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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

It's the end of our first full week back of the Autumn term, and what a week it has been! On Monday morning we received notification that Ofsted would be visiting the school for 2 days to inspect Warren Farm. We welcomed this as an opportunity to work with Ofsted to demonstrate what we do on a daily basis at Warren Farm to ensure that your children receive **Excellence in Everything - achieving greatness that lasts a lifetime**. As always, children were a credit to the school and their parents/carers. Ofsted will now collate their findings into a report identifying what the school does well and areas for improvement which we will share in approximately 6 weeks time when Ofsted share their findings with us.

Over the next two weeks, we are inviting our parents and carers to meetings with their child's Phase Leader to share information and expectations for the coming year. We look forward to welcoming you into school to see the many changes that have taken place over the summer holidays as we continue to build strong links that will ensure your children achieve greatness that last a lifetime.

One of our four school priorities this year is to develop our curriculum beyond the academic: ensuring that we are developing well-educated and rounded children ready to take their place in the world, preparing our children for their adult lives, teaching them to understand how to engage with society and providing them with plentiful opportunities to do so. In this week's newsletter you will find information about the launch of our first Boys and Girls football teams demonstrating our commitment to equality of opportunity. There are lots of exciting developments planned for this year - watch this space - it's sure to create a real 'Buzz' around school and in the community!

During our staff training days at the start of term we spoke about the importance of our 3C's - Character, Culture and Consistency. Our 3C's are at the heart of everything we do as a team and encapsulate a phrase that we now use:

'Welcome to Warren Farm - This is the way we do things around here'

Your support is integral to what we do. Thank you!

Make it a great weekend

Mr Taylor

**INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT TO A GROUP
EFFORT-THAT IS WHAT MAKES A TEAM
WORK, A COMPANY WORK, A SOCIETY
WORK, A CIVILIZATION WORK.**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 18th September	Reception/Nursery Parent welcome meetings 9:00am
Tue 19th September	Year 1 and 2 Parent welcome meetings 9:00
20th-22nd September	Year 6 Whitemoor lakes residential
Wed 27th September	Year 3 and 4 Parent welcome meetings 9:00
Thur 28th September	Year 5 and 6 Parent welcome meetings 9:00am
Mon 2nd October	Black History Month launch
17th/18th October	Parents Evening all year groups 3:30pm -6:00pm
Fri 27th October	Halloween Disco Break up for Half term

COURAGE

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THE WARREN FARM TEAM

The launch of our new school logo and new uniform this September are an outward symbol of the exciting changes at Warren Farm. The logo was designed by the children and belongs to them - a logo of a new era rather than one that is defined by its past. Our school logo and branding will represent all of the **GREAT** things that Warren Farm will be known for as a progressive school in a modern age. A strong brand or uniform provides a sense of belonging for children and adults, enabling us to feel part of a team. As a team - staff, children, families and the community - we will provide *Excellence in Everything - Achieving greatness that lasts a lifetime.*



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ATTENDANCE

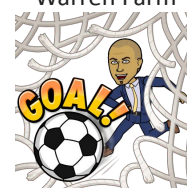
This year, we will be following the Fast Track to Attendance process in school. 'FAST-track to Attendance' is an Early Help approach to improving pupil attendance which also seeks to act quickly where there is unauthorised absence. At Warren Farm we want to ensure that all children and parents feel supported, and this approach is no different- this is a supportive measure! Where there is ongoing unauthorised absence, however, it is the school's duty to take legal action with the Local Authority Education Penalty Notice 'Code of Conduct' and the Leave in Term Time (Penalty Notice) process. This is a last resort for parents who do not engage with the school regarding attendance.

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RMH	92.5%
1CO	99.2%
1/2YG	94.8%
2HM	93.7%
3AB	95.7%
3/4SK	94.5%
4DN	91.7%
5AG	96%
5/6NW	94.5%
6BP	97.7%

SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

This year we are pleased to announce that we have entered both a Boys and Girls team into league and cup competitions. Miss Lewis, our new P.E coach, will be sending out letters for weekly training and team selection (Years 5 and 6). This is a further example of our intention to place Warren Farm firmly back on the map as we embrace **excellence** in sport alongside the academic elements of our already excellent curriculum offer.

Boys Team	Girls Team
<u>League</u> Christ the King Hollyfield Moor Hall New Hall Warren Farm Wylde Green	<u>League</u> St Nicholas Holy Cross Penns New Hall Warren Farm
<u>Cup Draw Round 1</u> Minworth vs Warren Farm	





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SAFEGUARDING

This week's focus for safeguarding is online safety. As a school we have a number of systems and processes that we use. Our filtering and monitoring system in school is called Smoothwall and this identifies any searches that may contain inappropriate information. A daily report is sent to the DSL's in school and they are able to identify the person that has initiated the search. Smoothwall is monitored externally at all times and helps us to ensure that the children are safe online. Children are taught online safety throughout the curriculum. They have specific lessons but also reminders throughout the curriculum regarding online safety. Encourage the children to always tell a trusted adult if they do not feel safe online and to never share passwords or important information.

SEND

Hello, it has been so nice to see our SEND children back in the building and beginning to settle back into the school routine.

A great place to find out what support Birmingham has to offer children with SEND and their families is the Local Offer website. The link can be found on our school website or by typing the web address from below.



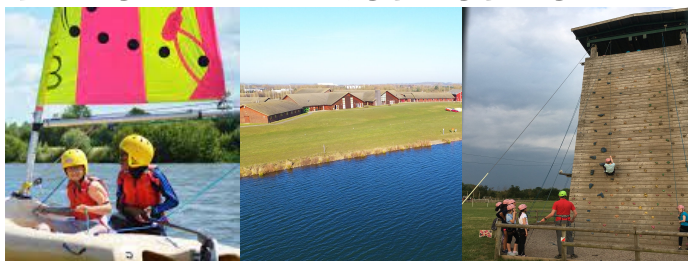
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

ROOTS TO FRUITS ALLOTMENT

Next week, the first group of children this academic year will continue our work with 'Roots to Fruits'. Throughout the year children in Key stage 1 will have the opportunity to visit our school allotment. This is a fantastic opportunity to support the children's learning in science and ensure an excellent personal development provision.



WHITEMOOR LAKES RESIDENTIAL



Next week, our Year 6 children will be attending their start of year residential. During the residential, children will learn that no matter the task ahead of them and how difficult it may seem, every member of a team makes a valuable contribution and perceived limitations can be stretched. This is a great opportunity for children to develop our school values of **Courage, Honesty, Integrity, Respect and Self Discipline.**

Over the next two weeks our phase leaders for EYFS, key stage 1, lower key stage 2 and upper key stage 2 will be holding parent meetings to share key information and expectations for the coming year. A collaborative approach between all stakeholders will ensure that we are working together to deliver **Excellence in Everything** so that your children can achieve greatness that lasts a lifetime. We look forward to seeing you all in school. We will also share the slides from the meetings electronically on Class Dojo for any parents unable to make the meeting.

PARENT MEETINGS



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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.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft: choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

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