



WELLESBOURNE CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law'



Pets as Therapy

Today (Friday 26th) we had a 'Pets as Therapy' charity non-uniform day to raise money by wearing yellow or blue clothes. We did it to say thank you to our volunteer, Mrs Sheila Oram, who gives up her time to come in with her lovely dog Cooper to work with children and brighten our day. During the morning, they walked around to see all the children in every class and the children all gave Cooper such a lovely welcome that Mrs Oram was feeling like such a celebrity by the end! Thank you so much for your contributions—we raised nearly £200 for the charity.

Road Safety—KS1 Scootability



Years 1 and 2 have been having some fun 'scooting' lessons which include learning how to be safe when out and about in public on scooters. The weather between the two days when they took part couldn't have been more

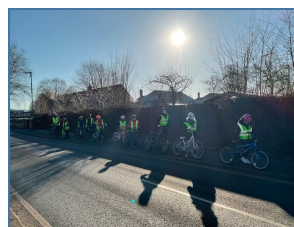
contrasting: with one today in the warmth and the other in the freezing conditions last week! However, all children said they loved it and learnt a lot about how to be a better on a scooter. If you would like your child to scoot to school, they will now be an expert!



Road Safety—Y5 Bikeability



Last week, forty-two Year 5 children braved the freezing conditions to work on their road safety skills when they are on the road on their bikes.



They took part in the **Level 2 Bikeability** programme and the instructors were very impressed with both their attitude to learning and their behaviour.



This is all part of our drive to help improve road safety. We have plenty of bike racks in front of the Junior building, therefore, if you would like your Year 5 or Year 6 child to bike to school (wearing a helmet) then they may leave their bike here during the school day and it would also reduce the number of cars on the road.



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New Year, New Events.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



St. Patrick's Day Quiz
Night—Friday 8th March



School Disco. Years 1, 2—
Friday 12th April



School Disco. Years 3, 4, 5, 6—
Thursday 25th April



Summer Fair— Sunday 30th
June



Plus, Family Bingo | Easter Bonnet
Competition | Reception party

More details coming soon.....

What projects does the PTA support?

From new books, sports equipment and enhanced educational programme, we support a range of initiatives throughout the year.

This year we've committed to funding a project for each year group. To date this has included:

- Outdoor equipment to support the schools focus on improved playtime .
- Funding return transport to the Young Voice concert in Coventry for Years 4, 5 and 6 .
- Chinese dragon dancing experience for reception children. (Taking place in the Spring Term).

Later in the year we will also be supporting projects for the children in years 1, 2 & 3.

Sadly, without the financial support from the PTA or directly from parents, the above would not be financial viable for the school. So, thank you.



School Uniform Shop Now Open!

Good quality second hand uniform is now available from the outdoor classroom at the main site (Near the swimming pool door).

Prices start from just 50p.

All proceeds go back to the school. Come and take a look and grab a bargain.

Donations can be made on ParentPay or via the [website](#).

£12,500 Right On Target.

Earlier this year we announced our fundraising target of £12,500. To date we have raised £5,000. A fantastic achievement, yet still some way to go.

We couldn't do it without all your support. So, again, thank you!

Need to contact us? Email us on: Committee@friendsofwellesbourne.co.uk, Facebook [FriendsofWellesbourneSchool](#) or Instagram [FriendsofWellesbourne](#)



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). 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.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers **shall not** grant **any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** 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. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

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.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. 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.

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.



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Term Dates and Dates for the Diary

Reception Chinese Dragon Workshop	Thursday 1st February
2G Class Assembly	Friday 2nd February
EYFS workshop for Parents	Friday 9th February 2:15pm to 3pm
5DW Class Assembly	Friday 9th February
February Half term	Monday 12th to Friday 16th February
5BW Class Assembly	Friday 1st March
School nurse to see Year 6	Tuesday 5th March
1P Class Assembly	Friday 15th March
Last day of Spring Term	Friday 22nd March
Easter Holidays	Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April
First day of Summer Term	Monday 8th April
Y6 residential	Wednesday 10th April - Friday 12th April
4G Class Assembly	Friday 19th April
RCW Class Assembly	Friday 3rd May
Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 6th May
Y6 SATs week	Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May
3J Class Assembly	Friday 24th May
May Half term	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
Year 4 Tables Check Window	Monday 3rd June to Friday 14th June
Year 1 Phonics Screen Week	Monday 10th to Friday 14th June
KS1 Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July—am @main site
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 3rd July pm @main site
2023/24 INSET day #5	Friday 5th July 2024
Y6 Afternoon production #1	Thursday 11th July
Y6 Afternoon Production #2	Friday 12th July
Y6 Evening Production @ 6pm	Friday 12th July
Last day of Summer term	Friday 19th July (1:30pm finish)
Summer Holidays	Monday 22nd July to Friday 30th August
2024/25 INSET day #1	Monday 2nd September
2024/25 INSET day #2	Tuesday 3rd September (confirmed)



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