



# Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term Dates

#### SEPTEMBER

- 27.09.23: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.
- 29.09.23: MacMillan Cancer fund raising – non-uniform day.

#### OCTOBER

- 02.10.23: Y5 Bike ability sessions this week.
- 02.10.23: Y6 'Crossing The Line' workshop in school.
- 04.10.23: Harvest collection in school.
- 04.10.23: Y6 class visit to All Saints Church morning service - 10am.
- 16.10.23: Nasal flu vaccinations.
- 16.10.23: Mid-term test week for the infant and junior classes.
- 20.10.23: School closes for half-term at 3.15pm.
- 30.10.23: School closed for staff INSET training day.
- 31.10.23: Pupils back to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

#### NOVEMBER

- 06.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 09.11.23: School individual photographs.
- 10.11.23: Remembrance Day Worship in school.
- 13.11.23: National Anti-Bullying Week.
- 13.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 15.11.23: B-Tales Anti-Bullying workshops for the junior classes
- 17.11.23: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.
- 22.11.23: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.
- 22.11.23: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service - 10am.

#### DECEMBER

- 04.12.23: KS1 Christmas Shows. Y1 – 9am. Y2 – 2.40pm.
- 05.12.23: EYFS Christmas Shows. NUR – 9am. REC – 2.40pm.
- 06.12.23: Lower KS2 Christmas Shows. Y3 – 9am. Y4 – 2.40pm.
- 07.12.23: Upper KS2 Christmas Shows. Y6 – 9am. Y5 – 2.40pm.
- 08.12.23: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch.
- 11.12.23: Infant/EYFS Christmas party.
- 13.12.23: Junior Christmas party.
- 15.12.23: Christmas Panto in school.
- 15.12.23: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm.

- JANUARY** 03.01.24: Back to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

22.09.2023

We are very pleased to be supporting the Salford Foodbank with our harvest collection again this year. Salford Foodbank is committed to ensuring that no-one goes hungry in Salford. As the city's primary crisis food bank, they are highly dependent on schools to help bolster their stocks at Harvest. Therefore, we thought it would be a great idea for us to get behind this great charity and give them our support at harvest time. Our school harvest collection will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We are asking that the children bring in tinned or packet non-perishable food. Staff from the Salford Foodbank will be coming into school to talk to the children about the work that they do and to take the donations away with them. Our Y6 class will also attend the morning service at All Saints Church on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to talk to the congregation about harvest. The Y6 parents & carers are very welcome to attend the service, which will start at 10am.

**In the classroom this week .....** Y5 had a fantastic class trip to Jodrell Bank. They enjoyed seeing the huge telescope, visiting the amazing planetarium and exploring the different galleries that had lots of information all about our solar system. They were all fantastically well-behaved and we are very proud of how well they represented the school on their day out. We also had our Y1 class joining us in the hall for collective worship today and again they were all superstars – well done Y1 and Y5!

### **Weekly updates.... MacMillan Cancer Trust Non-Uniform Fund-Raising Day**

Next Friday (29<sup>th</sup> September), we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for the MacMillan Cancer Trust. All the money that we raise will go to this good cause. We are asking for a contribution of £1 (payable via School Spider) and in return the children will be able to come to school in their own clothes. The Y5 & Y6 children can come to school in their own sports clothes as they have PE in the afternoon.

## Good Attendance

As a school we want to encourage all our pupils to have the best possible attendance that they can. This is because good attendance plays a key role in enabling children to thrive at school. We want to make sure that as many children are in school as possible this term to take part in learning activities, we know that being at school every day helps children make friends and socialise as well as improving physical and mental health and well-being.

Sometimes you may be unsure as to whether your child is well enough to be in school. With Autumn and Winter just around the corner, many children get colds, mild coughs, and sniffles. If this happens it is usually ok to send your child into school. However, if your child gets a high temperature of more than 38 degrees C then they should not attend. A useful guide for parents has been published by the NHS called 'is my child too ill for school?'

You may feel that following the pandemic your child has become a bit more worried about things. Most of the time children and young people can experience heightened emotions as part of the normal process of growing up and in these cases, school is the best place to be to help them improve how they feel. Often the more time they have off school the more anxious they can become. It may be of use to you to read the guidance on mental health issues affecting pupil's attendance. You may also find it interesting to look at the Salford City Council Miss Out, Miss School webpage for further support for children who experience mental health issues, and we are also available in school for you if you want to contact us about this, or about any other issue related to your child's health and well-being and learning.

We know that good attendance cannot be achieved without your help and support. Therefore, we believe it is important that you have a clear idea of what your child's attendance level is. To help achieve this we send out attendance information at the end of each term. We also send out letters to inform you if your child's attendance falls below 92%. For any children whose attendance falls under 90%, we will be asking for medical proof in order to authorise any absence due to illness. Without satisfactory medical proof, the absence will be unauthorised.

**The school's attendance policy also clearly sets out that no absence for term time holidays will be authorised. This means that if children are missing school due to a term time holiday, it will be recorded as unauthorised absence.**

As a result of unauthorised absence, you may be referred to the Local Authority for the consideration of a Penalty Notice. Under section 444 of the Education Act 1996, the Local Authority may issue Penalty Notices to parents of children with unauthorised absences from school. **The fines are issued to each parent, for each child, and are: £60 if paid within 21 days rising to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days.**

## Second Hand School Uniform Donations

We understand how expensive school uniform can be and how challenging the current cost of living crisis is for many families. We have deliberately tried to keep the number of branded items in our school uniform policy to a minimum to help keep the costs down as far as possible. To try and further help, we are also inviting donations of any second-hand school uniform. If you have any old, unwanted school uniform items that are in a clean and reasonable condition you can drop them off at the school office. We will then put the donated items into our uniform cupboard which is located in the front entrance area. Any parent or carer wishing to take a donated uniform item can call into school at any time to look in the uniform cupboard.

## Reminders from the office .....

- Please return the completed Data Checking sheets to the office as soon as possible
- Dinner money is £10.50 per week payable on Monday morning via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)
- MacMillan Cancer Trust donations are payable only on the School Spider App

## **Our Christian values and thoughtful time .....**

### **Collective Worship Theme**

Our collective worship theme this half-term is Respect. This week in collective worship we looked at the story of Saint Francis and thought about how we could respect the wonderful animals that share our planet with us. The children then wrote about this in their class thoughtful books and we shared some of their ideas in our collective worship on Thursday.

### **Home Worship Books**

We had the first opportunity for the children to bring in their home worship books to share in school this week. It was lovely to see more than thirty children bringing their books to share with everyone. There were thoughts on lots of different subjects including the Christian value of Respect and our Wardley Way values. Each week we award our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) to one child. This week it was Athena in Y6 for her home worship work about respecting animals. Letty from Y1 wrote a wonderful prayer in her home worship book that she read out in the hall – well done Letty!

### **Courageous Advocates**

We are giving the infant and junior children (who want to) the chance to take on the role of being a courageous advocate in our Collective Worship next Wednesday – 27<sup>th</sup> September. Being a courageous advocate means that they take on the role of speaking to the rest of the school on an issue or problem that they feel strongly about. They can either speak to the school by themselves or as part of a group.