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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

Welcome to another edition of our weekly newsletter where our staff team share how our children have been demonstrating **Excellence in Everything** across the school. Each week I open my newsletter with a message, giving rationale and insight into the developments across the school. Our Vision of **Excellence in Everything** embodies everything that we stand for as a school and sets the tone for our high expectations. We have these high expectations because we know and truly believe our children can meet them. **Excellence in Everything** also extends beyond our children into our families and the wider community. Your affiliation to the school makes you part of what is a very special group - the Warren Farm Team - a group that can meet these high standards together. Together we are creating a chemistry and cohesion that will drive continual improvement for our children ensuring that they achieve greatness that lasts a lifetime.

Over the last two weeks we have had visits from Headteachers and senior leaders from other schools in the locality and across the city. At the end of these visits I always ask our visitors to leave feedback in our school visitors book. The comments from our last two visitors capture what it means to be part of the journey of rapid improvement and **Excellence in Everything** at Warren Farm:

"Thank you for allowing me to visit your wonderful school. There is so much I will be taking back to my own school. The behavior of the children was exceptional and I can't wait to visit again".

"What an absolutely fantastic school! I would love for my daughter to come here. The staff and children were wonderful".

I'm sure you'll agree this is high accolade and testament to the hardwork and commitment of teachers, support staff and the Warren Farm team on a daily basis. **Excellence in Everything** will be the benchmark by which our children are recognised throughout their educational journey at Warren Farm and beyond. It really is a team effort.

Make it a great weekend

Mr Taylor

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fri 8th December	Rocksteady Concert 2:00pm
Fri 15th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15th December	Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-5:30pm
Mon 18th December	EYFS Cracking afternoon of Christmas crafts
Tue 19th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity
Wed 20th December	Christmas Dinner
Fri 22nd December	Break up for Christmas 1:00pm
Mon 8th January 2024	Children return to school

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EARLY YEARS



Christmas has truly arrived in Early Years! Both Reception classes have been busy elves in our Christmas Post Office Role Play area, as well as making snowflakes and Christmas stockings. Both Nursery and Reception have been practising our Nativity performance which we are so excited to show to you all! Please send any costumes in by **Thursday 14th December** at the latest in a bag that is clearly labelled with your child's name. If you are struggling to source costumes, please speak with your child's class teacher at your earlier convenience.

A reminder that our morning gate opens for Nursery at 8:30-8:40, and for Reception at 8:40-8:50. Please continue to form a single-file queue out of the gate when collecting children at the end of the day, as this makes it much easier and safer for the adults dismissing.

KEY STAGE 1

Thank you to everyone who came to our Design and Technology Parent Workshop. It was lovely to see so many parents engaging with the children's learning. Next Wednesday, we will be hosting the Key Stage 1 British Tea Party to support our learning in Geography topic of 'We Are Britain'. Please remember to send your child in with a bag of red, white and blue clothes to change into. This week, we have seen a slight decline in the children's punctuality. Please remember that school starts at 8.40 and doors close at 8.50. We look forward to a festive fortnight before Christmas.



ATTENDANCE

At Warren Farm, we follow the local authority Fast Track to Attendance process. 'FAST-track to Attendance' is the procedure that all schools in Birmingham follow where there are concerns about unacceptable levels of individual pupil absence. It is an 'Early Help' approach with the aim of supporting parents in improving pupil attendance. Where there is ongoing unauthorised absence and parents are not engaging with school regarding attendance, it is the school's duty to make a referral to the Local Authority Legal Intervention team and legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered.

Please be mindful that even when absence is authorised due to illness, this still impacts your child's overall attendance. If the authenticity of illness is in doubt, schools can request parents to provide medical evidence to support illness.

NAH	95.4%
RMH	89.2%
1CO	91%
1/2YG	93%
2HM	91.7%
3AB	95.7%
3/4SK	95.3%
4DN	95.2%
5AG	90%
5/6NW	93.3%
6BP	93.3%

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

At Warren Farm Primary - Christmas Jumper day will take place on **Friday 15th December**, a donation of £1 can be given and this will be going to the 'Save the children' charity. The charity does lots of good work with vulnerable children across the country, providing them food, shelter and support when needed. If you do not have a christmas jumper, you can wear non- school uniform as well. We look forward to seeing all the children in their festive fashion!





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SAFEGUARDING

This week as part of our annual training we looked at de-escalation strategies that can be used with challenging behaviour. There is always a cause for this behaviour and it's important that we talk to the child when they are calm to try and determine the reason behind this. Some of the strategies that were shared included; offering the child a choice so that they understand the consequences of their behaviour, ensuring that your body language shows that you are calm, do not tower over the child and stand sideways as you talk to the child. Use visual clues as sometimes these help to calm the situation rather than talking to an already irate child. Once the child is calm, talk to them about the situation regarding the behaviours and how it could be avoided next time.

SEND

International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3rd December
International Day of People with Disability is a day that acknowledges and celebrates the achievements of people with disabilities and educates others to understand and accept who they are.

This half term the children have been looking at Valuing differences as part of their PSHE topics.

We have discussed how we are all unique and this can include disabilities.

It is important to remember that that not all disabilities are visible and the hidden ones are just as important as the visible one.

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Hope Edwards
RMH	Reggie Willis
RLM	Micah Pemhenayi
1CO	Cristian Velcea
1/2YG	Harry Coley
2HM	Sophia Crasmariu
3AB	Megan Isibor
3/4SK	Dev Neliyadath
4DN	Maia Constandache
5AG	Faith Marcos
5/6NW	Archie Maddix
6BP	Skyla Stacey

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

This half term, Year 3 and 4 have been extremely lucky to have had so many extra curricular activities available to them. In Buddy Craft Club, alongside some Reception children, they have been busy making Christmas craft projects with Miss Kelly and Miss Hannigan. In Science Club, they have been looking at melting and freezing points as well as the science behind bubbles with Miss Birch. Finally, in Choir, the children have been busy practising Christmas Songs ready for the Christmas Fayre. There will be lots of extra curricular activities available throughout the year that will hopefully appeal to everyone!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2



It was another brilliant week for our Young Leaders in Year 5 this week as we focussed on camouflage and concealment. The children successfully completed a mission to build a shelter and keep a casualty safe. The children continue to develop their skills as leaders and team players and make us very proud each week. In Year 6, the F2D project team continue with their designs as we anticipate the arrival of the hoodies!

A reminder that this week the Scholastic Book Fair will be here (**Thursday 7th - Thursday 14th December**). Please bring along your children to browse the wide variety of new and exciting books available.

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MPCT LEADERSHIP DAY

This week, the Year 5 children took part in the MPCT Young Leaders 'Leadership Day'. The children were engrossed in a scenario based activity which meant they had to draw upon learnt skills in order to evade an imaginary enemy. They used camouflage cream, built shelters and were given several missions to complete, often under a time constraint.

Mr Davis spent some time asking the children what life skills they learnt by taking part in the leadership day. Here are just a few of the responses:

"We learnt to work as a team so that we could achieve things quickly without arguments." **Olivia Fisher**

"We learnt that you have to be disciplined when communicating with each other to solve problems quickly." **Leah Parkes**

"It is important to be self disciplined so you can stay calm in difficult situations." **Abdulateef Ayantola**

TERM DATES

Autumn term finishes
Friday 22nd December at 1:00pm

Spring Term 2024
 Starts: Monday 8th January 2024
 Finishes: Friday 22nd March 2024
 Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term 2024
 Starts: Monday 8th April 2024
 Finishes: Friday 19th July 2024
 Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Summer Holiday 2024 commences Monday 22nd July 2023

Training Days 2024

Friday 9th February 2024
 Friday 3rd May 2024
 Friday 28th June 2024

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WORKSHOP
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ALLOWED!!!



A WORKSHOP DEDICATED TO HELPING KIDS GIVE PRESENTS TO LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS!



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NHS

9 out of 10

unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations



NHS

102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England in September were at risk of catching measles. NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this year's statistics showed that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception were not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit [NHS vaccination schedule](#)

Useful links



Social Media Handles

NHS UK
 Facebook account: @NHSWebsite
 Twitter account: @NHSuk
 Instagram account: @NHS

NHS England
 Facebook account: @NHSEngland
 Twitter account: @nhsengland
 Instagram account: @nhsengland

Department of Health and Social Care
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UK Health Security Agency
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 Twitter account: @UKHSA

Weblinks

[NHS vaccination schedule](#)
[Quarterly Childhood Vaccination Coverage – 2020/21 \(Source: Gov.uk\)](#)
[MMR Shared Learning, Inequalities & Innovation - Vaccinations and Screening - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)



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