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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

Welcome to our final newsletter of the half term. Summer seems like a distant memory, as together we hit the ground running - thanks to the hardwork and dedication of our teachers, children, parents and carers. At the start of last year and my appointment to Headteacher, I shared clearly defined plans of success for our children. Together we have achieved so much in such a short space of time which was externally validated by Ofsted with our GOOD judgement in all areas. This gives rigorous quality assurance to our daily commitment to **'Excellence in Everything'**. I wanted to say a big thank you as together we are building something very special at Warren Farm and creating a legacy for your children and future generations together.

Next half term, will see the launch of a range of extended curriculum opportunities to develop your child's cultural capital and increase creativity as we continue to drive our character education. Each half term, teachers and teaching assistants will deliver a block of 5 week - after school clubs designed to unleash the hidden potential in our children. The potential for greatness lies in each of us - it is our mission to find the key and unlock it for every child! This will also include specific parent workshops to help you gain a better understanding of the knowledge, skills and character that will support your children in **'achieving greatness that last a lifetime'**.

A final reminder that If your child is in Year 6 you should apply for their secondary school place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2023. Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2023 will be treated as late applications. Late applications are less likely to be offered a place to one of their preferred schools.

As always I wish our children, parents, carers, staff and community a relaxing half term break, ready to return refreshed on Monday 6th November for another term of **Excellence in Everything**.

Make it a great half term.

Mr Taylor

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 6th November	Return to school
Fri 10th November	Remembrance assembly 11:00
Mon 13th November	Anti-bullying week
13th November	Bikeability begins 3 weeks 5AG, 5/6NW and 6BP
Wed 14th November	Individual and sibling school photographs
Fri 15th December	Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-5:30pm
Tue 19th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity
Friday 22nd December	Break up for Christmas 1:00pm



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EARLY YEARS



We've come to the end of our first half term in Warren Farm together, and what a half term it's been! We've finished it off by inviting our parents into school to take part in a Pumpkin Carving workshop. Thank you to everyone who attended, we look forward to more events like this in the future! In addition to this, both Nursery and Reception have been exploring Halloween in their classrooms. They have been reading Room on the Broom, Pumpkin Soup, and Funny Bones, as well as designing their own pumpkin faces, painting ghosts, apple printing and writing potion recipes to support our Phase 2 phonic sounds. We wish everyone a happy and peaceful half term. Stay safe when enjoying fireworks and Trick-or-Treating this half term, and don't forget to send us your pictures to share with the class.

KEY STAGE 1

This week at Warren Farm, pupils have been getting ready to perform their class poem to the entire school. 1CO started the performance off with a 'BUZZ' by performing 'The Circle of Sun' by Rebecca Kai Dotlich, followed by 1/2YG performing 'Air' by Michael Rosen and 2HM performing 'Poetry' by Matt Goodfellow. All children shown 'excellence in everything' and their confidence really shown through. Over the half term please continue to read daily with your child and practice their timestables.



ATTENDANCE

As this half term comes to a close, we currently sit at a very respectable 94.4% for our whole school attendance. Although this is a good start, we want to make sure that next half term is even better as we constantly strive for 'Excellence in Everything' including attendance.

A reminder that children are encouraged to attend school when feeling 'under the weather' but if your child is too unwell to come to school, then you must ring in every day to inform school (unless they have sickness and diarrhoea whereby children must be off school for a 48 hour period).

Finally, to acknowledge excellent attendance, your child may come home with a postcard this evening. Please celebrate this achievement with your child and also give yourself a pat on the back for enabling such success.

NAH	94.1%
RMH	87.9%
1CO	90.5%
1/2YG	90.5%
2HM	98%
3AB	92.4%
3/4SK	91.7%
4DN	93.1%
5AG	95%
5/6NW	97.3%
6BP	96.7%

BOYS FOOTBALL

On Monday evening, our Boys football team eventually played their first league match of the season. It was highly anticipated following the postponement of our first two games of the season due to waterlogged pitches. Spirits were high and there was a real sense of excitement amongst the boys, coaches and parents. After a fiercely contested match the final score was Minworth 10-1 Warren Farm. There is lots of work to do but we are up for the challenge as we strive for 'Excellence in Everything'. As Warren Farm, '*We never lose, we either win or we learn*' (Nelson Mandela). We can't wait for our next challenge.





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SAFEGUARDING

This week's safeguarding focus is neglect. Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and the most common form of child abuse. There are 4 main types of neglect: physical, educational, emotional and medical. Neglect can be difficult to spot, having just one sign does not mean that the child is being neglected, however if you spot multiple signs over a period of time, there might be serious issues within the family. Some of the signs to look out for can include; poor appearance and hygiene, health and development issues, housing and family issues and changes in behaviour. The effects of neglect in a child can be long term and can range from mental health, physical health issues, being vulnerable in their own relationships and an increased chance of criminal activity. For more information contact [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

SEND

Pupil and School support are another external service that we work closely with in school. They work with educational settings to help pupils with cognition and learning difficulties, They also support other vulnerable groups progress and achieve to the best of their abilities.

Pupil and school support help schools to reduce barriers to learning and set aspirational targets to raise attainment levels.



CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Ethan Saul
RMH	Aima Luqman
1CO	Theo Simmonds
1/2YG	Isaiah Reid
2HM	Miley Karwan
3AB	Ayesha Kausar
3/4SK	Favour Ndikum
4DN	Ruben Liburd
5AG	James Boot
5/6NW	Maison Crofts
6BP	Liliana Tano

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

We have had a great week in English, focusing on performance poetry. Our poems have all related to one of our school values and have made the children think! It has been great to see their confidence grow when performing in front of the whole school. A huge well done to everyone that participated! Some children went to Stockland Green School on Thursday after school and participated in a Super 60 event to try and promote 60 active minutes.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

We've had a busy week in English this week as we have been writing our final pieces from our class texts. Year 6 have written a formal letter from perspective of Ella, the protagonist of Ella on the Outside, and Year 5, a chapter of 'Wonder' from the perspective of the villain, Julian. We have studied poems by Carl Nova - a poet inspired by rap artists - and Kate Wakeling - who is also a musicologist. In Science we learnt all about the phases of the moon to round off our 'Earth and Space' unit and in Art, we completed our final portraits, which look phenomenal! It's been an exciting half term and we look forward to continuing all the fun in Autumn 2!





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My child has developed so much since they started, I would definitely recommend this to another parent! Her confidence has increased so much.

This is the most successful school my child has been to.

The teaching staff are great and always super supportive of the children.

The teachers are doing a fantastic job with my Son, he is now happier to come to school and enjoys reading.

My child loves learning and staff support this love of learning and offer challenges to push her further.

We have been really happy with all the changes made and the opportunities that the children have been given at school.

**PARENT VOICE
SURVEY
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Staff are extremely supportive and approachable, we are very happy.

My children and I really enjoy the school and all the great changes that are happening here.

The school is going in a positive direction.

The school has worked hard to achieve the good OFSTED rating. Well done to all the staff for the improvement.

My child enjoys school and any problems that arise, I know I can approach the teacher and resolve them.

There's been great improvement in the school in the last year which as a parent, I am really pleased with. Well done to everyone involved.





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BEANIES AND CAPS

We can't wait to launch our brand new winter beanies and caps. The morning's are colder and the nights are becoming darker. These are the perfect way to keep warm on our journeys to and from school. Beanies and Caps can be purchased from the school office from Monday 6th November. We have a limited stock available initially of 50 items of each. As the saying goes 'Miss it - Miss out!'

Beanies £6 each
Caps £5 each



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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

FRIGHTENING THEMES

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

Due to FNaF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

IN-GAME SPENDING

FNaF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called 'Curse of Breadbear' (costing £8.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a result of FNaF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

PLAYING IN ISOLATION

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNaF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

TRY IT YOURSELF

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

LIMIT SPENDING

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Nights at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everyday essentials like schoolwork or sleep; irritability or a lack of concentration could also indicate that their gaming sessions are going on too long.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's wise to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be tense and unsettling, and that they should stop or take a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.

Meet Our Expert

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