



# NEWSLETTER

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**Excellence in Everything-Achieving greatness that lasts a lifetime**



## Message from Mr Taylor

Happy New Year and welcome back to our first edition of 2023. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break with family and friends, returning energised and enthused for the year ahead. I am determined to make 2023 the best to date at Warren Farm, as we continue on our journey to provide excellent educational opportunities for your children.

This week we have launched our new school vision **'Excellence in Everything - achieving greatness that lasts a lifetime'**. Excellence is not perfection. Excellence is a process of evolution, of cumulative learning and incremental change. Excellence is constant improvement and constant change - no matter our starting point. Excellence is the small steps leading to a mighty leap.

Alongside this, we have been working with staff to develop our new whole school curriculum Intent - which you find later in this newsletter. Continuing to drive standards through raised expectations will ensure that your children receive the excellent education that they are entitled to.

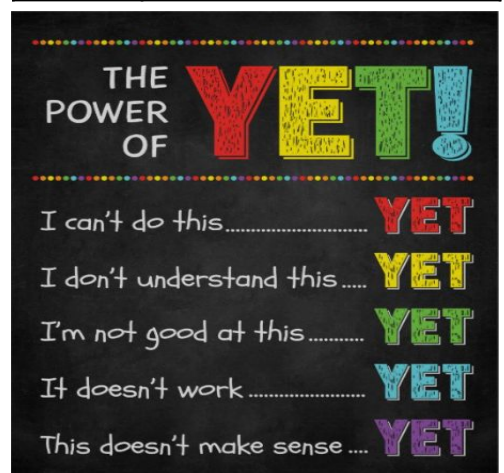
During my welcome back assembly this week, I spoke with the children about the power of **'YET'**. Adding 'yet' is like baking a cake, playing an instrument or riding a bike. No one is born knowing how to ride without training wheels, bake a perfect cake or perform a beautiful piece of music, but that doesn't mean it's time to give up! It simply means it's time to persevere! If you can't do it right now...you just can't do it **yet!** Keep practicing. Success is inevitable and right around the corner...if you persevere!

There will be more exciting developments over the course of the new term that will see us go from strength to strength. Living, breathing and sharing our vision of **'Excellence in Everything'** will ensure that we are opening the doors to a world of opportunities for your children so that they can achieve greatness that lasts a lifetime.

*Mr Taylor*

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tue 10th<br>Jan  | Year 6 Team Building                  |
| Thur<br>19th Jan | Parents Healthy Lifestyle<br>Workshop |
| Tue 7th<br>Feb   | Parents Evening                       |
| Wed 8th<br>Feb   | Parents Evening                       |
| Fri 17th<br>Feb  | Valentines Disco (p.m)                |
| Fri 17th<br>Feb  | Break up for Half Term                |



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## Curriculum Intent

At Warren Farm Primary School we are committed to 'Excellence In Everything', bringing equality of opportunity to our children through an ambitious curriculum that reflects the ever changing horizon of multicultural Britain.

Our values of **Courage, Honesty, Integrity, Respect** and **Self Discipline** ensure children become active citizens in all aspects of modern society - inspiring them to achieve great things.

We value each child as an individual and ensure that our engaging, challenging, creative and innovative curriculum is accessible for every child. Our progressive curriculum builds on prior knowledge and skills whilst preparing children for the next stage in their education and beyond.

Warren Farm will be recognised for the excellent provision and opportunities that it offers to pupils, their families and the local community. Building strong relationships with all stakeholders will ensure that we are creating partnerships and driving continued success for our children as they navigate the journey to achieve great things.

Children will leave Warren Farm with the skills and knowledge to achieve greatness that lasts a lifetime - opening the doors to a world of opportunities.



# ClassDojo



This week you will have all received a copy of your child's login for **Class Dojo** which will be replacing Marvellous Me. ClassDojo brings school communities together, with one place for teachers and families to connect, communicate, and share learning experiences. Through Class Dojo you will receive updates on what's happening in school in a much clearer format via your child's whole class story where you will see information and messages from teachers alongside a timeline of the experiences in the classroom through pictures and videos. You will also receive notifications when your child receives a 'Dojo' for demonstrating positive behaviour within the classroom such as being on task, helping others or participating through answering questions.

While there is a messaging function with the app this **is not** enabled and teachers will be unable to respond to individual messages. Please continue to follow the current process for communication with teachers at school. As always, your first point of contact is your child's class teacher, followed by the phase leader. Any information that needs further escalation will be passed onto the relevant member of the senior leadership team.

We look forward to sharing the amazing journey that we are on at Warren Farm primary School.





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### Reception places

A reminder that applications are open for primary school entry in September 2023. **The closing date is 15 January 2023 at 11:59pm.** You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at Warren Farm. There are lots of exciting plans in place for the future that will ensure that Warren Farm becomes the school of choice in Kingstanding. More information can be found here: [Apply online for a primary school](#)



### Parent Workshop

Thursday 19th January 2023



On Thursday 19th January at 09:00 - 10:00 we will be joined by Spark Active - our after school sports club provider - hosting a parent workshop that aims to identify the key elements of encouraging healthy lifestyles; including physical activity and healthy eating. Activities will allow parents to gain some top tips and activities that they can take away to use at home with the whole family which are easy to implement as well as being fun and engaging for children and parents alike.

### Online safety

As we start a new year with many children having been gifted new devices as part of their christmas presents, please ensure that you have set up the parental controls so that you are in charge of what your child is accessing on their devices. There are specific age limits on different social media platforms. These are there to protect your child from harm. Children should not be accessing any platforms that specify an age limit on them.

There have been some instances in school, where online comments have then led to issues within the school day. If your child is underage they should not be on any social media platforms. Please ensure this is enforced by yourselves.





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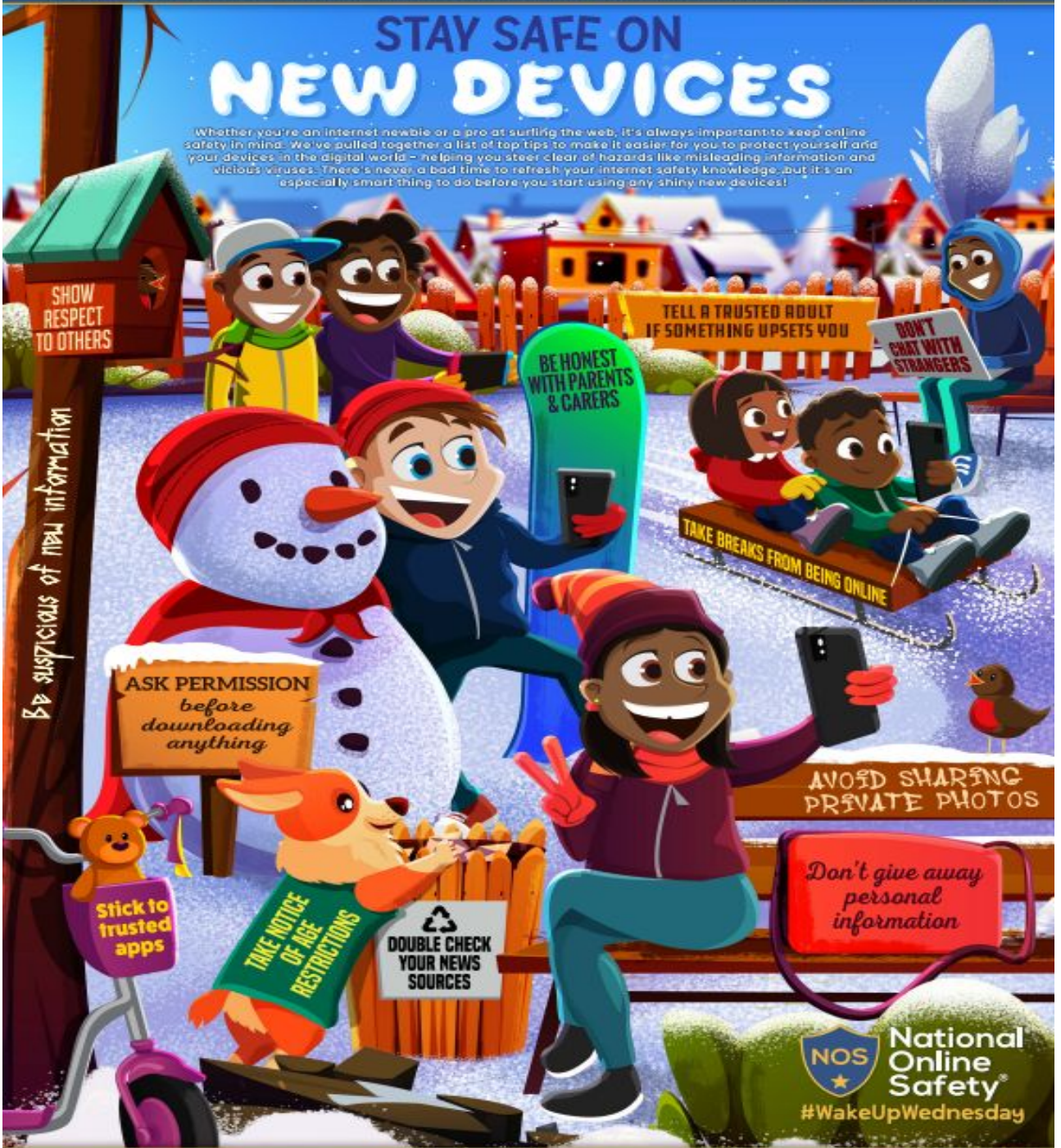
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At National On Line Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many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

## STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



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