

WARREN Primary School



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The first half term of the year has flown by. As we are now well and truly into autumn, please ensure that your child comes in with a warm, waterproof coat each day.

October is Black history month and we would like to thank the many guests who have been coming in to speak to year groups and in assembly to share their skills, experience, culture, careers with us. We also would like to thank Ellie Mayhew from AA Dance for her work with some of our Year 6 children and children in the d/Deaf Base who took part in an Afro Beat dance session. More information will be on the website.

In September, we had an inspirational visit from Paralympian Jessica Jane Applegate. During the whole school assembly she showed the children her winning in London 2012 and her gold medals - as well as her MBE! Years 3-6 then had the opportunity to take part in workshops where they got to play two Paralympic sports- boccia and guided walking. For more information please see our website

<https://warrenprimary.ovw7.juniperwebsites.co.uk/news/?pid=61&nid=2&storyid=47>

Prospective parent/carer tours

We have already started our tours for anyone applying for Reception for next year. If you know of anyone who would like to find out more, please ask them to see the website for the dates of the remaining ones.

<https://warrenprimary.ovw7.juniperwebsites.co.uk/news/?pid=61&nid=2&storyid=46>

TechSheCan Event

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 children were lucky enough to have the opportunity to take part in our first TechSheCan event. The company behind the event are striving for women to be equal members in creating and developing the new technology businesses, products, and services that shape our world, ensuring technology works for all. As an I-Belong school, we recognise the importance of engaging not just girls, but all our students in STEM subjects and took this exciting opportunity straight away. For more information, please see our website <https://warrenprimary.ovw7.juniperwebsites.co.uk/news/?pid=61&nid=2&storyid=50>

PE kits

A quick reminder please that on PE days, Year 1-6 children should come into school WITH THEIR USUAL WHITE POLO AND GREEN SWEATSHIRT/JUMPER/FLEECE and plain black bottom half (shorts, leggings, joggers). We have had a number of children arriving in tracksuit tops and hoodies and this is not uniform.

Lost Property

Unfortunately we have a lot of lost property appearing in the box. Please do ensure that clothing and any water bottles/lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's FULL NAME so we can return them to your child.

School House System

We have relaunched our House system and now have five Houses (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue). All children should know which House they are in. Each House has three Year 6 House Captains:

Red: Milli, Henry, Ruby

Orange: Soraiya, Alexandra, Ralphie

Yellow: Kit, Maya, Charlie

Green: Kaima, Elena, Maya

Blue: Teddy, Naya-Rose, Jennifer

We will be having lots of House events and competitions so please keep an eye out for ways to join in.

Food bank collection

We would like to support Thurrock Foodbank this Autumn by asking for donations for our Harvest Appeal to be passed on to the Foodbank which has been supporting people in Thurrock since 2012.

If you are able to donate any item(s) to the foodbank we would ask you to send them in to school from Tuesday 15th October until we break for half term. They can be taken into class or directly to the office. Any donations should be sealed and in date please.

Please see the list below and there is further information on the foodbank website [Thurrock Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#) for more information.

Urgently needed food items - all non-perishable:-

Desserts, Rice Pudding, Jellies

Sponge Puddings

Custard

Sweet Snacks

Tinned Spaghetti

We've got plenty of:-

Baked Beans

Pasta

Christmas fair date

Our PTFA fair will be held on Saturday 30th November. We hope that lots of people will be able to support this by coming along on the day. The PTFA are also looking for volunteers to help on the day so if you are able to help either with set up, during the fair or clearing up then please do contact the ptfa email ptfa.wps@osborne.coop

Remembrance

Warren will be opening the school for the Chafford Hundred Remembrance Service which will be taking place on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday. More details to follow.

Ptfa meeting

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Thursday 17th October 6pm-6.45pm at the school. Please come along to share ideas and find out how you can volunteer to support the great work of the PTFA. Not only do the children get some lovely experiences but all the money raised goes towards enhancing your child's experience at the school.

Parking around school

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools and ours is no exception, this causes an increased safety risk to both children and parents. Recently there have been incidents in Essex involving children where loss of life and life-changing injuries have occurred due to inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put all of us, Pupils, Parents, Carers, Staff, Residents and other road users in danger.

Last week you may have noticed that a team from Essex Police visited Warren during the early morning drop off times. Essex Police have informed us that they have been monitoring the traffic levels and parking infringements outside schools and Warren was highlighted as a site with a high level of safety concerns. During this exercise several drivers were warned regarding parking infringements, and a number were fined, others were referred for other infringements.

We have been advised that these visits from Essex Police outside our school will continue, and as with last week, will be unannounced.

Parents carers consultations

A quick reminder to make sure you have booked a parents/carers consultation appointment through the My Child at School (MCaS) app. If you have any difficulties, please contact the school office.

Christmas performance dates

Christmas performances for our younger children and families will be as follows:

Nursery Thursday 12th morning

Reception Tuesday 10th afternoon

KS1 Tuesday 10th morning and Thursday 12th afternoon

There will be further information and time clarification nearer the time. There will be an allocation of two tickets for each child **for which parents/carers must apply.**

KS2 performances will be held later in the school year.

Thank you for your continuing support as we head towards the end of the first half term.