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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

Welcome back to what has been an extremely hot and humid week. It hasn't deterred our children from continuing to make the tiny steps of progress each day that lead to a mighty leap.

This week has provided our children with another opportunity to demonstrate how far we have come as a school this year and the excellent progress that children have made across the year. Children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 have taken their phonics screening check while children in Year 4 have completed the Multiplication Tables Check. Across the Week, Miss Magee and Miss Nunan have been full of praise for how well our children have applied themselves and their commitment to **Excellence in Everything**. We look forward to sharing outcomes with you at the end of term.

Last week, we shared the dates for our up and coming sports day afternoons. Our P.E co-ordinator, Miss Kelly, is working hard behind the scenes planning events to ensure that all of our children get the opportunity to participate in a number of events. The sports day will take place in phases with 3 classes competing against each other on each afternoon throughout the week. Parental engagement is a vital part of our vision of **Excellence in Everything** and I have been overwhelmed with your support this year. We look forward to welcoming you to these events to support your children and the school further.

A strong reading culture is integral to our curriculum at Warren Farm. This year we have already implemented a number of initiatives to reinforce the importance of reading and valuing its role across the curriculum, ensuring that children transition from **learning to read** to **reading to learn** on their journey through school. As you can see from our banner image this week, our new reading rucksacks have been a huge success and every Friday children eagerly anticipate the opportunity for their classes 'Star reads' to attempt to 'Crack the code' and win a box of reading goodies for their class.

Mr Taylor



**DISCIPLINE IS THE BRIDGE
BETWEEN GOALS AND
ACCOMPLISHMENT**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 19th June	Key stage 1 library visit 1CO
Fri 23rd June	'Sports Star' Friday Dress as your sports hero
Mon 26th June	Key stage 1 library visit 1/2 KT
Mon 26th June	Conover residential parent meeting
26h-29th June	Sports days. All Year groups (See timings in newsletter)
Wed 28th June	Reception class trip to Wonderland
Fri 30th June	Rocksteady concert 14:00
Mon 3rd July	Key stage 1 library visit 2HM

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READING REPS

Over this academic year, we have worked tirelessly to develop a reading culture across the school. Early reading ignites creativity, sparks curiosity, and stimulates the imagination in young children. This week we have launched our brand new READING REPS. At lunchtimes and break times, 10 children have been chosen by teachers in Key stage 2 to continue to foster and develop a love of reading across the school by providing stimulating reading opportunities on the playground. We look forward to sharing more exciting reading opportunities with you all in the coming weeks.

"Today a Reader Tomorrow a Leader"



PHONICS AND MULTIPLICATION CHECK ASSESSMENTS

This week our children in Year 2 and 4 have been taking part in Phonics screening and Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) assessments. Whilst we eagerly anticipate the outcomes of these assessments, one thing is for sure - we are immensely proud of **EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU**. You have really embraced our vision of **Excellence in Everything** and the progress that you have all made this year is clear for all to see. Our final parent's evening of the year is only a few weeks away and during this time you will have the opportunity to look at the excellent progress your child has made and receive a copy of your child's outcomes for their assessments alongside their school report.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Nursery for achieving 100% attendance this week - the youngest children in the school are leading the way for us all. The attendance is improving and our cumulative attendance for the year is moving in a positive direction. As a school, we follow the **Fast Track** process for attendance. We have issued two **penalty notices** this week due to poor attendance. This money does not come to the school and is held by the local authority. Attendance is high priority for the school and we are bound by guidance to ensure that every child is in school receiving a curriculum that promotes **Excellence in Everything**. The Fast Track process gives parents many opportunities to demonstrate improvements to their child's attendance. Targets and support are available at different points to ensure we do not reach the fining process, however engagement with this is crucial and failure to do this results in penalty notices being issued. As a school, we are demonstrating **Excellence in Everything** and attendance is the final part in the puzzle!

★ NAH	100%
RAY	92.9
★ RLM	99.4%
1CO	85%
1/2KT	90%
2HM	94%
3CW	92.1%
3/4SK	95.7%
★ 4DN	99.3%
5AG	88.6%
5/6NW	91.7%
6BP	90.3%

YEAR 6 TRANSITION VISITS

Most of our Year 6 children will by now know the destination for their secondary education. Over the coming weeks, *most* of these schools will make contact with us at Warren Farm. Generally at least one member of staff from each school will also come and visit the children to discuss their transition and answer any questions or concerns that they may have.

SPORTS DAY

We will be holding sports day events on the following days in June during the afternoon:

Monday 26th : NAH, RAY, RLM

Tuesday 27th : 1CO, 1/2KT, 2HM

Wednesday 28th: 3CW, 3/4SK, 4DN

Thursday 29th: 5AG, 5/6NW, 6BP

This will be a great opportunity for children to take part in a number of events competing against other classes in their phase.





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YEAR 6 KEY DATES

Monday 26th June - Condover Parent meeting

Wednesday 5th July - Year 6 transition day (most secondary schools)

Thursday 6th July - Drayton Manor Park Trip

Wednesday 12th July - Year 6 production dress rehearsal (no parents)

Thursday 13th July - Year 6 production 10:00 and 2:00

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th July - Condover residential

Tuesday 18th July - Awards Assembly 9:00 (Parents to attend)

Tuesday 18th July - Year 6 Prom 4:00-6:00

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Benson Harker
RAY	Tommy Tabb
RLM	Isaiah Reid
1CO	Kyra Mason
1/2KT	Lucy Lu
2HM	Jamil Dana
3CW	Isabelle Esuruoso
3/4SK	Thomas Lynch
4DN	Holly Taylor
5AG	Serenity Simmonds
5/6NW	Reiss Warner
6BP	Kallie -Mae Turner

SAFEGUARDING

This week's focus is vaping amongst young children. The supply of disposable vapes has exploded in the last 18 months which includes non compliant versions being sold in shops within our local area. The child appealing design of the packaging and the fruity flavours have made vaping more appealing to children and we are hearing more and more of primary age children using these outside of school. What is more, the knock on effect of the popularity of vaping amongst children is that perpetrators of Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse are giving vapes to individuals as part of their grooming tactics. If you know of any local businesses selling vapes to underage children, please report this to the police so that this can be shared with the regional intelligence unit.



SPORTS STAR FRIDAY

Next week is National School Sports week. On Friday 23rd June, in support of the Youth Sports Trust, we will be supporting young people's love for sports and active play by taking part in Sports Star Friday! This is an opportunity to have fun, get dressed up as your favourite sports star and get active.



YOUTH
SPORT
TRUST



SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you are aware, school is purchasing a brand new jumper or cardigan for all of our **current** children and you should have now returned your letter indicating the size you require for your child. The only branded items of school uniform required for your child from September will be a school jumper, meaning parents will be able to buy most uniform items from a wide range of shops.

To ensure clarity, a new school uniform policy is in the process of being written for implementation in September 2023/24 where expectations around school uniform will be made explicitly clear to our new starters and all current parents. This will be shared with all parents prior to the end of the academic year so that you can ensure your child returns to school in September in the correct uniform, aligned to our high expectation of **Excellence in Everything.**



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All 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.nationalsafeschoolsafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer (illegally obtained) funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law. Involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities, such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially exposing them to contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their banks may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place additional strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, assuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a reinforced with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at www.moneymules.co.uk) has plenty of useful information and advice.

REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meet Our Expert

Rose Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private sector clients worldwide.



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