

WARREN Primary School

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 24 2023



Dear Parents/Carers - It is hard to believe we are almost half-way through the second half of the term already. Reflecting back on what has happened so far it has been a busy three weeks.

We came back after half term with a focus on Remembrance and it was lovely to see so many of our Warren family, past and present, at the Chafford Hundred Community Remembrance event hosted at Warren.

The children have also been learning about Diwali and were keen to find out more about this celebration through, amongst other things, Mrs Mantravardi coming into Reception and also presenting a whole school assembly to share her traditions and customs.

Children in Need

We raised £565.53 through the many generous donations given on Children in Need Day. It was lovely to see so many children and staff in their colourful or spotty clothes and even their pyjamas. The children had the opportunity to learn about the good work that Children in Need do and where their donations may be going.

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their time travel to the Stone Age and we are grateful to the parent and carer contributions to support this fantastic experience.

Year 5 also "walked online" with Thurrock Council's Walk Online Roadshow and by all accounts represented Warren beautifully with their behaviour throughout the afternoon. We hope that they enjoyed the experience and have come back with some valuable knowledge about keeping themselves safe in their online activities.

We are also looking forward to hearing about the Year 4 visit to Colchester Castle, the Year 1 trip to the gorge and the Base visit to Wagamamas.

Parent and carer consultations

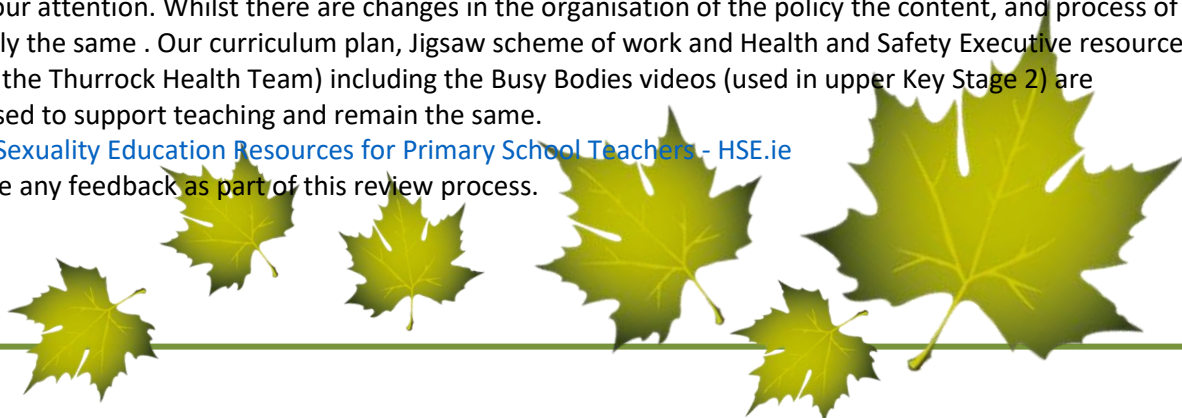
It was good to see so many of you at the parent/carers consultation sessions this week. We hope that you found it useful to discuss your child(ren)'s successes and achievements so far this year and ways in which we can work together to support them further. Thank you for your continuing support. If you were unable to attend these sessions and have not already met with your child's teacher then please do contact them in order that we can try to make an alternative arrangement.

RSE

Curriculum – Our relationships and sex education policy is currently under review and as such we will be sharing the draft version for your attention. Whilst there are changes in the organisation of the policy the content, and process of RSE remains broadly the same. Our curriculum plan, Jigsaw scheme of work and Health and Safety Executive resources (recommended by the Thurrock Health Team) including the Busy Bodies videos (used in upper Key Stage 2) are continuing to be used to support teaching and remain the same.

[Relationships and Sexuality Education Resources for Primary School Teachers - HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie/eng/resources/primary/)

We would welcome any feedback as part of this review process.



Parking

Please ensure that you are parking safely, legally and considerately when dropping off and picking up children from school. This includes avoiding parking on double yellow lines, the zig zags outside the school or across our neighbours' driveways. Parking on the pavement and across dropped kerbs also significantly impacts on pedestrians especially those with pushchairs or wheelchair users.

Christmas dates

As previously published, the dates and times for our Early Year and KS1 are as follows.

KS2 will also be visiting All Saints Church at the Beacon Centre to share some Carols and a nativity service with Y3 and 4 visiting on the morning of 13th of December and Y5 and 6 visiting on the 7th of December. Further details to be confirmed.

Class Parties will be taking place on Monday 18th December. In order to ensure the safety of all of our pupils we are asking that on this day children bring in two party snacks for themselves to eat during the party. More details will be sent nearer the time.

Christmas jumper day will be on Wednesday 20th December. In the interest of saving resources, if you have any good condition Christmas jumpers that are now outgrown that you would like to recycle we would love to receive them. Please send them in to the school office by Monday 4th December. We are then hoping to hold a Christmas Jumper sale for a small donation - date to be confirmed.

Our Warren Christmas dinner will also be on Wednesday 20th December. This is always a lovely time when our kitchen team put in a tremendous effort to ensure that staff and children come together at the end of term to join in the Christmas celebrations.



Dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Christmas Production KS1
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Christmas Production Nursery
Friday 15 th December 2023	Christmas Production Reception Classes
Monday 18 th December 2023	Class Party day
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Last Day of Term
Thursday 4 th January 2024	INSET DAY
Friday 5 th January 2024	Trust Conference Day - Non pupil Day
Monday 8 th January 2024	First Day of Term
Friday 16 th February 2024	Last Day of Term
Monday 26 th February 2024	First Day of Term
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last Day of Term
Monday 15 th April 2024	First Day of Term
Monday 6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last Day of Term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	First Day of Term
Friday 19 th July 2024	Last Day of Term