

WARREN

Primary School



NEWSLETTER 16 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the half-way point in the year! Despite all of the illnesses that people have succumbed to, there have been lots of exciting things going on as well as planned for the rest of the term.

Children's Mental Health week.

Last week was Children's Mental Health week. Thank you in particular to Mrs Tagney and Mrs Smith for arranging lots of activities around this. Please click on the link to the website [Warren Primary School - Children's Mental Health Week \(osborne.coop\)](https://www.osborne.coop/childrens-mental-health-week) for more information.

Year 1 DT

A huge thank you to the family members who volunteered to help Year 1 with their DT sessions. It was heartwarming to see parents, carers, grandparents and even great-grandparents working with the children to help them create their own glove puppets. We could not have done it without you!

Internet Safety Day 2024

On the 6th February, we celebrated Internet Safety Day 2024. Our pupils explored various aspects of staying safe online, tailored to their respective age groups. Please see the link to the website for more news about this and many thanks to all the staff and in particular to Mr Kitchener (Computing Lead) for supporting and arranging this. [Warren Primary School Internet Safety Day](https://www.warrenprimaryschool.co.uk/internet-safety-day)

Online Safety – Parents and Carers

As previously mentioned in Parentmail and in line with Internet Safety Day, Online Safety are working with The Osborne Trust to gather feedback from parents and carers regarding adult skills and knowledge and children's online activity to further support home and school with delivering relevant teaching and information with a view to providing further information sessions also for parents and carers.

In order to gather up to date information they have asked that we ask you to complete the attached questionnaire <https://forms.gle/38m6kvCUv6XhTY9W7>

World Book Day

World Book day will be happening on Thursday March 7th and you should already have heard from Ms Lewis about some of the planned activities including dressing up as a book character and our pre-loved book sale. More information to follow including the Book in a Box competition.

Parent and carer appointments reminder

Please see Parentmail in order to book your appointment if you have not already done so.

Donation

We would like to thank KEL Sound and Vision for their recent donation of foam footballs from the PTFA wish list.

Gates and times

Please note that, in order to safeguard your children, the classroom doors and rear gates close to Key Stage 1 and Reception classes at 8:45am. If your child is late and arrives after this point, or after 8:50am for Key Stage 2, please accompany them to the main office to ensure that they are signed into school and are able to make their lunch choice.

Snacks

As you will be aware, the government provides a piece of fruit or vegetable for all Reception and KS1 children as a healthy snack. All children are also welcome to bring in their own fruit or vegetable based healthy snack to eat at break time. This should be kept separately from their packed lunch. Please remember to ensure that no nuts are sent in to school.

School lunches

All Reception, Year 1 and 2 children are entitled to receive universal free school meals. If you think that you may be entitled to receive Free School Meals for your child(ren), whether in KS2 or below, please do contact Thurrock Council by visiting <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Who is eligible

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive either:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit – provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Universal Credit – provided your total net earnings are no more than £616.67 each month
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Your child must be attending a state-funded school in the Thurrock area. If your child attends a school outside of Thurrock, you must apply to the council for the area in which they attend school.

You may also be able to claim [free school meals for your child if you have 'no recourse to public funds'](#) – for example, if you cannot claim benefits.

School Uniform

Please note, all schools currently using the Marks and Spencer Your School Uniform service have been notified by M&S that this will soon no longer be available. We are currently looking at alternative options for purchasing branded uniform but please do remember that logoed uniform has never been a requirement at Warren.

A quick reminder also regarding footwear – please ensure that children are wearing sensible plain black footwear for school.

Parent/Carer Governor elections

We would like to draw your attention to the parent mail and information sent on 2nd February 2024 regarding Parent/Carer Governor Elections for our two vacancies on the Local Governing Body. If you are considering standing for election then please ensure that you return your nomination form by **Monday 26th February.**

February on the Floor

<https://www.standby.me/feb>

This month Samuel (Year 2), Joshua (Reception) and their Mum (our Mrs Bauer!) and Dad are taking part in 'February on the floor', run by the charity 'Stand by me', which looks after children across the world, providing them with education, healthcare and, for those who need it, a home.

They are aiming to sleep on the floor for a weekend in order to raise money to buy beds for families who are currently living without them, so that the children can get the proper rest they need in order to thrive. This year the charity are being supported by West Ham football club.



We wish them well with their fundraising efforts and if this is something that you would be interested in supporting, then please see the following link:

<https://www.standby.me/appeals/stephanie-dan-samuel-and-joshua-s-february-on-the-floor>

Shout out and celebrate!

If your child has a recent achievement or event that you would like us to share in our newsletter then please email the office. We are always pleased to know and share those things that happen outside of school with our school family.

Thank you for all of your support over the half term and a huge thanks to our staff team for their hard work. We hope that everyone has a good half term week including all the staff and children who will be at Warren Weavers.

Please remember that children return to school on Monday 26th February.

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 16th February 2024

Last Day of Term

Monday 26th February 2024

First Day of Term

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day and Book Sale

Friday 8th March 2024

Mothers and Others Gift Sale

(during school time)

Friday 15th March 2024

Red Nose Day

Monday 26th March 2024

Easter Slide

(during school time)

Thursday 28th March 2024

Last Day of Term

Monday 15th April 2024

First Day of Term

Friday 26th April 2024

School Disco

Friday 3rd May 2024

Dress Down Day

Monday 6th May 2024

Bank Holiday

Saturday 18th May 2024

School Fayre

Friday 24th May 2024

Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd June 2024

First Day of Term

Friday 14th June 2024

Fathers and Others Gift Sale

(during school time)

Friday 19th July 2024

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 6th September 2024

First Day of Term