

WARREN

Primary School

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Message from Mr. Hook

Dear Parents/carers,

What a fantastic first half-term we have had. It has flown by and hopefully as we move further into the spring term the weather will turn warmer.

It has been busy at school over the last six weeks. Fruity Friday has been a huge success and the amount of healthy snacks being purchased is amazing.

On Friday 27th January the children participated in a 'Break the Rules Day' organised by the PTFA, children came with lots of different hair colour and in their own clothes. Thank you for your participation and to the PTFA for organising this successful event.

Our children have been involved in cross borough tournaments this half-term in a range of sports including girls and boys football and were very successful in the recent swimming gala. Well done to all of our children who have represented Warren Primary School in such a fantastic manner.

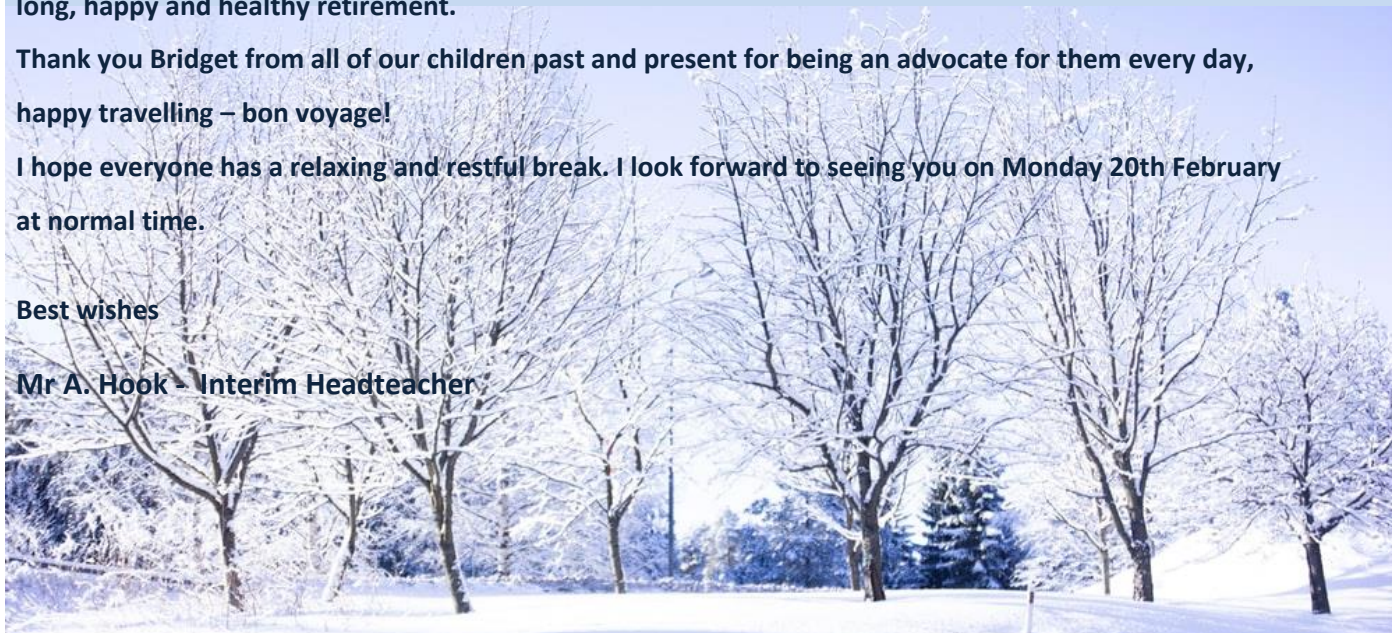
We are very sad to be saying farewell to a valued and trusted colleague, Mrs Bridget Bristow. Bridget has been a committed and dedicated member of staff at Warren for 23 years. She has decided to retire after a long and illustrious career working in a number of different roles, always with a smile and an optimistic approach. I am sure that you would like to join us as part of the Warren community to wish Bridget a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Thank you Bridget from all of our children past and present for being an advocate for them every day, happy travelling – bon voyage!

I hope everyone has a relaxing and restful break. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 20th February at normal time.

Best wishes

Mr A. Hook - Interim Headteacher

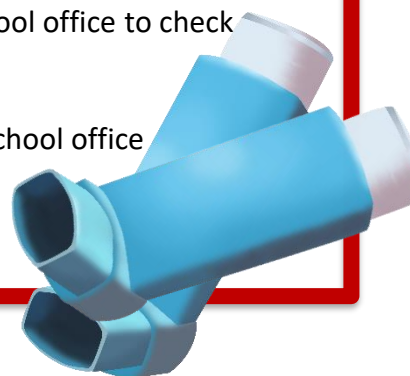


MEDICATION IN SCHOOL REMINDER

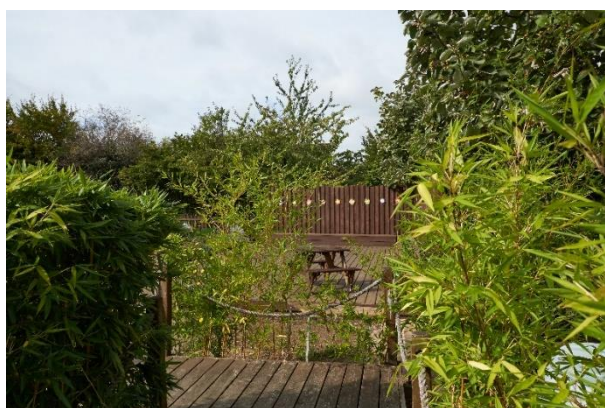
Please ensure that if your child needs medication in school that you make a note of expiry dates and make sure that all medication kept in school is always in date.

If your child has an inhaler or an AAI in school, you must review and update their current plan, if you haven't completed this recently then please come into the school office to check and re-sign your child's plan.

Any adhoc medication being sent into school needs to be brought to the school office and a parental consent form needs to be completed.



Closing Date for September 2023 Nursery spaces is 28th February 2023



If you have a child born between **1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020** and would like to apply for a place in our Nursery follow the link to download an application form <https://www.warrenps.co.uk/nursery-admissions/>. Please return this to the school office via email admin@warrenprimary.thurrock.sch.uk or in person by 28th February 2023.

Children can attend for up to 30 hours of funded sessions, subject to eligibility <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. All children are entitled to 15 hours of funded sessions. Families with children in our Nursery can also apply for a space in our Weavers Club which provides before school, after school and holiday childcare.



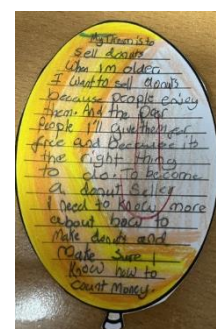
As an Osborne Trust school, we celebrated the Trust -wide Aspirations week where pupils were encouraged to think about their life beyond school. What do they aspire to be? What opportunities will there be for them in the future? How can they get there? The week included visits from a diverse array of people, representing the rich variety of opportunities available to new generations of young people going into the world of work. The Monday Assembly for the whole school kicked off the week and pupils were pleasantly surprised to hear that many adults who work in our school had successful previous careers! They enjoyed listening to staff members talk about their careers before entering Education. Careers ranged from hair dresser, graphic designer, librarian, travel agent, missionary, scientist in a lab, childminder and working as managers in retail. Head teacher, Parvis Rahman from Brentwood County High spoke to KS2 about her career in Education and what it's like being a 42-year-old, female head teacher of a thriving school.



In the nursery we added photos depicting different job roles to our 'It's Good to Talk' display board. The children were then invited to talk about the jobs people do and questioned about what they might like to do when they are older. The responses were then annotated onto speech bubbles and added to the display. **Reception** listened to a story called Riley Can Be Anything. We thought about different jobs and what we would like to do when we are older. We also set ourselves goals for what we would like to achieve by the time we leave reception. We enjoyed our visit from a footballer who told us all about their job, which was exciting to find out about.



Year 2 children continued to work on their CPSHE aim of the term which was considering their dreams and goals. In addition, the children completed aspiration balloons where they wrote their aspiration onto a balloon template and their reasons why they wanted to achieve their goals. Once these were complete, we tied them onto a helium balloon and released it with the aspirations attached as we are always teaching them to reach as high as they can with their ambitions!



Year 3 pupils were inspired by a range of parents with exciting careers. They spent sessions interacting with experts showcasing a range of jobs in today's society; Dr. Vug – the vet, Mrs. K Barber, a police detention officer and Mrs. K. Smith who works in advertising. Each parent presented their career with enthusiasm and detail which hooked the pupils.



Year 4 Mrs. Tagney came in for circle time and asked who inspires them and what they aspire to be. We also linked with our no outsiders book. Red the crayon as he wanted to be another colour and we talked about who they are and what talents they have or want to achieve later in life.

Year 5 pupils were visited by mindfulness photographer, Jemma Bannocks, who came in to talk about her career, the projects she has been involved in and the tools that she uses. The children listened intently and asked lots of carefully thought-out questions during her inspiring presentation. Year 5 and 6 also had the opportunity to participate in a presentation by I.T. expert Ravi Chagger, that included inspirational talks by Sarah Childs (a concept artist) and the award-winning DJ Rugrat.

PSHE Team

Mrs Smith, Mrs Disley and Mrs Tagney



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Mrs Disley and the Nursery Team

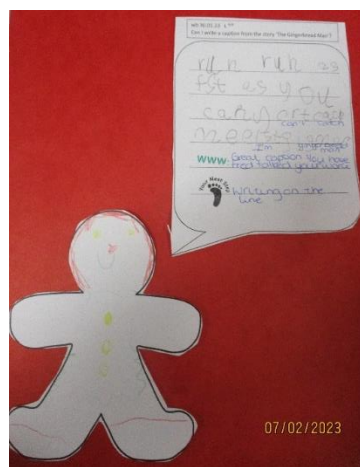
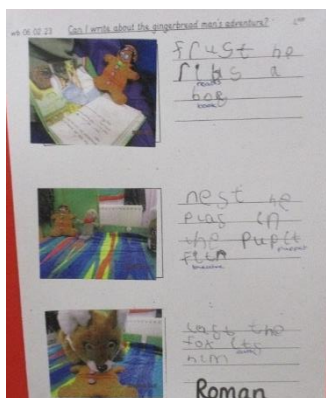
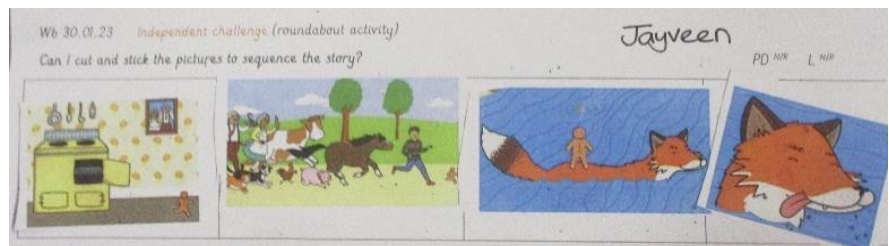
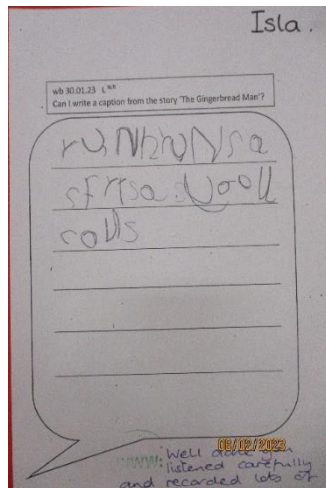
This week the nursery children have been learning about being safe when using the Internet. We met a character called 'Smartie' the penguin who taught us a rhyme to help us if we are ever worried when we are using our devices. "Before you swipe and click, remember to stop and think and tell SOMEONE".

Have a look at the amazing 'Smartie' penguins we made to help us to remember what we must do if we are worried.



Mrs Rose and Miss Tapson

For the last 2 weeks, Reception has gone gingerbread man crazy! We have read the story of the Gingerbread Man and wrote what our own Gingerbreads would say. We have sequenced the story and acted out the story. We have also designed, baked and decorated our own gingerbread men.



Investigation Question!

Next half term we are looking at traditional tales from around the world! What connections have you got to other countries? Have you gone on holiday? Do you have family there? What is the country like? What do they eat? Any different celebrations? What's the weather like?

YEAR ONE Miss Studt, Mrs Gilbody and Mrs Minter

This half term the children in Year 1 have designed, made and evaluated sock puppets. The children worked hard to make their puppet look like their design, choosing materials to match. We were impressed by their creative ideas, and the way they brought these to life. Thank you again to all the parent volunteers who came in to help, we couldn't have done it without you.

Miss Studt, Mrs Gilbody and Mrs Minter



Investigation Question:

What animals live in our local area that are native to the UK?

You could look out of your window, walk around your local area, or even research on the internet (with an adult) to find out about the animals that live in the UK.



Year 2!



This term has been titled out of this world for our focus within Science. In Science the children have been learning all about space. The children have looked into the order of the planets and learnt interesting facts about each planet as well as our own.

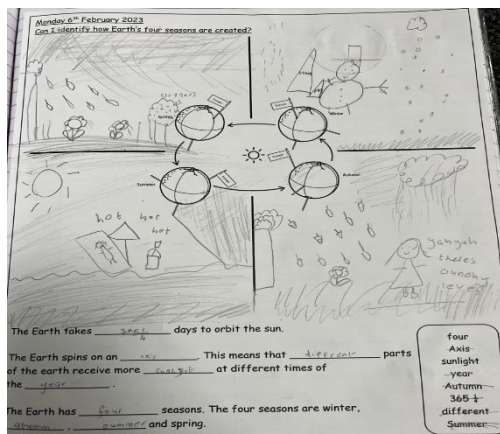
The children have completed various pieces of work including:

- ✚ Sorting facts about the moon.
- ✚ Finding out about astronauts who have been to space.
- ✚ Compared different planets.
- ✚ Learnt about how the seasons are created on Earth.
- ✚ Created a season wheel.
- ✚ Used apples (Earth) and oranges (Sun) to explore Earth's orbit and rotation.

The children have loved learning about space and the people that have explored it. So if you get the chance please stop and ask the children for some facts on space as they should have plenty to tell you!

Monday 23rd January 2023
Can I re-call facts about the Earth's moon?

True	False
There is no wind or weather on the moon.	The moon is made of cheese.
We only ever see one side of the moon.	Miss. Reed was the first person on the moon.
The moon is 4.5 billion years old.	The moon is only there in the night.
The Earth only has one moon.	The Earth has two moons (Phobos and Deimos)
The moon orbits the Earth.	It takes 27.3 days to rotate.
The first man on the moon was Neil Armstrong.	You weigh even more on the moon.
The moon is totally smooth.	46 people have been on the moon.
The moon is bright because it reflects sun.	The moon spins on its axis.
The moon has its own light.	The moon has an atmosphere.



Monday 30th January 2023
Can I re-call facts about famous Astronauts?

Neil Armstrong Neil Armstrong was a famous American astronaut. He is famous for being the first person on the moon. He was born on 17th August 1928.	Heidi Sharmman She was born on the 30th May 1963. Her parents were Ulfar Sharmman and John Sharmman. She is famous for being the first British woman in space.
Peggy Whitson is a famous American astronaut.	Maggie Aderin-Poppe Maggie is a famous British space scientist. She was born on 19th May 1968. Her parents were Caroline Phillips and Justus Aderin-Poppe. She was born in Islington in north London, England.

Monday 13th January 2023
Can I make comparison notes between Earth and Mars?

Name	Earth	Mars
Named after	Gaea	Phoenicia or Mars
Created	4.542 billion years ago	4.537 billion years ago
Order from the sun	3rd planet	4th planet
Distance from the sun	149.6 million km	227.9 million km
Colour	green and blue	orange and red
Size	12,756 km across	4,219 km across
Water	71% water	no water
People	living people	No people
Moon	1 moon	Phobos and Deimos

The biggest planet is Jupiter.
The planet closest to the sun is Earth.
The planet with the most people is Earth.
The planet with the most moons is Jupiter.
The planet created first was Neptune.

Miss Letham
Mrs Reed
09/01/23

Mrs Letham
and Miss Reed



Your investigation question:

Science question: What do humans need to stay healthy?

If you get stuck please refer to BBC bitesize, Year 2, Science and there is a specific webpage dedicated to this question!

YEAR THREE Mrs Smith and Miss Fraser

This term, all Year 3 pupils participated in the ROH ballet workshops and the excitement lingered in the large hall all day. To quell pupil's nerves, Dance associates Joe and Tom did a warm up, provided plenty of demonstrations and reminded pupils that they did not have to perform perfectly. With a live pianist, Debbie playing various classical pieces, pupils quickly settled and soon their confidence was shining through their performances! Well done to all our pupils who demonstrated their creative spirit, natural flair for movement and a positive attitude.



Investigation Question

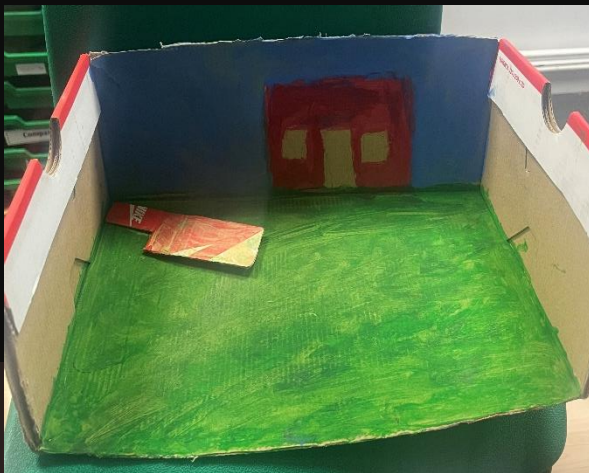
Can I understand what a hero is and what makes a British hero?

YEAR FOUR Mr Kitchenner and Miss Belcher

During this half term in Art we have been looking into Pantomimes and all the work that goes into creating the show. The children have done amazingly in designing their own theatre sets using shoe boxes, as well as designing costumes and props for the actors to use and wear on stage.

We have also linked our Art with our Computing where the children designed a Pantomime program using Publisher or Word and incorporating their computing skills to help them design, crop, add colour, or adjust/edit an image.

Here are some photos of the lovely sets which were designed by the children.



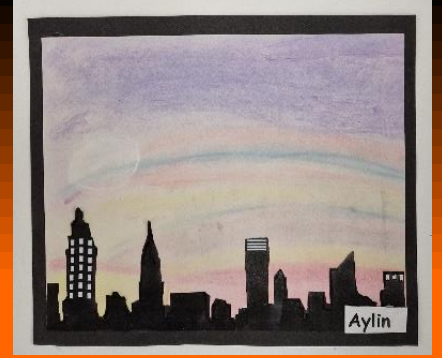
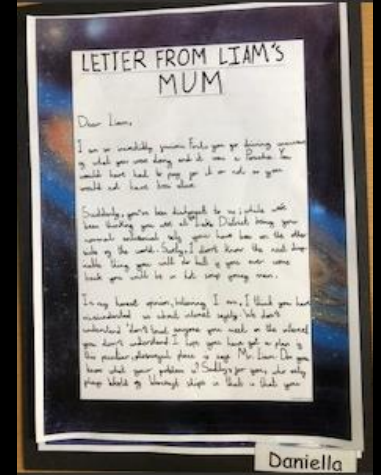
Investigation Question

What would happen if there were no rain forests ?

YEAR FIVE Miss Lewis and Mrs Redmond

Year 5 have been exercising their creative minds and have been examining how city skylines are recreated using art. The children have been learning new art techniques and have discovered ways to combine these techniques to create their own original pieces of artwork. Each lesson has had a different focus and the children have experimented with a variety of styles and techniques, including: 3D Pop Art, textured paint, layering backgrounds and silhouettes, watercolour, chalk and ink pens. A selection of their fabulous artwork can be seen below.

Incredible work, Year 5!



Investigation Question

Find out what humans have left on the surface of the moon in their lunar adventures.

What is the strangest item that has ever been left and why?

YEAR SIX Mrs Emmerman and Mrs Fogg

In Year 6, as part of our Science lessons, we have been learning about Charles Darwin and his theories of the evolution of the species. This week, we have been considering some hypotheses about how human behaviour affects species and deciding how far we agree with them, backing it up with evidence. Here is some work that reflects this:

Tuesday 7th February
Can I understand how humans have evolved over time, and how human behaviour can affect change in species over time?

"Humans are more important than other species." I slightly agree with this, as humans built a lot of the world. Also, some of them would never stop, but I wouldn't stop, I would stop them!

"I have a responsibility to protect extinct animals." I agree with this, because sometimes we are the cause of extinct animals, so we should try to stop that. Also, some animals - like bees - are really important.

"There are lots of evidence that explains evolution." I strongly disagree, because photosynthesis and most don't fully explain everything. Also, there is nothing yet to prove.

Tuesday 7th February 2023
Can I understand how humans have evolved over time, and how human behaviour can affect change in species over time?

Studying how species evolve is important. 10. It is important because studying is working hard.

Humans are more important than other species. 10. Humans are more important because we have bones, blood and brain.

Human activity on Earth is damaging environments and affecting the way species evolve. 10. Humans damage the environments by throwing rubbish on the floor and by wasting things.

Tuesday 7th February
Can I understand how humans have evolved over time, and how human behaviour can affect change in species over time?

Humans are more important than other species. I disagree because there are many animals that produce food for us. If there are no animals we would always be hungry. Cows produce milk for us along with goats. If we wouldn't eat, we wouldn't be alive. Strongly agree: 1/10.

There is lots of evidence all around us that helps explain the process of evolution. I agree because there are fossils that show us how they evolved and how long ago they died. Strongly agree: 5/10.

Human activity on Earth is damaging environments and affecting the way species evolve. I strongly agree as people are breaking down trees, ruining animals' habitat as well as smoking, however, breaking down trees gives us space for buildings. Strongly agree: 9/10.

Tuesday 7th February 2023
Can I understand how humans have evolved over time, and how human behaviour can affect change in species over time?

Humans are more important than other species. - I give this phrase a 1/10 (I disagree) as all animals and species should be appreciated and prioritised.

Studying how species evolve is important. - I give this phrase a 9/10 (I agree) as we need to discover more about the other animals living on our planet.

"Humans have a responsibility to protect endangered species." - I give this phrase a 10/10 (I agree) as we are the reason they're endangered so we should help them.

Can I understand how humans have evolved over time, and how human behaviour can affect change in species over time?

Humans are more important than other species. I strongly disagree because we wouldn't be alive if monkeys weren't alive. 1/10.

Humans have a responsibility to protect endangered species. I agree strongly agree because animals in zoos need looking after. 10/10.

There is lots of evidence all around us that helps explain the process of evolution. Strongly agree because there are fossils and old stories that show evolution. 10/10.

Can I understand how humans have evolved over time, and how human behaviour can affect change in species over time?

Humans are more important than other species. - I disagree and the rating is 1/10 as animals also have feelings and they have rights.

Humans have a responsibility to protect endangered species. - 10/10 I agree as animals are important to the world.

Studying how species evolve is important. - I agree as animals have the rights to be discovered and not extinct. 10/10.

There is lots of evidence all around us that helps explain the process of evolution. - I agree that because people have not found all of the evidence. 10/10.

Don't forget to practise your Maths over the holidays either using Mathletics or Methodmaths. This will help you to prepare for your SATs.

Investigation Question

What can you find out about Antarctica?



Since our last newsletter we have seen the culmination of the Boy's league and the start of our Girl's journey in their league.

Our boys faced tough opponents in a very short space of time, taking on Harris Mayflower on the Tuesday and then Tudor Court on the Friday of the same week. This was a tough ask of our boys and they gave a fantastic account of themselves, representing the school fabulously in difficult circumstances.

Player of the match for Harris Mayflower: Arhaan Chaudary

Player of the Match for Tudor Court: Freddie Nicholls

I would like to thank each and every boy that has represented our fantastic school during this season. It has been a true honour to have coached you this season and for those of you who will be moving onto secondary schools in the new year, I wish you all the very best.

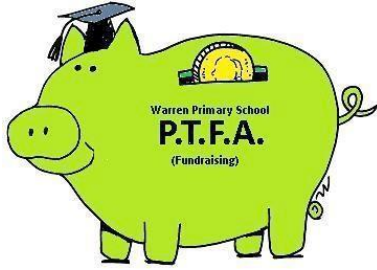
Our girls also took to the field against Tudor Court in their first league game of the season. In a very closely fought battle, we were unlucky to come away empty handed in terms of the result. However, the experienced gained on the pitch will certainly hold us in a greater stead when we get into the full swing of the games to come. I have seen the hard work you have put in with Miss Tidy-Jones and look forward to seeing the results come our way very soon!



Our first competition of 2023 was the KS2 Swimming Gala which took place at Blackshots on Friday 3rd February. All the children who took part were fantastic and tried their best! We won gold, silver and bronze medals throughout the day. Overall we came 7th out of 9 schools which was amazing considering we did not have a full swim squad!

Very well done to all the children who took part!





Thank you for the Amazon Wishlist items

We just want to say a massive thank you to you wonderful Parents, Carers, Friends of the school, who have bought items for the school from the Amazon Wish list. Whether it was pencils, books, games, fans for the summer. All items are really appreciated, and we cannot thank you enough. We have asked the teaching staff for more items to add to the list so watch this space!

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1TU86EDU9CMG?ref_=wl_share

YEAR 6 Leavers Hoodies – These are now on sale for preorder and a parentmail has been sent out on how to purchase the hoodies. The final day to buy purchase will be Monday 20th February and after this date we will place the order for the hoodies so the children will be able to use them before they leave; at weekends and even could even use them on non uniform day!



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Volunteers aka PTFA Lite

We always need volunteers or indeed parents to come along to our meetings. So if you want to join our PTFA lite group please let us know.

Does the thought of joining the PTFA break you out in a sweat?! Feel like you can't commit to all that time but still want to help in some way? Have you thought about joining our **WARREN HELPERS GROUP** think of it as **PTFA lite**. If you'd like to help as and when you have the time please email ptfa.wps@osborne.coop We'll add you to our list of helpers and when it's time to "summon the troops" or just an extra 1 or 2 people, we'll email to ask for your help, if you can that's brilliant !! If you can't we'll catch you the next time.

Please 'like' our Facebook Page 'Warren Primary PTFA (Don't forget to answer the questions)

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 10th February 2023
Monday 20th February 2023

Last Day of Term
First day of Term

Thursday 30th March 2023
Friday 31st March 2023

Last Day of Term
Trust Conference Day - Non pupil Day

Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 1st May 2023
Monday 8th May 2023

First day of Term
BANK HOLIDAY
BANK HOLIDAY (Coronation)

Friday 26th May 2023

Last Day of Term

Monday 5th June 2023
Wednesday 19th July 2023
Thursday 20th July 2022
Friday 21st July 2022

First day of Term
Last Day of Term
INSET DAY
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