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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

Well here we are, at the end of what has been a truly excellent year at Warren Farm. Darker and colder evenings have replaced the blue skies and warm weather of the summer of 2023, however the fire that we have 'lit' at Warren Farm has continued to burn brightly until the last day of term.

This final week has been packed full of learning and festive fun until the very end. With Christmas crafts, Carol concerts, Nativity performances, Carol singing in the community and our Christmas dinner. Children, staff and parents have worked tirelessly to ensure that **Excellence in Everything** runs through the heart of Warren Farm and a very well deserved rest is finally upon us all.

Christmas is often a time of reflection. Before looking ahead to the new year, which promises to be another year of **Excellence in Everything** with lots of new and exciting developments due for 2024 and beyond, I would ask you to reflect on the accomplishments that we have made together as a team in 2023. This has seen us consistently take the tiny steps leading to a mighty leap, taking us back to September 2022 when I spoke of our 1% and the aggregation of marginal gains - getting that little bit better in everything we do everyday! The first milestone in our journey together as a team was to turn the school around from Requires Improvement to Good - ensuring that our children receive excellent teaching, everyday. As we look ahead to 2024, the next step on our journey is how, through **Excellence in Everything**, we transform from Good to Great - creating a legacy for our school, children, families and community.

In closing, I would like to send you all warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year ahead.

Make it a great one

Mr Taylor

*Coming together is a beginning,
staying together is progress,
and working together is success.*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 8th January 2024	Children return to school
Wed 10th January	Sats Workshop
Fri 12th January	Swimmings starts 1/2YG, 3/4SK and 5AG
Tues 23rd January	1/2YG School trip to Warwick Castle
Tues 6th February	Parents Evening
Wed 7th February	Parents Evening
Thurs 8th February	Finish for Half Term
Fri 9th February	School Closed Training Day

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EARLY YEARS



We've been so festive and busy in Early Years this week. We started the week by performing Christmas Carols to the rest of the school which really put us in the Christmas spirit. Our Christmas craft afternoon was very successful, thank you to everyone who attended. Nursery and Reception performed beautifully in their nativity performance and made all of their teachers very proud! Finally we've had so much fun in our Christmas parties. Please remember to return water bottles in January as well as reading books. In PE next term, children will need full P.E Kit with pumps for gymnastics. Merry Christmas and a happy new year everyone!



KEY STAGE 1

KS1 started their last week in 2023 with a Christmas carol performance to the whole school. As always the children shown '*excellence in everything*'. Next term 1/2YG will be swimming every Friday and 2HM will be attending the school attoments. Please keep a lookout on class dojo to find out more information.

On Thursday the children came dressed in their party clothes and had a fantastic time dancing to Christmas music and having fun. This week KS1 attendance has dropped quite considerably. Please take this opportunity to rest and regain energy for the new year. We wish you a merry christmas and a happy new year!



ATTENDANCE

As this term draws to a close and children leave to enjoy their hard-earned Christmas break, I would like to extend a huge thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring that children are in school every day where possible. Our attendance percentage has increased by 2.5% from this time last year, which seems like a small gain but to contextualise it, this equates to every single child in school receiving an extra 2 days education this term. This is the great start on the journey to excellence in attendance.

In January, we are taking the first 4 weeks to kick-start attendance again. If we exceed our aspirational 96% attendance target over a 4 week period (8th January- 2nd February), all children will be invited to watch a film in the school hall. Look out for more information on this in January via ClassDojo.

NAH	90%
RMH	90%
RLM	94.3%
1CO	87.9%
1/2YG	87.9%
2HM	94.3%
3AB	91.1%
3/4SK	91.5%
4DN	99.3%
5AG	91%
5/6NW	93.3%
6BP	90%

TERM DATES

2024

→ **Spring term 2024 starts**
Monday 8th January 2024 ←

Spring Term 2024

Starts: Monday 8th January 2024
Finishes: Friday 22nd March 2024 AT 13:00
Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term 2024

Starts: Monday 8th April 2024
Finishes: Friday 19th July 2024 AT 13:00
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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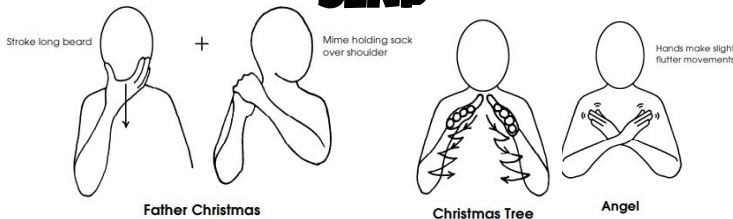
As 2023 comes to an end, we reflect on things that are most important to us and the memories we have made. This time of year can be difficult for many people, as not everyone is surrounded by friends and families to celebrate with. Within this festive period, I urge you to check on those around you, it could be a neighbour who just wants someone to talk to, it could be friend who is finding life hard to navigate or a family member who might just need some extra help. Kindness goes a long way and sometimes you just need someone to ask if you are okay. For those families that may need help please contact:

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SEND



It has been lovely to see so many of the children doing Makaton while we have been learning Christmas Songs. Here are a few you can practice at home. Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Clark Simmons
RMH	Asiya Abukar
RLM	Remmi Halford
1CO	Elsie Partridge
1/2YG	Olivia-Mae Collins
2HM	Pranamyia
3AB	Charlie Brown
3/4SK	Tamiah Simmonds
4DN	Alayna Butt
5AG	Dhansiga Gunaseelan
5/6NW	Ellie-Mai Simpson
6BP	Melinda Lindholm

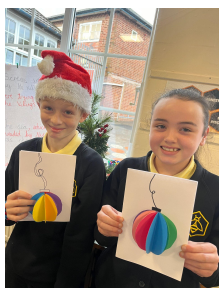
LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Year 3 and Year 4 have had a fantastic last week before Christmas filled with lots of learning as well as festive creations. This week we have all made our monsters for DT using boxes. Every monster has a pneumatic mechanism to open and close the mouth. It's been great to see the children's creativity shine through on this independent project. We have also been busy creating lots of festive craft projects. The LKS2 team would like to take this opportunity to thank the adults at home for their support this term with workshops and stay and read. Enjoy the time over the holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

As always, the final week before Christmas has been a busy, fun-filled one! The children in Year 5 and 6 began the week by performing their Christmas Carols to the rest of the school during our spectacular Carol Concert - Year 5 even learnt Makaton to go along with their singing! All of the children have been enjoying making Christmas cards and calendars (which have been inspired by artwork produced by Frida Kahlo) and are looking forward to celebrating Christmas in the holidays. I would like to wish you happy holidays and thank you for all of your support this term. We can't wait to welcome the children back in the new year.





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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 nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a Playstation before it's even unwrapped. At my.accounts.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

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