

WARREN Primary School

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023



We are at the halfway point of this first half term and it has been a busy few weeks!

We have now finished hosting all of the Meet the Teacher sessions for Key Stage 1 and 2 and have been pleased to welcome some familiar as well as new faces. Hopefully you have had some questions answered and if you have any further queries you will know who to approach.

Our new Reception and Nursery children are now fully into school and staff are enjoying getting to know them and you.

Mobile phones

We appreciate that some of our children in Upper Key stage 2 bring a mobile phone to school. Please note that any child doing this needs to have their phone turned off before they come through the school gate and until they leave the school grounds at the end of the day. Once they are in class they should hand in their phone to the class teacher. We hope that by doing this we will minimise the disruption that we have seen caused by inappropriate use of social media and other sites immediately before and after school in an unsupervised environment. Any child not doing so will have their phone given to the school office for collection by a parent/carer. Please note that should you need to contact your child urgently during the school day you should do so via the school office.

PTFA

It is the PTFA meeting TONIGHT in the small hall 6:30 – 7:30pm. Please come along to find out more about what the PTFA does and how you can help! Everyone is a member!

Grant expert!

Here at Warren we have always aspired to be a part of the wider community. We are keen to investigate opportunities to develop further community use of the school site and our sustainability and therefore would be very interested to hear from anyone who may have knowledge and expertise in applying for community and/or eco grant/funding projects. If you think you may be able to help then please contact the school office.

Flu Vaccinations

The school vaccination team will be attending school on the 11th of October, you should have already had a paper copy of the consent form – blank copies are still available from the school office.

Watch the video about the flu nasal spray here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFXJmSIEb5c

Further information about flu and the flu vaccine for both children and adults can be found on www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/



School Tour Dates

Our upcoming school tour dates for prospective reception parents for 2024/25 are now available to book via the school office, 01375 482288

TUESDAY 10/10 9.30am (Fully Booked)

THURSDAY 19/10 1.45pm

MONDAY 6/11 5pm

THURSDAY 23/11 5pm

THURSDAY 30/11 9.30am

TUESDAY 5/12 1.45pm

Year 6 Secondary applications

Please remember that the deadline for secondary applications is 31st October. For further information please see Applying for a secondary school place | Secondary school admissions | Thurrock Council

Parent and Carer Appointments

We will be holding our parent/carers consultations on Tuesday 21st November and Thursday 23rd November 3:30pm until 6pm.

Further details regarding booking these will follow nearer the time.

As previously shared, we are beginning our annual Harvest collection for the Thurrock Foodbank from now up until the end of half term. We would be very grateful for any donations for our "harvest table" which will be set up near the main entrance. If you are able to send in an item you can either drop them at the office or via your child to their class. The foodbank are in urgent need of the following items which would be very gratefully received:

Please help us to support this very worthy cause.

Thurrock Foodbank have particularly asked for the following items:

Please ensure all donated items are in date.

Cooking Sauces, Tinned Meat, Sponge Puddings, Mashed Potato,

Longlife Milk, Tinned Fruit, Rice Pudding, Jellies, Tinned Soup and

Tinned Custard.

Please note that they currently have lots of baked beans and pasta so please don't send these.



Winter Illnesses

As we move into the season of winter illnesses, we will endeavour to remind children to wash hands regularly and thoroughly as well as keeping the building ventilated with windows open. Therefore, as the weather becomes cooler, please remember to send in your child with a jumper/fleece.

Remembrance Event

Warren will be pleased to host the annual Chafford Hundred Remembrance event on Sunday 12th November from 2:30pm. More details to follow.

Christmas Dates!

We realise that it is only just October but that everyone is very busy and therefore would like to let you know of the following dates for your diary:

KS1 Christmas Production Tuesday 12th December at 10am and 2pm and
Nursery Christmas Production Thursday 14th December at 10am
Reception Christmas Production Friday 15th December at 10am and 2pm
Christmas Dinner Wednesday 20th December
Christmas jumper day Wednesday 20th December

Teams

You should have received your child's log on for their Teams account. Please ensure that you support your child try to log on and let the school office know if you are unable to do so. Teams will soon act as a platform to deliver homework tasks for Year 2 to Year 6.

School Library

Mrs Squirrell is currently finalising arrangements for opening up the school library on Wednesdays and Thursdays before school at 8:30am in order for you to accompany your child(ren) to change their book. This will begin this week with KS2 on Wednesday and EYFS and KS1 on Thursday.

Dates for your diaries:

Wednesday 11th October

Friday 20th October 2023

FLU Vaccinations

Last Day of Term

Monday 6th November 2023

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Wednesday 20th December 2023

First Day of Term

Individual School Photos

Last Day of Term

Thursday 4th January 2024

Friday 5th January 2024

INSET DAY

Trust Conference Day - Non pupil Day

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 16th February 2024

First Day of Term

Last Day of Term

Monday 26th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

First Day of Term

Last Day of Term

Monday 15th April 2024

Monday 6th May 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

First Day of Term

Bank Holiday

Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd June 2024

Friday 19th July 2024

First Day of Term

Last Day of Term