



NEWSLETTER

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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

It's October already! This time of year always brings some firm favourites to Warren Farm including our Early Years pumpkin carving workshops and our Halloween Disco on **Thursday 15th October**. Children are invited to come to school in their Halloween costumes that day, as we look forward to our annual halloween Disco which takes place during the school day.

This week, saw our the first Trust Board meeting of the academic year. Our Trustees play an important role in the life of Warren Farm, providing both support and challenge to school leaders and helping ensure that we remain ambitious for every child. During the meeting, the Senior Leadership Team shared areas of strength alongside the priorities we are continuing to develop this year. As we always say , **Excellence in Everything** does not mean believing everything is perfect - it means continually asking how we can make things even better.

Next week also sees our Parents' evenings. As you know through communications on Dojo, for the first Parents' evening of this academic year there will be a real focus on Character development and our Character Waypoints. We know that children's character isn't developed by school alone . Strong links between home and school help children to understand that qualities such as Attitude, Motivation, Ownership, Communication and Preparation matter wherever they are. We look forward to sharing this work with families and strengthening that partnership even further.

From next week, we will be asking for donations as we approach Harvest celebrations. We would be grateful of donations of non-perishable items such as tins, packets, pasta, rice, cereal and toiletries. Due to allergies, we kindly ask that no items containing nuts are brought into school. Harvest is always a great opportunity to demonstrate the strength of the Warren Farm community where every donation, however small, helps.

Finally, another huge well done on attendance. We continue to see really positive improvements and we want to keep that momentum going. Every day in school matters, providing children the opportunity to belong, achieve and thrive.

Make it a great weekend

Mr Taylor

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<i>Wk Beg: 5th October</i>	<i>Harvest Week - donations of food to be brought into school</i>
<i>6th and 7th October</i>	<i>Parents' Evening 3:30pm - 6:00pm</i>
<i>Mon 12th October</i>	<i>EYFS Pumpkin Carving 2:00pm-3:00pm</i>
<i>Tue 13th October</i>	<i>Year 4 Multiplication check parent meeting - 9:00</i>
<i>Wed 14th October</i>	<i>Open day for new Reception 2027 - 4:00pm</i>
<i>Thurs 15th October</i>	<i>Halloween Disco - non-uniform day</i>
<i>Fri 16th October</i>	<i>School finishes for October half term (2 weeks)</i>

**"Hard work
beats talent
when talent
doesn't work
hard."**

Tim Notke



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WAYPOINTS OF THE HALF TERM



COMMUNICATION



LEADERSHIP

This week, our Character Curriculum moves on to **Leadership**. At Warren Farm, we want children to understand that leadership isn't about having a badge, a title or being the loudest person in the room. **Anyone can lead.**

Across school, children will explore leadership at different levels. Our younger children will learn that **leaders take responsibility** and help their group achieve something. As children progress, they will discover how they can **show leadership without being chosen as the leader**. Our oldest children will take this even further, learning that great leadership isn't about doing everything yourself. **It's about creating opportunities for others to step up, take responsibility and lead too.**

We want our children to recognise those everyday moments when they can make a difference: **take responsibility, support others and help move the team forward**

ATTENDANCE

Protecting our brilliant start

September has been a fantastic month for attendance at Warren Farm, and we want to say a huge **thank you** to our families for getting behind us. As we move into October and the weather begins to change, this is where good attendance habits really matter. Coughs, colds and tired mornings are inevitable over the coming months, but whenever children are well enough to be in school, **being here keeps the habit strong**. Every day in school means another day of learning, friendships, routines and opportunities. If you're ever unsure whether your child is well enough for school, **send them in**. We'll always keep an eye on them and contact you if they become too unwell to stay.

We've made a brilliant start. **Let's protect it.** 🍊

Attendance at Warren Farm: it's becoming the new norm.

CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

NAH	N/A
RMH	Penelope Etheridge
RAY	Armaan Ullah
1HB	Zain Karwan
1/2CP	Hallie Maddix
2AB	Amelia Crasmariu
3AS	Shutti Hibbatullah
3/4LM	Remmi Halford
4DN	Omorinsola Okunola
5LM	Ameen Asam
5/6NW	Hannah Smith
6BP	Evie-Mae Elston

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum and the opportunities we offer in school. Some examples include:

Our assemblies which are delivered to all children from EYFS to Y6

- Online Safety days with age-appropriate workshops and online discussions within the computing lessons
- Involvement in Anti-Bullying Week and Mental Health Awareness Week
- Computing lessons that promote online safety
- Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) lessons
- Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE) lessons
- Our character education





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PARENTS' EVENING

This year, our first Parents' Evening is going to look a little different.

On **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October**, we won't be talking about test scores, academic attainment or how children are performing in individual subjects. There will be plenty of opportunities throughout the year for us to share and discuss academic progress.

This Parents' Evening is about something else: your child and the person they are becoming.

At Warren Farm, we believe that education is about far more than what children know. We want our children to leave us able to **communicate, lead, empathise, adapt, solve problems, work hard, show a positive attitude and take ownership** of their choices.

These are the qualities we develop through our **Waypoints**, and we believe that parents and carers have a hugely important part to play in that journey.

Interestingly, research from the **Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues** has found that when parents were asked to choose between academic attainment and the development of good character, character was prioritised. Yet teachers often assumed parents would prioritise attainment.

Perhaps we have more in common than we sometimes realise. So, rather than having a data sheet or exercise book between us, we want this Parents' Evening to create space for a proper conversation.

What do we notice about your child? What do you see at home? Where are they flourishing? Which of our Waypoints are becoming real strengths? Where might they need some help to grow? And, most importantly, what can school and home do together to support them?

Academic success matters enormously to us and it always will. But our job is bigger than helping children pass tests. We want them to become young people who can communicate with confidence, show empathy towards others, lead when needed, adapt when things become difficult, take responsibility when things go wrong and work hard even when nobody's watching.

That is why this Parents' Evening will be different.

SCHOOL × HOME × CHILD

Because sometimes the most important conversation we can have isn't simply about what a child can do.....**It's about who they are becoming.**



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