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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

It's been another exciting week at Warren Farm full of collaboration and community cohesion as we continue to deliver our vision of **Excellence in Everything** on a daily basis. On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we welcomed parents and carers into school for our first Parents' evening of the academic year. Your collaboration and support are invaluable to us, and we appreciate your commitment to your child's education and **Excellence in Everything**. It was a pleasure to discuss your child's progress in their new classes since our return in September alongside sharing our goals and expectations for the year ahead.

Once again children and parents have demonstrated their commitment to excellent attendance through **'No Days Off'** which saw us achieve the best daily attendance since I was appointed Headteacher at Warren Farm. This week you have demonstrated that good attendance is a habit. Recently Mr Davis, our 'Senior Attendance Champion' and Assistant Headteacher was joined by Wayne Harris from Inclusive Attendance Ltd for a whole school attendance audit. Impact of collective responsibility was clear to see with Wayne commenting that *"Children at this school take ownership of their attendance and truly understand its importance. The child-centered approach, outstanding environment, and support-first mindset = incredible!"*. We would also like to extend our thanks to those who participated in our Parent Attendance Workshop on Friday. Your engagement is integral in helping us foster a stronger school community - the power of working together for the benefit of our students should never be underestimated!

Finally, a brief reminder that next week is the final week of this half term before our 2 week half term break. To celebrate Halloween, on Friday children are invited to dress in Halloween costumes and join us for a spooktacular day filled with fun, Halloween activities and a Halloween disco for a donation of £2 per child. We look forward to seeing everyone in their creative costumes!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. **Excellence in Everything** really is a team effort and we couldn't do it without you

Make it a great weekend

Mr Taylor

*ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH!*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thur 17th October	Year 6 visit to Birmingham Central Mosque
Fri 18th October	Halloween Disco Break up for Half Term
Mon 4th November	All children return to school
Wed 6th November	Lower Key Stage 2 Ancient Egypt Workshop
Thurs 7th November	National Memorial Arboretum Student Navigators
Tue 12th November	Individual and Sibling School Photographs
Fri 15th November	Children in Need
Mon 18th November	Nasal Flu Immunisation Reception to Year 6

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EARLY YEARS



We've been so busy with our Autumn exploring this week in Early Years. Both Reception and Nursery have had a fabulous time using natural ingredients in our outdoor mud kitchen to make mud pies, mud pizzas and mud soup! We have also been comparing mass using balancing scales. Nursery have continued to explore Black History Month through the music of Bob Marley, Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder. We look forward to inviting parents and carers into school for our pumpkin carving workshops next week - please check your Class Dojo pages for further information.



KEY STAGE 1

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents' Evening this week. It was wonderful to discuss your child's progress and achievements, and we appreciate your continued support. Next week will be our final week before we break up for half-term, and we have plenty of exciting things to reflect on! In History, the children have been learning about their families and heritage. They did a fantastic job completing their very own family trees, showing great enthusiasm for learning about the past. We were also thrilled to have a special visit this week as the children took part in an engaging African workshop. They enjoyed learning about African culture through music, dance, and storytelling – it was an enriching experience for all.



ATTENDANCE

We are delighted to announce that our whole school attendance this half term has been exceptional! The commitment shown by our children, parents and staff to ensure that pupils are **in school, on time, every day** is truly impressive, and we are so proud of the effort being made by everyone in the Warren Farm community.

To recognise this success and show our appreciation, we are excited to share that if this fantastic level of attendance continues, we are planning a special **in-school experience** for all the children! This will be, our way of thanking them for their hard work and dedication in making sure they are present and ready to learn each day.

Let's keep up this brilliant momentum and continue to make every day count!

On Friday, we had our second Attendance workshop for parents. It is extremely important that attendance is a collaborative process and I would like to thank the parents who came and gave their thoughts and opinions. The workshops give us a chance to provide further support to ensure that all our families understand the expectations around attendance. This is invaluable to us as a school moving forward.

HALLOWEEN DISCO



On **Friday 18th of October** we will be inviting children to come to school dressed in Halloween costumes and clothing. This will be a non-school uniform day. During the afternoon each phase will have a time allocated for their Halloween disco in the main school hall. Please bring a donation of £2 for fancy dress and each child will receive a tasty halloween treat.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



On Thursday 10th October we celebrated World Mental health day. The children wore an array of yellow clothes to celebrate and raise awareness of this special day. It is important to teach children to recognise changes in their mental health and strategies that can be used to navigate this.





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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding this week is about how to support your child with their mental health. Some signs that signify a change in a child's mood can include isolation, lashing out and changes in sleeping and eating habits. Sometimes, parents feel like their child's mental health problem is their fault. Or they want to know exactly why their child is struggling. This is understandable, but the most important thing is to reassure your child and not judge them for how they're feeling. Encourage your child to talk about how they are feeling and what has caused this. Recognise that their feelings are valid without judgement. Refer your child to the GP to get expert medical advice to support them in the correct way.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

This week we are hosting a SEND parent workshop on Tuesday 15th October at 9:00. The purpose of the workshop is to look at our SEND Information report and the Birmingham Local Offer. The workshop is a chance to see the support that is already available in Birmingham and how to access this. External professionals will also be in attendance at the workshop and this gives you the opportunity to meet them and ask any questions that you may have. The contribution of parents is important to us at Warren Farm and supports the collaborative approach we like to take in all aspects of school life.

There will be refreshments available so come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Melody Banks
RMH	Hope Edwards
RYG	Juwairiyah Abdullah
1CO	Uriel Chikwenda
1/2HM	Freya-Rose
2DN	Kyle Chen
3AB	Ethan Nkomo
3/4LM	Omar Qteishat
4SK	Evie Bradford
5AS	Lorenzo Lawrence
5/6NW	Clarice Foster
6BP	Alicia Humphreys

LOWER KEY STAGE 2



This week we have had the opportunity to be involved in an African Dance workshop where the children joined in with traditional African dances and sang African native songs. We have continued our Black History Month celebrations by researching different famous people and presenting our findings.

A huge well done to 3AB who had 'No Days Off' on Monday and Tuesday this week! Please keep encouraging your child to attend school even if they feel slightly under the weather!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2



Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended our recent Parents' Evening! It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's progress. 5/6NW parents, I look forward to meeting you next week on Tuesday or Wednesday. We're also delighted to report a significant improvement in attendance this term, which has greatly enhanced our students' learning experiences. Your support in making this happen is truly appreciated! Finally, I would like you to join me in wishing a very happy birthday to Ms. Purcell, who is celebrating a milestone birthday this weekend! Her hard work and dedication continue to inspire both students and staff alike. We hope you have a fantastic celebration, Ms. Purcell!





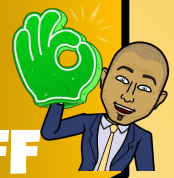
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RMH
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WARREN FARM
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HARVEST Festival

We will be accepting
donations of tinned,
packaged, in date
foods.

ANY DONATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE
GIVEN TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS TO
SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY.

Please bring any donations to
your class teacher by Wednesday
16th October 2024.



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children at a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the importance of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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