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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

There can be only one way to open our newsletter this week and that is with a huge **THANK YOU** for the support of our children, families and community who attended our Christmas Fayre on Friday. Over the last few weeks, I promised an event that would prove to be bigger and better than the success of last year and we didn't disappoint. A variety of Christmas stalls, games, festive treats and of course a visit from the big man himself - Santa- ensured that this was an event to remember, demonstrating *'Excellence in Everything'* at every opportunity.

Of course events such as this don't happen overnight. We must also say a big thank you to the Warren Farm staff team who organised and facilitated this event, providing festive cheer at every opportunity. A special mention to a member of our support staff - Miss Hannigan - who has been the driving force behind the fantastic festive fun that took place - there is no doubt that she will be on Santa's 'Good' list this year!

Events such as this remind us of the importance of community cohesion in creating a sense of belonging across our school. This is something that I am immensely proud of. This could not have been achieved in such a short space of time without the unwavering support of our staff, children, families and the wider community.

As we prepare for our final week of the year, we are still full steam ahead with Christmas Carols, a 'Cracking afternoon of Christmas crafts' in EYFS, our Nursery and Reception Nativity, Christmas Dinner and class Christmas parties before breaking up for a well earned rest on Friday 22nd December at 1:00pm.

This is a great opportunity to finish the year with a bang. Although it may feel like the the 'finish line' for 2023 is in touching distance, we must give it our all until our children and staff reach their very well deserved Christmas break. Results happen over time, not overnight. By working hard together, staying consistent - together - and being patient - together we are continually demonstrating what *Excellence in Everything* is and means to the staff, children, families and wider community of Warren Farm.

Make it a great weekend

Mr Taylor

**In a world where you
can be anything
be kind !**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fri 15th December	Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-5:30pm
Mon 18th December	EYFS Cracking afternoon of Christmas crafts
Mon 18th December	Class Christmas Carols (Videos posted to Dojo)
Tue 19th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity
Wed 20th December	Christmas Dinner
Thur 21st December	Class Christmas Parties Party clothes all day
Fri 22nd December	Break up for Christmas 1:00pm
Mon 8th January 2024	Children return to school

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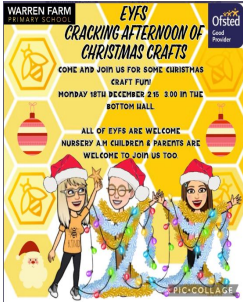
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EARLY YEARS



We have really enjoyed a very Christmassy week down in Early Years! Reception have written letters to Santa where they have been able to apply all of their phonic knowledge from the year so far. Both nursery and reception have been very busy with rehearsals for our nativity, Barmy Bethlehem, which we are so excited to show you next week! Please make sure any remaining costumes are in school by Monday, and are clearly labelled with your child's name. There will be two performances; 9:30 and 2:15. Please let your child's class teacher know which performances you would like to attend. We are also excited to invite you to our Christmas Crafternoon next Monday afternoon, where you will have the chance to make Christmas cards, stained glass window decorations and Christmas hangers.

KEY STAGE 1



As we approach Christmas the weeks have really started to get busy! Firstly, Year 1 have been learning all about how they can help birds in their garden at this time of year. They identified different bird songs and were surprised that owls don't just twit-twoo! KS1 celebrated British delicacies at their 'British Tea Party'. The children had the opportunity to try scones, welsh cakes, shortbread and English tea. Afterwards they completed a quiz and were all able to successfully recall facts about United Kingdom.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance facts

- Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child receives a full time education.
- Parents can be issued with Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly- this includes taking children out of school on holiday, and excess 'lates'.
- The Local Authority has the power to prosecute parents in the Magistrates Court for the offence of failing to ensure their child attends school regularly.
- If your child arrives after 9:30 am, we are required to mark them as having unauthorised absence for the whole morning. This negatively impacts attendance.

NAH	89%
RMH	84.6%
RLM	95.1%
1CO	93.5%
1/2YG	93%
2HM	93.3%
3AB	95.3%
3/4SK	94%
4DN	95.2%
5AG	91.1%
5/6NW	95.9%
6BP	89.6%

EYFS CRACKING CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

We have a fantastic afternoon of festive craft activities planned for parents/carers of our Nursery and Reception children on Monday 18th December from 2:15pm - 3:00pm.

Mrs Hicklin and her EYFS team are inviting parents/carers to join them in a 'Cracking afternoon of Christmas Crafts'

We look forward to seeing you all to join in the festive fun





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SAFEGUARDING

This week, I would like to remind parents of the importance of monitoring children online. Talk to your child about the dangers they face online - be honest and open with them. Ensure that they have the correct privacy settings on their devices and that you have a parental controls over them. The children need to understand that the person they could deem to be a friend could in fact be a complete stranger. Online abuse takes many forms which include; bullying, blackmailing and general trolling. The children should be reminded that social media apps have age restrictions and these are placed on them to keep children safe. Encourage your child to report to an adult if they feel uncomfortable with anything that they read or access on online. For more information please visit [nspcc](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

ATTENDANCE REWARD

In September, we outlined what the rewards would be for excellent attendance throughout the year. As this term draws to a close, we would like to acknowledge exceptional attendance by randomly drawing 4 parents names and 4 childrens names from a hat of all the 100% families. The parents and children will be contacted next week to collect either a £20 One4All voucher for parents or a £15 WHSmiths voucher for children. Good luck to all!

SEND

This week Miss Gosling will share with you the role of the Communication and Autism Team (CAT). The Communication and Autism Team provide support to children and young people, parents, carers, schools and academies in Birmingham. They are a team of specialist staff who work closely with settings to develop good autism practice through utilising the Autism Education Trust (AET) framework. This ongoing support and advice, to settings, ensures that autistic children and young people can access learning and develop life skills that will enable them to fulfil their educational, social and employment potential. As a parent if you have any enquiries, you can contact the CAT via this email [Link](#)

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On **Thursday 21st December** we will be having our christmas parties. The children can come to school dressed in their party clothes, however please ensure they have sensible footwear and a coat as they will have playtime as normal. Each child needs to bring in a plate/box of food that they would like to eat at the party, please ensure this does not contain nuts. We look forward to celebrating the festive period with the children.

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

It has been another busy week in the run up to the end of the half term. This week Bishop Vesey Grammar School came in to work with 3/4SK and 4DN again to deliver a practical first aid session. The children were introduced to CPR and learnt all about when we would perform CPR, what to do in a scenario and how to perform it. Everyone had the opportunity to practice on a dummy and thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst demonstrating Excellence in Everything



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

This week was the last of the Young Leaders programme before the Christmas period. This final session enabled Year 5 pupils to consolidate everything that they have learnt over the last 6 weeks in terms of leadership, teamwork, character development, values and of course, lots of new fun games!

Year 6 received their brand-new F2D hoodies and were extremely proud of their creations! Can I just remind you that these hoodies are to be worn only on **Fridays** as part of our school uniform. We look forward to the final week of term before breaking up for Christmas next week.





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WALK TO SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

We are pleased to announce that every class now has a WOW Walk to School Ambassador. WOW Ambassador is an important role for a pupil to take on as it supports the delivery of Travel Tracker at Warren Farm. Their key role is to champion all things WOW in their class and across school, encouraging pupils to walk or travel actively to school. Please continue to encourage your child to walk to school, or park further away and park and stride. Below is a selection of our Ambassadors wearing their badges with pride!



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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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 nationalonline-safety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Get down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Felther.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition.

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Give into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Nicola Khawar designs and delivers the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support for education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and skills to shape their settings into inclusive workplaces where the mental health of pupils and staff is prioritised.



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