



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2023

ISSUE NO.17

EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Messages from Mr Taylor

Welcome back Issue No.17 of our weekly newsletter. In our first newsletter of 2023, I shared our new curriculum intent which shared that Warren Farm will be recognised for the excellent provision and opportunities that it offers to pupils, their families and the local community. This week, we welcomed parents into school to attend a workshop on healthy lifestyles. Thank you to those parents that attended, who gained some top tips and activities that they can take away to use at home with the whole family. We have more workshops planned for the coming term to help you stay informed with your child's learning.

Our banner image this week is of our newly appointed school PCSO - a position of great responsibility. These children will be working alongside our local PCSO learning about the important role that they play in the community and taking part in a number of activities and workshops to further support this.

Attendance remains a high priority and improving attendance is something that I will continue to push **each and every** week. This week I have shared a diagram in the attendance section of the newsletter demonstrating the impact of poor attendance and how it equates to lost learning time and days. As discussed in my parent meetings at the start of the school year, parents are required under the education act (1996) to ensure children attend school regularly. The Headteacher of a school has a discretionary power to authorise absence only in an exceptional circumstances. **A family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.**

Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of February. Please add these dates to your diaries. During our second parents evening of the year, children's books will be on display so that your child can show you the excellent progress that they are making this year and share what they have been learning.

Courage is the first of our new school values. We have spoken to the children about what having courage means - sometimes it might be that change in mindset and leap of faith to change I **CAN'T** do it to I **CAN** do it! It may be that will and determination to complete a task or could be standing up for something we believe in. If we are going to achieve '**Excellence in Everything**', then we are going to have to be courageous.

Mr Taylor

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tue 24th Jan	Dogs trust assembly
Fri 27th Jan	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

COURAGE

doesn't always ROAR.

Sometimes courage is that
quiet voice at the end
of the day saying,

"I will try again tomorrow."



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CLOTHING DONATIONS

Thank you for the recent donations of clothing that have been made to the school. As part of our school uniform policy, we offer a wide range of 'pre loved' uniform for families should they require any additional items of uniform. While donations of clothing are greatly received, please contact the school in advance so that we can then identify the need at the current time and also share information with parents so that they can collect any items of clothing that they may require.



LUNAR NEW YEAR

In 2023, the new Moon occurs in Asia on Sunday, January 22, marking the start of Lunar New Year. Children will be celebrating with a whole school assembly on Monday next week and each child across the school also received a fortune cookie to bring home from school today.



HEALTHY SNACKS

There has been an increase in unhealthy snacks that children are bringing to school. We promote a healthy lifestyle and healthy eating at Warren Farm. Please send your child with healthy snacks: fresh fruit, vegetables or plain biscuits.

ROAD SAFETY

When collecting or dropping children at the school gates, please do not lift or pass your child over the railings on the road side as this creates a very dangerous hazard. Please take the extra few seconds to walk to the end of the railings on either side.

ATTENDANCE



★ NAH	99%
RSB	86.6%
★ RLM	97.1%
1CO	87%
1/2KT	91.9%
2HM	91.4%
3CW	89.6%
3/4SK	88.9%
★ 4DN	96%
5AG	90.4%
5/6NW	91.7%
6EC	86.7%

SWIMMING

A reminder that classes 1/2KT, 3/4SK and 5AG have started their swimming lessons for the Spring term. Please remember to pack your child's costume and towel every Friday. We are extremely fortunate to have this fantastic facility on our doorstep and offer this valuable life skill to every child from Year 1-6 for a whole term each academic year

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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POETRY COMPETITION

This week, teachers have shared an exciting poetry competition with children. With climate change being a focus in education, it is a fantastic opportunity for children to share their thoughts on the world around them. Poems can be in any style and link to the environment in many cross-curricular ways, from litter, pollution and wildlife, to sustainability, conservation or exploring nature and landscapes.



SAFEGUARDING

This week's focus is **physical abuse**. Physical abuse is deliberately hurting a child and causing physical harm. Physical abuse is an adverse childhood trauma and can cause physical and emotional issues as the child develops into an adult. Signs that may show that the injury has been caused are bruises, burns, bite marks, fractures and broken bones. If a child is frequently injured, this may also be a cause of concern. Children who are physically abused tend to make up excuses for the injury to protect the people causing the injury. If you are concerned about the safety of a child please ring 999.

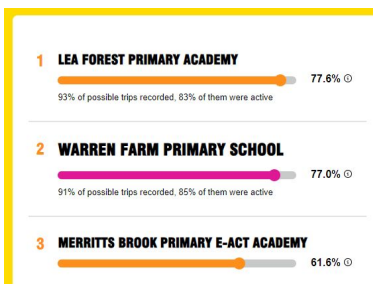


NAH	Harper Judge
RSB	Zion Amanuel
RLM	Aniyah Butt
1CO	Tyler Warren
1/2KT	Lillie-Ella Firkin
2HM	Tamiah Simmonds
3CW	David Smith
3/4SK	Sarah Williams
4DN	Nevaeh Maddix
5AG	Georgie Leigh Hanley
5/6NW	Blake Fraser
6EC	Archie Cunningham

TRAVEL TRACKER

Travel tracker have launched a competition to design the badges that all children will receive across the country during the next academic year. This year's theme is 'The British Nature Walk'. With a closing date for entries on **Monday 27th February 2023**. Children will be sent a template page home for their entries. There are great prizes available for both children and the school if successful. All entries are to be returned to class teachers.

It has been another really successful week for children at Warren Farm where we are the 2nd best school in Birmingham and we have broken into the top ten schools nationwide where we have secured 8th position. Keep those active journeys up to help you lead a happy and healthy lifestyle .





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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 apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos; tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

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