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Newsletter September 2023



Welcome Back!

It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back to Warmsworth Primary School and meet so many of our children new to our school in F1 (Nursery), F2 (Reception) and throughout school. Once again, we have been so impressed by how all children have settled into school.

I am so pleased to see how eager our children are to come to school, all waiting with smiles at the gates. However, please be aware that the front school gates do not open until 8:40am for the reasons of safeguarding - please aim to arrive between 8.40am and 8.50am when the classroom doors open, rather than arriving early, as congestion on the pavements in front of the school can cause a hazard to other pedestrians and road users.

School Spider App



Please could I remind all parents that all communication from school is provided through the School Spider App. This includes diary dates for the full year on the school calendar as they are added, newsletters, knowledge organisers, notifications of parent sessions in school, school visits and visitors and class updates on the class blogs.

In order for you to receive our school communications, you need to ensure you have provided us with your current email address (or email addresses if you wish another parent/carer or grandparents to have access to the school app too) and download the School Spider App.

If you have changed your email address, or wish to check which one you have provided, please see one of our office members so they can change it or check it for you. You may provide more than one email address so all parents / carers receive our communications via the app.

If you are new to our school, or haven't already downloaded the School Spider App, please do so as it is directly linked to our school website - this will make sure you have

all the latest updates and information. The School Spider App is available on both Apple and Android devices.

Our school website, which can be found at <https://www.warmsworth.doncaster.sch.uk/>, is full of information and is regularly updated. If you have any questions, many of the answers may be found on there and the search option in the top right hand corner is very useful for looking for keywords eg. uniform, PE days etc.

Staffing Update

This September, we have welcomed several new members of staff to the team: Mrs Midgley has eagerly taken up her post as a Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) teacher. Mrs McBride has returned to school in her new post as year 2 teacher with Miss Nithsdale (our Deputy Headteacher) and we have also welcomed Miss Ogden, Miss Kellie and Miss Newsome to the school support team.

Keeping in touch

You will soon be receiving your child's emergency contact form to complete or check - these letters will be handed directly to your child and may be found in their book bags or school bags. Please make sure the emergency contact is completed or updated and returned to school, as soon as possible.

Safeguarding guidance recommends that schools hold up to **3 emergency phone numbers for different adults**. The guidance also recommends that schools should take immediate action when contact cannot be made with a parent on the first day of a child's absence, so please help us by phoning in as soon as possible to inform us of your child's absence.

Please ensure you add an email address to the contact form, if we do not currently have one. If you would like other adults to receive notifications on the School Spider App etc, please add their email addresses to the form too.

We appreciate that some of you may not be able to speak to the class teachers at the start of the day. Should you need to speak to the class teacher, please contact school and they will ring you back as soon as possible. Should you need to speak to anyone further, please contact Mrs Sharp (Foundation Stage One and Two) or Miss Nithsdale (Key Stage One) and Mr Anderson (Key Stage Two). Please note that the school office is only open from 8.30am and 4.30pm (8.30am to 4pm on a Friday), and we are unable to take calls outside of these hours, but you may leave a message on the answering machine at any time.

Parent Sessions and Parent Progress Meetings

We will be inviting all parents/carers to come and speak with the teacher at Progress Meetings about your child on Monday 9th October and Tuesday 10th October. This will give you the opportunity to formally discuss how your child has settled into school etc. We have also continued to plan an opportunity each half term for parents / carers to work alongside your child(ren) during the school day. Dates will be available on the school website shortly!

Please click the link below to view our latest Code of Conduct for Parents on our school website - thank you.

[https://www.warmsworth.doncaster.sch.uk/uploads/620/files/parent-code-of-conduct-february-2020\(1\).pdf](https://www.warmsworth.doncaster.sch.uk/uploads/620/files/parent-code-of-conduct-february-2020(1).pdf)

School Improvements over the summer holidays

Over the summer holidays, we have continued to improve our school building and environment for our children. The carpets in classrooms and the school library have been replaced. We are very proud of our school environment and the care our children show towards it.

School Improvement Priorities

School priorities are determined with regard to the following: outcomes of the school's rigorous self-evaluation systems, government/LA initiatives, data analysis, consulting with children and parents, both formally and informally and embedding successful school initiatives which warrant further development.

Our key priorities identified for improvement over this coming school year are:

Quality of Education

- To further improve reading outcomes at KS1 and KS2.
- To further improve writing outcomes at KS1 and KS2.
- To further improve maths outcomes throughout school.

Behaviour and Attitudes

- To further improve attendance for those children identified as persistent absentees.

Personal Development

- To provide further opportunities for children to influence aspects of school life.

Leadership and Management

- To further increase the proportion of outstanding learning and teaching in our school.

Early Years Education

- To ensure all children across the foundation stage make good or better progress from their starting points in maths.
- To further improve outdoor provision to support learning across all areas of development.

Healthy Learning Healthy Lives

Please could we remind everyone that as part of our commitment to our 'Healthy Learning, Healthy Lives' accreditation, we do not hand out sweet treats or gifts brought into school by children when it is their birthday etc. However, if parents and their children wish to hand out these gifts to parents and their children at the end of the school day, then you may do so.

School Council Elections

Elections are currently taking place for our school councils: Sports Council, Enterprise Council, Eco Council and Reading Ambassadors. I will share the names of those who are successfully elected in my next newsletter.

Uniform

Thank you for sending the children back to school in the correct uniform - especially **black** footwear; they all look so smart. Children may come to school wearing a watch (but this must not be a smart watch with any recording or calling capacity) and one pair of stud earrings (although these must not be worn on PE days). Children must not wear make-up, nail varnish or other jewellery items.

Attendance & Punctuality

This year we are continuing to aim for our target of 97% and this is reflecting in attendance being one of our target priorities.

Please read the attached letter - regarding unauthorised leave and irregular attendance at school. Headteachers cannot grant leave of absence during term-time, unless there are exceptional circumstances, which are listed on the absence from school letter. **Please note being self-employed is not regarded as 'exceptional circumstances'.**

As a Local Authority maintained school, we follow Doncaster LA Attendance policies and guidelines. As part of these processes, we are required to send a letter to parents if their child's attendance falls below **95%**.

If your child is absent for **10%** or more of school sessions, and their attendance falls below **90%**, they are defined by the government as a '**Persistent Absentee**' and information regarding your child's attendance is reported to the Local Education Authority and Department for Education. The school office will also request sight of appointment cards for medical or dental appointments in order to authorise any absence in the school day. Also, please note that **children in all year groups are assessed during May/June** and therefore any absences should be avoided during this month. In addition to the end of Key Stage assessments (years 2 & 6), there is a compulsory phonics assessment for every child in **year 1** (and some children in **year 2**) and a multiplication tables test for every child in **year 4** which will both take place during **June 2023**.

Payments to School

Payments to school for dinner money, trips and extended school clubs continue to be paid using the ParentPay website, or at a PayPoint. If you have not set up an account with ParentPay, or have lost your login details, please speak to staff in the school office. Login details for new children in F2 will be issued by the office within the next few days, if you do not already have these.

Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's clothing and other belongings, particularly water bottles and lunch boxes.

Parking

We understand that parking is limited due to the school being situated on a very busy main road, but the safety of all is our primary concern. Please show consideration when parking and refrain from parking across residents' driveways or on the grass verges on Mill Lane.

Due to the high demand for places in our school car park, only cars displaying a valid Disability badge, and pupils or sole carers who need to use this service at these times, are to use the staff car park. Please show the office your blue badge so that we can add your name of authorised users to our Site Supervisor, Mr Haywood. If you do not

display a valid badge, you are unable to use our car park at the start and end of the day.

We are really looking forward to a wonderful autumn term with the children, with lots of exciting events and activities planned - thank you for all your continued support!

We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

Mrs Train

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Good attendance at school is the single most important factor in ensuring that your child will maximise their learning opportunities. By attending school every day your child takes an important step in reaching their full potential. Research completed by the Department for Education found that every day missed was associated with a lower attainment outcome at both KS2 and KS4. The more time your child spends around other children, the more chance they have of making friends and feeling included, boosting their social skills, confidence and self-esteem. Promoting positive school attendance is therefore everyone's responsibility.

You may be aware that school absence in Doncaster is one of the highest in England and schools have been working with Doncaster Council to look at how we can ensure all children attend school as much as possible. The school wants your child to have the education and skills they need to live a happy and fulfilling life. With this in mind Doncaster Council has made two major changes in how it will respond to requests from schools when schools are considering enforcing poor attendance.

Unauthorised Leave (Holidays in term time)

You will be aware that no leave of absence from school for a holiday in term time can be taken without the authorisation of the Headteacher and should you take your child out of school for a holiday you may be issued with a Penalty Notice. Doncaster Council will continue to issue Education Penalty Notices to each parent for each child they take out of school for a holiday.

Irregular Attendance at School

The school may write to you to advise there are concerns with your child's irregular attendance at school. It is very important that you work closely with the school to ensure your child is able to attend school every day wherever possible. If your child's attendance is not at the expected level the school will offer support to you and your child to ensure an improvement in attendance is made. However, should the support not have the required improvement in attendance we may send you a penalty notice warning letter. If there are any further unauthorised absences in the following 15 school days the school may request Doncaster Council to issue you with an Education Penalty Notice.

The penalty notice is a fine of £120 but reduced to £60 if you pay it within 21 days. Doncaster Council will decide if a penalty notices can be issued but may decide to prosecute you instead. Where Doncaster Council decide a prosecution should take place, they will write to you offering you to attend a meeting with an Enforcement Court Officer. Following this meeting the Enforcement Court Officer will decide if a prosecution will take place and a summons will be requested from Doncaster Magistrates Court.

If you are experiencing any difficulty with your child's attendance, please contact us immediately so we can work together to ensure improvements are made.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Train
Headteacher

Warmsworth Primary School Diary Dates - September 2023

| DAY | DATE | TIME | YEAR GROUP(S) | DETAILS |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Thurs | 14 th Sept | 9:00am-10:00am | Year 4 | Parent Session 'Maths' |
| Thurs | 14 th Sept | 3.30pm | Year 6 | Kingswood 2023 Meeting for Parents in Year 6 Classroom |
| Tues | 19 th Sept | 9:00am-10:00am | Year 5 | Parent Session 'Maths' |
| Tues | 19 th Sept | All day | Year 2 | Warmsworth Walk |
| Thurs | 21 st Sept | 9:00am-10:00am | Year 3 | Parent Session 'Maths' |
| Fri | 22 nd Sept | 9:00am-10:00am | Year 6 | Parent Session 'Maths' |
| Mon | 25 th Sept | All day | Year 4 | Year 4 Pedestrian Training |
| Tues | 26 th Sept | 9:00am-10:00am | Year 1 | Parent Session 'English' |
| Tues | 26 th Sept | All day | Year 4 | Year 4 Pedestrian Training |
| Weds | 27 th Sept | All day | Year 5 | Local Area Study |
| Thurs | 28 th Sept | All day | Year 5 | Year 5 Pedestrian Training |
| Fri | 29 th Sept | All day | Year 5 | Year 5 Pedestrian Training |
| Fri | 29 th Sept | 9:00am-10:00am | Year 2 | Parent Session 'English' |
| Mon | 2 nd Oct | All day | Year 4 | STEM Ambassador Visitor |
| Mon | 9 th Oct | 3:40 - 6:00pm | All Years | Parent Progress Meetings (by appointment) |
| Tues | 10 th Oct | 3:40 - 6:00pm | All Years | Parent Progress Meetings (by appointment) |
| Tues | 10 th Oct | All day | All Years | Flu vaccinations for children |
| Weds | 11 th Oct | All day | Year 4 | Sponsored Walk (Enterprise) Children only |
| Thurs | 12 th Oct | All day | Year 3 | Warmsworth Walk |
| Thurs | 12 th Oct | 9:00am-10:00am | F2 (Reception) | Phonics Session for Parents in the KS1 Hall |
| Fri | 13 th Oct | All day | Year 2 | Visit to Cleethorpes |
| Wed-Fri | 18-20 th Oct | Residential | Year 6 | Year 6 Kingswood Residential |
| Thurs | 19 th Oct | 11:15am or 3:00pm | F1 (Nursery) | Parent Session 'Stay and Read' |
| Fri | 20 th Oct | All Day | All Years | Wear Red for 'Show Racism the Red Card' |
| Fri | 20 th Oct | 3:30pm | All years | School Closed |
| Half-term holiday 21 -29th October 2023 | | | | |
| Mon | 30 th Oct | 8:50am | All Years | School Open |
| Fri | 22 nd Dec | 2:30pm | All Years | School Closed |
| Christmas Holidays 23rdDecember 2023 - 7th January 2024 | | | | |