



NEWSLETTER #3

Friday 4th October 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,

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

At Wellesbourne, we pride ourselves on our children leaving school and being ready for further learning and flourishing into the best person they can be. Part of that drive of the school is to challenge the children to be the best they can be academically too. The government measure which establishes how the children have progressed **over time** at Wellesbourne has been published and we thought it was important to celebrate these with you and the children.

An explanation of the progress scores:

Score	What it means...
0	Expected progress
Above 0	Better than expected progress
Below 0	Less than expected progress

Our scores are as follows:

Reading Progress (range -7 to 7)

Above average	2.19
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Writing Progress (range -5 to 5)

Above average	1.69
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Maths Progress (range -7 to 7)

Above average	2.50
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Our progress results put us in the top 25% of schools nationally in terms of how well the children have progressed. We still have areas that we would like to work on with you. We will be explaining these further at Curriculum evenings.

Of course, this doesn't measure the other ways in which our children excel - such as sport, art or music but is an indicator of core subjects and the development of the children.

As always, a massive thank you to all the staff of the school from Nursery all the way to Year 6 as well as to parents for the support with reading and homework. For full details of our results, see the 'results' section of our website

YEAR 5 TRIP TO BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM



On Wednesday 25th September 2019 Year 5 went on a trip to the British Motor Museum in Gaydon, upholding our partnership with them. The children were exploring renewable energy sources and what they can do to save energy. This links in with our topics in both science and geography, looking at renewable energy, how it is generated and where it comes from. It was a fantastic day, all of the children really enjoyed themselves and were impeccably behaved. We look forward to future partnerships with the British Motor Museum again soon!



STAFFING NEWS

We are delighted to announce Mrs Dowbiggin has had her baby daughter called Freya who weighed in at 8lb 6oz. Mother and baby doing well and we look forward to seeing them.



In other exciting news, Miss Freeman became engaged over the summer and we all send our congratulations to her and her fiancé.



We are sad to announce two members of staff who are leaving us. Mrs Woodward is leaving later this month after many, many years working for the school in various capacities and we wish her all the best. Mr John Bennett, our ICT technician, has also decided to move on too.

NEW PARKING SIGNS

We are fully aware of the issues surrounding parking and have been actively working with the police and the council to help make it safer. **One** step is to use these signs in the picture below to raise awareness.



At pick up and drop off times, the PSCOs and the council will be out and about when they can encourage good parking. In the meantime, can we all ensure that we are following these simple rules:

- 1) Never park or stop (even for a second) on the zig-zag lines during school hours.
- 2) Avoid parking near corners on Mountford Close as these are 'blind spots'.
- 3) Avoid parking over residents' driveways.
- 4) Parking close to the junction of Newbold Road creates problems for the main road - if possible, please avoid parking there.

WOOSH

Until the new building is complete, WOOSH is full in Reception and Year 1 for evenings from Monday to Thursday. Mornings are full through Monday until Thursday. We are also full for Tuesday afternoons for Years 2 to Year 6.

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.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7th December 2019 (2-4pm).

INSET DAY FEBRUARY 24TH 2020

We are pleased to say we have confirmed our new INSET day which has moved from January 6th to Monday 24th February and therefore the school will be closed to children on that day. Thank you very much for your co-operation and patience regarding this matter.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Hewitt
Head of School

Wellesbourne CE Primary & Nursery School is committed to safeguarding.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Next week we will be sending out your child's data collection sheet. Please check all the details, then sign it and return it to school with any changes that need to be made.

DIARY DATES

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

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

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.**

