

WARREN Primary School

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It's been another busy term so far. This half-term offers the children lots of opportunities to take part in whole school events including a number of charity days. Starting this week with World Book Day.

World Book Day 2024

Thursday saw an amazing celebration of our favourite books on World Book Day. Reading is such a fundamental skill in our world and brings so many opportunities also to improve our lives – it was great to embrace such a great day to encourage this. It was wonderful to guess all the characters and books the children had dressed up as, as well as some of the “book in a box”es that children have made.

The booksale was a great success and a lovely opportunity for children to buy a “new” book to read at an affordable price as well as doing their bit for reusing and raising money for our school! We have raised more than £500, which will be used to purchase new books and resources for the children. Thank you to Miss Gillam for her hard work in organising the sale and to everyone who has helped by donating their pre-loved books as well as all the staff who have moved books and helped with this.

Year 3 and 5 also had the opportunity to visit Waterstones and use their WBD voucher on the day itself. Please look out for the WBD [voucher](#) coming home with your child which can be used to purchase one of the special WBD books or redeemed against another book (£2.99 or more) in participating book shops. Children will also be bringing home a Readathon record card. We would love to see these helping to encourage your child to further their reading beyond World Book Day and look forward to hearing about all their fantastic reading.

Thank you to all the staff for their efforts (and costumes!) and for putting reading at the heart of what we do, to Ms Lewis (English lead) in particular for organising many of the events as well and Mrs Squirrel and Mrs Smith to name a few!

More photos and information to be shared soon via our school website.



Governor Visit

We were pleased to welcome some of our governors into school on Wednesday. They spent the day looking around all areas of the school and seeing first-hand the hard work of all the children and adults alike and have written a few notes about their day below! We are still looking to recruit to our local governing board so please contact the school office for further information.

It is worth noting that many of our governors are working in organisations that grant “volunteer days” to allow them to use this time rather than unpaid or annual leave to support the school. If this is something that you would consider doing then please do speak to us.



Goodbye and welcome

We have had to say goodbye to Miss Burr as she moves on to a new role developing SEN provision in another school. We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff – Paige Kelly who joins our office team, Fateha Khanam as a new LSA and Asia Ali who has joined our lunchtime staff.

Police visit

We were delighted to welcome members of our Warren family back to Warren with a different uniform on Monday this week. Sergeant Scott Manning (ex-parent and governor for Warren) and his son PC Ellis Manning (past pupil and still a Warren Wayer!) came to visit us in assembly on Monday and to talk about their roles and show one of their vehicles. It was great to have another past pupil come back to visit and to see how they aspired to follow their dream. Unfortunately, they were called away too soon for everyone to see the vehicle, however we would like to thank them again for coming and hope to see them back at another time.

Chair donation!

You may have noticed our smart new blue chairs in the office area. Many thanks to Mrs Wells for arranging this kind donation.

Parking

Another plea to all of those who have to drive to school. Where possible, please leave an extra few minutes and leave your vehicle at Sainsburys. Thoughtless parking close to the school gate is not only inconveniencing our neighbours but also making the road difficult and dangerous to cross by pedestrians with vehicles attempting dangerous manoeuvres to navigate the road. It is particularly chaotic near the nursery gate, with some parents/carers either blocking driveways or even parking on private drives without permission. Please do be considerate of other road and pavement users and of our residential neighbours.

Younger children on site

It is lovely to see so many of our future Warren Wayers on the school run however please do keep them with you when they are in school. We have had several occasions where very small children are wandering up to the hill and field unsupervised. We have then had parents and carers almost locked in as they have then had to go up on to the field to find them. We do lock our gates promptly at the start and end of the day and ask you to understand that this is in order to help us to keep all of our children safe during the school day and at our after school clubs. Thank you for your consideration.

Comic Relief

Next Friday (15 March) is Red Nose Day and we will be inviting everyone to wear something funny for money. This could be a funny hair style, a funny t shirt, a dressing up outfit or onesie or anything that might make someone laugh. We will be collecting for Comic Relief with all donations gratefully received. We have already been supporting Comic Relief this week by producing some videos for them to share on their social media pages. A group of Year 4 and 5 children took part, as these year groups helped to choose which red noses would be sold this year. To say thank you Comic Relief arranged for some Gladiators to thank the children of Warren Primary School personally. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMi5D_NPzZg

Magnets – safety advice

We appear to have some children bringing in toys/pens to school which contain small magnets. We would ask that owing to safety concerns relating to the possibility of these being swallowed, that you do not allow this. For further information please see the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2021/05/dangers-of-children-swallowing-magnets-prompts-nhs-call-for-ban/Spring Pickers>

Essex Wildlife Trust

You may recall or have been part of the local litter pick organised by the Casian family last term. Perhaps you will also be interested in the Essex Wildlife Trust's Spring Pickers campaign to rid our local area of litter to help wildlife and make it a more pleasant place for everyone. "With far-reaching harmful impacts across so many of our cherished local species and habitats, it's time to act. There's over 1.5 million people living in Essex. If we all pick up a few pieces of rubbish and dispose of them correctly, we can make a huge positive difference to the area that we live in. " To sign up to pick up 5 pieces of litter a day from 9th – 18th March, please see the link above.

Parent and carer consultations

Reminder that it is parent/carers consultations next week on Tuesday and Wednesday afterschool. If you have been unable to make an appointment please do contact your child's class teacher via the office or at the end of the day on the door.

Mothers and others sale – Sssshhhhhh!

Enormous thanks to the mothers and others of our PTFA who organised the opportunity for the children to buy a "secret" gift and say thank you to those who mother them. We are very grateful as always to the fundraising efforts of our PTFA volunteers who find time to do so much for the school around their own families and work commitments!

Wishing everyone a Happy Mothering Sunday to all who "mother", however you spend it.



Shout Out and Celebrate

Kathleen in year 5 won a National Irish Dance Competition recently

Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 28th March 2024

Last Day of Term

Monday 15th April 2024

First Day of Term

Monday 6th May 2024

Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May 2024

Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd June 2024

First Day of Term

Friday 19th July 2024

Last Day of Term