

Warmsworth Primary School Newsletter November 2020

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Thank you for everyone's continued support and hard work during this autumn half term. The children have continued to work hard and have been involved in some excellent learning!

Smile Ambassadors - 'Anti-Bullying Week'

Last week, the children were actively engaged in Anti-Bullying Week which reinforced that as a school we are 'United Against Bullying.' All the children had discussions about what is being mean, rude and what is bullying, and explored strategies to deal with all of these, so everyone is clear on how to look after themselves and others. All classes produced posters that are displayed in their classrooms to celebrate their learning.



BBC Children in Need:



Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform day to support BBC Children in Need. Mrs Parr also made Pudsey bear biscuits for those having school meals. We raised a £481.12 in total for the charity - thank you to everyone who supported the school in this event and raised funds for Children in Need.

Multi Faith Day

Since half term, we have also held the first of our Multi-Faith days for this school year. The children enjoyed learning about, and comparing, different world religions. The children in the Foundation Stage learnt about Diwali, and KS1 and KS2 learnt about the power of prayer and compared the importance of prayer to Christians, Muslims, Jews and Buddhists.

Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education

The new Department for Education's Relationship and Sex Education and Health Education curriculum is now statutory and our governors approved our schemes of work in the summer term. Your children will be being taught from this curriculum at an age-appropriate level this school year. We will aim to inform you through our half termly curriculum booklets of content but if you have any questions about the curriculum for your child, please contact the class teachers, who will be able to talk to you about it.

Flu Vaccination by the School Nursing Team

Reminder: The School Nursing team will be in school on Monday 14th December for the flu immunisation programme for children. If you have not returned your form yet, please could you do so asap, as we are aiming for 100% return.



Safer Schools App - TikTok update

We have been made aware in school, via the Safer Schools App, that inappropriate material has been circulating on TikTok and YouTube. Although the minimum legal age to access the social media platform TikTok is 13 years old, we are aware that many of our children in school have access to it. More details are on the Safer Schools App. If you have not downloaded the Safer Schools App previously, you may wish to as there is a lot of support for parents regarding the ever-changing digital world that our children are growing up in.

Design and Technology Primary Engineers Design Competition

Earlier in the year we were proud to be involved in the Primary Engineers programme and subsequently received the accolade of being a Primary Engineers School. Many of our Year 3 and year 4 children took part in a new design competition entitled, 'If you were an engineer ...' We have just been informed that many of our Year 3 and 4 children who took part in this programme have received a Pass, Merit or Distinction for the quality of their designs, and these children have been awarded a certificate.

In addition, we have also just found out that one of our children, Gabriel M who is now in Year 5, has been identified as a Runner Up in the South Yorkshire region and has been selected to receive a Judges' Highly Commended Award and will receive a medal with his certificate too - Congratulations Gabriel M, and to all who received recognition for their designs!

Congratulations to all our children who have received a Merit or Distinction:

Distinction: Ava B, Gabriel M, Drew J, Evie K, Mason H

Merit: Ethan D, Luke D, Harvey H, Noah H, Holly H, Oliver H, Isla R, Joseph S, Ava C, Chloe C, Ollie L, Harrison M, Harry H,

Mrs Corrigan is coordinating the Primary Engineers Programme again this academic year and we hope to hear more of our children's successes!

School Meals and Packed Lunches

The revised lunchtime arrangements are going well with an increased number of children now accessing the hot school meal option - if you would like your child to

access a school meal, rather than providing a packed lunch, please contact the school office to arrange.

Please could I remind all parents that sweets, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks should not be brought to school, as part of the children's packed lunches, as requested in our school prospectus.

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas is fast approaching and in school, we are trying our very best to make the next 3 weeks a special time for everyone in our school.



Foundation Stage and Christmas Performances

Although we are not able to hold our Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Christmas performances as in the past, we are committed to providing a similar experience for the children. Our younger children are busy learning lines and songs that they can perform for you. Their performances will be recorded and we are planning on uploading them onto your child's class Google Classroom account on the dates shown below, so please make sure you can access this platform so you do not miss these amazing performances!

If you need any further assistance, please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher when collecting your child.

Wednesday 9 th December 2020	Foundation Stage One
Thursday 10 th December 2020	Year Two
Friday 11 th December 2020	Foundation Stage Two
Friday 11 th December 2020	Year One

School Christmas Lunch

We are still going ahead with the whole school Christmas lunch on Thursday 10th December - a separate letter regarding this has already been sent to parents on 17th November 2020 - and the children will be eating in their classrooms, as presently.



Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 11th December and we would like to invite every child (and adult) to wear a top which is either brightly coloured, sparkly or Christmas themed. We will be collecting donations for the Save the Children charity on the day.

Christmas Parties

We are also continuing with our Christmas parties, although these are being held as a class, rather than as a year group as in previous years. Our school cook, Mrs

Parr, has very kindly agreed to prepare a range of party food, which staff will serve to the children in their classroom during the lunch-time session. This will be instead of school dinner on the day of their party. This will be at no cost to parents; we usually raise some funds towards providing food and prizes for all children through raffles held during our Nativity performances, however as this is not possible this year, the cost of these will be met by the school for this year.

If you pay for school dinners, the cost for the week commencing Monday 7th December will be **£9.80**. Children who normally bring a packed lunch will not need one on the day of the party.

We would like the children to arrive in school on the day of their party wearing their party clothes.

Monday 14 th December 2020	Foundation Two & Year 4
Tuesday 15 th December 2020	Year 2 & Year 3
Wednesday 16 th December 2020	Foundation One am/pm & Year 5
Thursday 17 th December 2020	Year 1 & Year 6

Christmas Cards and Gifts

A few parents have enquired about sending Christmas cards and handing them out in school. In light of restrictions in place, we have made the decision that children are invited to send / make one card for their own class which they can display in the classroom themselves, rather than sending in cards for the whole class that then need sorting and distributing.

If your child would like to send / make a bauble instead of a card for their class, they are more than welcome to, as we are also having real Christmas trees in every classroom this year.

Some parents have also asked about sending Christmas gifts in for the teachers and staff. We have made a decision collectively, that although such gifts are always welcomed, this year a message on Google Classroom or a word at the end of the school day would be welcomed and seen as more appropriate, given the current restrictions in place.



Covid 19 Update

We are trying our very best in school to ensure everyone stays safe and well and are continuing to promote effective hand washing, social distancing where possible etc. to reduce the transmission of this virus, and we have been very grateful for all the parent support we have received.

Masks

We have been really pleased with the response to our latest request for all adults to wear masks when dropping off / collecting children from school. Please do not be offended if staff ask you to wear your mask - it is for the safety of yourself and others. If you are exempt from wearing a mask for medical reasons, please have your lanyard / pass on display.

Social Distancing

Social distancing is still an important element in reducing the spread of the virus, and although this is not easy due to the location of our school, please could we ask all adults dropping off / collecting children observe this guidance. Please remember that the government and school guidance is that only one adult per child/family is to come to school at these times.



Ventilation

We need to keep our classrooms and learning areas well ventilated, as in line with our School Covid 19 Risk Assessment (available on the school website) and we will need to continue to do this as the colder weather descends upon us. This means that windows etc. will be open to allow air circulation, so please could I ask you to ensure your children have layers of clothing to ensure they keep warm.

Symptomatic adults and children

Please could I also reiterate that if someone in your household has **ANY** of the 3 main symptoms of Covid - a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to your taste of smell or taste, or is going for a test, or awaiting a test result, your child(ren) **MUST NOT** attend school and must self-isolate for the recommended period of time. We have had several instances in school lately where we have received a call during the school day that a parent has received a positive test that day, when the children should not have been in to school if someone in the household was waiting a test result.

One-way system

We are still awaiting for the safety fencing to be installed to finalise the one-way system for drop off and collections at the start and end of the school day. I have been promised that this will be completed by the end of this term and once this work is completed, I will be sending out a letter setting out the revised procedures... more to follow!

Governor appointments

At the autumn term Board of Governors meeting, it was agreed that Jane McDermott (Community Governor) will continue to be our Chair of Governors and our Vice Chair continues to be our Local Authority Governor, Jonathan Bucknall.

We had one application for the position of Parent Governor earlier this term and as a result Mrs Lyons has been appointed as a new parent governor. Mrs Lyons has children in each key phase in our school, and on behalf of the wider school community, we would like to extend our welcome to Mrs Lyons on her appointment to the Governing Body of Warmsworth Primary School.

Emergency Contact Details:

To support us in being able to contact you in an emergency and remain GDPR compliant, please inform the school office of any change in address and/or contact numbers ASAP - ideally we need at least 3 contacts in case of emergencies.

Staffing Updates

Earlier this month Miss Ascough and Mrs Shackleton have joined the school support staff team and will be assisting in class in Y2 and Y4.

And Finally....

Miss Stokes and her family welcomed their beautiful baby boy, Finley, to the world on 16th October. Congratulations from all of us!

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

We now have 3 weeks left until the Christmas break when we close on Friday 18th December 2020 at 3.35pm and will welcome children back on Tuesday 5th January 2021!

Take care everyone

Mrs Train

Diary Dates

Wed	9 Dec	TBC	F1AM/PM	Nativity
Thur	10 Dec	TBC	Y2	Nativity
Fri	11 Dec	TBC	F2/ Y1	Nativity
Mon	14 Dec	1:15pm-3:30pm	F2/Yr4	Christmas Party
Mon	14 Dec	All Day	F2/Y6	Flu Immunisation
Tues	15 Dec	1:15pm-3:30pm	Y2/Y3	Christmas Party
Wed	16 Dec	1:15pm-3:30pm	F1/Y5	Christmas Party
Thur	17 Dec	1:15pm-3:30pm	Y1/Y6	Christmas Party
Fri	18 Dec	3:35pm	All Years	School Closes
Tues	5 Jan	8:45am	All Years	School Open
Thurs	28 Jan	All Day	All Years	Individual School Photo
Mon- Tues	8-9 Feb	TBC	KS2	KS2 Production
Wed	10 Feb	TBC	Year 6	Kingswood Meeting
Fri	12 Feb	3:35pm	All Years	School Closes
Mon	22 Feb	8:45am	All Years	School Open
Fri	26 Feb	All Day	All Years	Multi Faith Day
Thur	4 Mar	All Day	All Years	World Book Day
Fri	12 Mar	All Day	All Years	Sport Relief
Tue	16 Mar	All Day	KS2	French Day
Wed-Fri	24-26 Mar	All Day	Year 6	Kingswood
Fri	26 Mar	3:35pm	All Years	School Closes
Mon	12 Apr	8:45am	All Years	School Open
Mon-Tues	19-20 Apr	3:30pm-6:00pm	All Years	Parents Evening
Mon	3 May	All Day	All Years	School Closes
Tue	4 May	8:45am	All Years	School Open
Throughout May			KS1	SATS
Mon-Fri	10-14 May	All Day	Year 6	SATS
Mon	24 May	TBC	F1AM	Sports Day
Mon	24 May	TBC	F1PM	Sports Day
Mon	24 May	TBC	F2	Sports Day
Tue	25 May	TBC	Yr 1, 2 & 3	Sports Day
Wed	26 May	TBC	Yr 4, 5 & 6	Sports Day
Thur	27 May	TBC	TBC	Reserve Sports Day
Fri	28 May	3:35pm	All Years	School Closes
Tue	8 June	8:45am	All Years	School Open
Tue	8 June	TBC		New F1 Parents Meeting
Wed	9 June	TBC		New F2 Parents Meeting
Tue	15 June	TBC		New F1 Parent & Child Meeting
Wed	16 June	TBC		New F1 Parent & Child Meeting
Fri	25 June	All Day	All Years	Multi Faith Day
Mon	28 June	TBC	KS2	Guitar Concert
Wed	30 June	TBC	KS2	Music Concert
Fri	9 July	2:30pm-3:30pm	All Years	Class Swap/Reports Out
Fri	16 July	3:35pm	All Years	School Closes