



NEWSLETTER

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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Messages from Mr Taylor

This week's newsletter comes the day after you have received my whole school letter notifying you of the exciting changes that are underway at Warren Farm including a rebrand of the school logo alongside a new school website with a planned launch later in the Spring term. It is time for a new logo that belongs to children of a new era, rather than one that is defined by the past. The new logo and branding will represent all the great things that Warren Farm will be known for as a progressive school in a modern age. It will be something that we will wear with pride as Warren Farm becomes renowned for 'Excellence in Everything'.

Next week is National Storytelling Week. Once upon a time, storytelling was a way to pass the time. Now, it's an excellent way to entertain and teach each other new ideas. This is why National Storytelling Week is celebrated by people of all ages. Storytelling is a powerful tool that allows us to share stories that inspire and teach others. We have lots of engaging learning planned for next week including a day where children will be read to by a teacher from another class in school - a great way to share a story and another opportunity to build a sense of team across the school.

This week children in Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 enjoyed assemblies and workshops delivered by The National Dogs Trust. Since 2003, the Dogs Trust Education Team have been delivering educational programmes to young people and children all across the UK. The program focuses on two key themes: Responsible dog ownership and Safe behaviour around dogs. To find out more visit [Learn with Dogs Trust](https://www.dogs-trust.org.uk/learn-with-dogs-trust)

To end our newsletter this week we look at the second of our new school values - **Honesty**. Being honest will no doubt mean that on occasion we need to be courageous as it takes both strength and courage to admit the truth. Honesty is what we say and what we do. Through 'Excellence in Everything' we are creating a legacy at Warren Farm and as the great playwright William Shakespeare said "No legacy is so rich as honesty".

Mr Taylor

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 30th Jan	National Storytelling week
Fri 3rd Feb	Swimming 1/2KT 3/4SK and SAG
Tue 7th Feb	Parents Evening
Wed 8th Feb	Parents Evening
Wed 15th Feb	1/2KT visit Think tank
Thu 16th Feb	3/4SK visit Safari Park
Fri 17th Feb	Valentines Disco (p.m)
Fri 17th Feb	Break up for Half Term

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to be trusted,
be honest.



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COATS AND FLEECES

We have a small number of fleeces and fleece lined coats in various sizes that we will be selling on a first come first serve basis for only £10. Items are limited so please visit the school office before these final items of stock sell out as these are reduced prices. We will not be replacing these items. Once they are gone they are gone !

Coats	Fleeces
XXL - 2	12-14 Years - 2
XL - 1	XL - 1
L - 1	L - 1
XS - 1	XS - 1

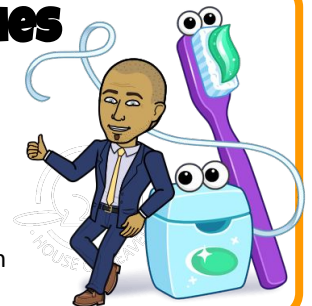
VALENTINES DISCO

On Friday 17th February we will be holding a Valentines Disco for all children in school. This will take place during school hours and each phase will be allocated a time in the school hall. Children will come to school in their uniform but they can bring their own party clothes to get changed into for the disco during the afternoon.



TOOTHBRUSHES

This week, children in Key stage 1 received a free toothbrush and toothpaste set from Birmingham City Council to promote healthy teeth and gums. It's really important to brush your teeth twice daily for approximately two minutes. You can watch a video from Dr Ranj and 'Supertooth' on how to care for your teeth here: [How to clean your teeth.](#)



ATTENDANCE

If a pupil arrives at school after the register is closed, without a satisfactory reason, this may be classed as an **unauthorised absence** and may lead to prosecution for not ensuring your child has regular school attendance. Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the bell rings. There are many ways to ensure your child is on time for school, from making sure their school bags are packed the night before to making sure they get up with plenty of time to eat and get ready. Lost minutes mean lost learning. **Did you know that being late 15 minutes every day is the same as missing 2 whole weeks of school over a full academic year?** A few minutes here and there shouldn't matter but **every minute counts** and that lost time all adds up. Being late doesn't only affect your child, it disrupts other children in the class as well as the teachers trying to teach a lesson.

	NAH	96.8%
	RSB	88.5%
	RLM	93.7%
	1CO	89%
	1/2KT	92.9%
	2HM	91.7%
	3CW	90.3%
	3/4SK	92.3%
	4DN	95%
	5AG	86%
	5/6NW	93.9%
	6EC	93%

CLASS DOJO

It's great to have so many parents and carers already signed up to the new Class Dojo app. A number of parents have asked me about cost. The app is **FREE** and there is **NO** requirement for you sign up to any paid extras available.



TERM DATES

Spring Term

Finishes: Friday 31st March 2023 at 12:00pm
 Half Term: Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 24th February 2023
 Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2023 - Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term

Starts: Monday 17th April 2023
 Finishes: Friday 21st July 2023 at 12:00pm
 Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 - Friday 2nd June 2023
 Summer Holiday 2023 commences Monday 24th July 2023





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RECEPTION POLICE VISIT

This week, our Reception children were lucky enough to be visited by officers from West Midlands Police. Children had a great time exploring the police van and talking to the officers about the role of the police and how they help us. This was another fantastic opportunity to build links with the wider community. The officers enjoyed it that much that they are returning in a few weeks time to visit our Nursery children.



SAFEGUARDING

This week's focus is Early help. Early help intervention can help families, individuals and is used when a problem first emerges. The main focus for early help services is to improve outcomes for children and ensure that they are safe. Early help can be used for a range of issues that can include poor attendance, risk of offending, difficulties at home and substance abuse. A range of professionals can work together to help the family and create a plan that ensures that the problem does not lead to further harm for the family and children.



NAH	Remmi Halford
RSB	Omar Ali
RLM	Fadiyah Adio
1CO	Harry Landa
1/2KT	Esma Beljulji
2HM	Omar Qteishat
3CW	Adheen Ishtiaq
3/4SK	Albert Nyamutora Tigere
4DN	Samuel Imaji
5AG	Hayley Coleman
5/6NW	Autumn Langford Hodgson
6EC	Hajrah Ali

BUILDING A READING CULTURE

Reading is fundamental to education. Proficiency in reading, writing and spoken language is vital for children's success. They develop communication skills for education and for working with others: in school, in training and at work. Children who find it difficult to learn to read are likely to struggle across the curriculum, since English is both a subject in its own right and the medium for teaching. This is why we are committed to continuing to raise standards of literacy for all children at Warren Farm, where children will transition from learning to read to reading to learn for the rest of their lives.



READING BOOK VENDING MACHINE



HOW CAN YOU WIN THE FIRST TOKEN FOR OUR BRAND NEW READING BOOK VENDING MACHINE?

During Storytelling Week (30th January - 3rd February) you will receive a raffle ticket **EVERY TIME** you bring your reading books and reading diary into school **signed**.

On Friday, we will draw the raffle and the lucky winner will choose the first book from our amazing vending machine!





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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops – the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes; however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are aimed at creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. Lastpass, Dashlane, 1Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up; they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true, or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win; devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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