Current Parents)	Monday 30 th September 2:30pm to 3pm		Yr1- Y2 Second Performance	Tuesday 10 th December 5pm until 6pm (This will be a ticket only performance)
Whole School Sponsored Walk NO Assemblies	Friday 4 th October		Yr1 - Y2 Third Performance	Wednesday 11 th December, 2.00-3.00pm. (This will be a ticket only performance)
Annexe Certificates Assembly KS2 Class Assembly	Friday 11 th October 9.05am Friday 11 th October 2.45pm		Annexe Assembly Ks2 Class Assembly	Friday 13 th December 9.05am Friday 13 th December 2.45pm
Open Morning (Prospective Parents)	Tuesday 15 th October (9:15 to 11am)		Whole School Panto Trip	Tuesday 17 th December
KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 18 th October 2.45pm		Christmas Sing-a-long	Tuesday 17 th December, 7.00-8.00pm
Friends Quiz	Friday 18 th October 7:30pm		Year 5 Christingle	Thursday 19 th December 6.00pm in church
1S Class Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 25 th October 9.05am Friday 25 th October 2.45pm		Christmas Church Services (Lead by Year 6)	Friday 20th December (NO cert assemblies)
HALF TERM	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November		Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January
Parents Evening 1	Monday 4 th November 3.30pm - 6.30pm		School Reopens for Spring Term	Monday 6th January (TBC)
Parents Evening 2	Thursday 7 th November 4.00pm - 7.00pm		Annexe Cert Assembly KS2 Cert Assembly	Friday 10 th January 9.05am Friday 10 th January 2.45pm
No Annexe Assembly 5OW Class Assembly	Friday 8 th November Friday 8 th November 2.45pm		No Annexe Assembly KS2 Cert Assembly	Friday 17 th January 9.05am Friday 17 th January 2.45pm
Annexe Certificates Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 15 th November 9.05am Friday 15 th November 2.45pm		1N Class Assembly (main KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 24 th January 9.05am Friday 24 th January 2.45pm
No Annexe Assembly 4F Class Assembly	Friday 22 nd November Friday 22 nd November 2.45pm		INSET DAY	Spring Term 2020 TBC
Non-uniform day (Chocolate for Xmas Fayre)	Friday 29 th November		Easter Holidays	Monday 6 th - Friday 17 th April
Annexe Certificates Assembly KS2 Certificates Assembly	Friday 29 th November 9.05pm Friday 29 th November 2.45		INSET DAY	Friday July 3rd
Non-uniform day (Bottles for Xmas Fayre)	Friday 6 th December		School Closes for Summer Holidays	Friday 17 th July

DINNER MENUS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Next two menus:

Week beginning 23rd Sept - **MENU 1**

Week beginning 30th Sept - **MENU 2**

(see website/twitter (@wellesprimary))

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 36,101 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 6,398 on the previous year.