



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

NOVEMBER

18.11.23: The school choir will open the All Saints Christmas Fair at 11am.

22.11.23: Y3 Class Trip to Chester Zoo.

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 3rd January.

17.11.2023

It has been anti-bullying week in our school and the theme has been 'Make A Noise.' We have been really pleased with how well the children have engaged with all the activities, including the B-Tales production about bullying that the junior children watched. Odd socks day was lots of fun and reminded us all that it is good to be different and diversity should be celebrated. Our Y6 school counsellors talked to the infant and junior classes about bullying. They did a great job at looking at what bullying is and what the children must do if they felt someone was being bullied. Finally, they carried out a pupil safety survey with all the infant and junior classes. The results from this were really positive and showed that 100% of our infant and junior children feel we deal with bullying very effectively. The school counsellors have produced a wonderful newsletter all about the work that they have done this week and the results of the survey. We will be sending this out to you.

In the classroom this week

During PSHE lessons, children across the school have been creating posters and writing about what to do if they think that they are or someone else is being bullied. Pupils have said that they know who they can speak to in our school and that there is always someone around to help. They have produced some wonderful work in their PSHE journals which were a pleasure to see. Take a look on our school website to see some of them in the blog about anti-bullying week.

Weekly updates.... Sporting News

Our school football team played another competitive match this week against The Deans Primary School. They played really well and came out as the winners with a 3-0 score-line. Well done to all the children who were part of the team - they were all brilliant. Also, a big thank you to our team coaches, Mr D. Foster and Mr Houston, who give up their time to coach the children and organise the league matches.

Christmas Activities

Christmas is always a very special and exciting time of the year in a primary school. And this year, more than ever, we feel it is really important that we make it a special time for our children.

All Saints Christmas Fair – Saturday 18.11.23.

Mrs Walker will be taking children from our school choir down to All Saints Church this Saturday morning to open the All Saints Church Christmas Fair at 11am. Come along to support the Church and listen to the children sing some festive songs.

Class Christmas Shows – In the week beginning Monday 04.12.23. Dates on the autumn term date list.

The classes are all going to be putting on their own special Christmas Shows for parents and carers to come and see. The children will be singing Christmas songs, reciting Christmas poems and sharing their Christmas thoughts. We really enjoyed the opportunity to do this in school last year and are very excited about giving you the chance to come into school again and share this special event with the children this year. The morning services will start at 9.00am and the afternoon services will start at 2.40pm. There will be two tickets per child for each of the performances. The children should come to school on the day of their Christmas service in festive Christmas clothes – such as Christmas jumpers, sparkles or Christmas colours.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 08.12.23.

This is a non-uniform fundraising day for the Save The Children charity. If they want to, the children can come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper/clothing. It is also the day of our school Christmas lunch.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 08.12.23.

Special Christmas lunch in school – all children have the option to sign up for this meal cooked by our school kitchen.

Christmas Parties – EYFS/KS1 on Monday 11.12.23 and KS2 on Wednesday 13.12.23.

The children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on their class party day. Each class will have time in the hall to play party games and then do Christmas activities in class and watch a Christmas film with some party food. We are asking for a contribution of a £1 per child towards the cost of the party food and prizes which will be payable online.

Panto – Friday 15.12.23.

Our annual Christmas panto this year by the Lada Theatre Group will be Sleeping Beauty. It will be watched by all the classes from Reception to Y6. We are asking for a contribution of a £4 per child towards the cost of the panto which will be payable online.

Last Day of Term – Friday 15.12.23

The children should come to school in their school uniform. The children will be watching a Christmas DVD and doing special Christmas activities in their classrooms.

Christmas Raffle

We are starting to collect prizes for our Christmas Raffle and would be very grateful for any donations you are able to make e.g. new toys, alcohol, chocolate, gift sets, tickets, gift vouchers etc

Autumn Term Parents' Evening Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who came to one of our autumn term parents' evenings. It was great to see them being so well supported and hopefully they gave you a good insight into how your child is doing at school. We are carrying out an online parent questionnaire as a follow up to the parents' evenings meetings to gather feedback about your feelings on the effectiveness of the school and the support it is providing to your children. The questionnaire will go live today and will remain open until Friday 25th November; we will then analyse the results and let you know the outcomes.

Attendance

We have been very pleased to see that the attendance figures for our children in school have been improving over the course of this term so far. The reason we are delighted with this trend is that good attendance is absolutely vital in enabling children to thrive and ensure that they achieve their full potential.

To further support and celebrate good school attendance we have taken the following steps:

- We have put up an attendance display board in the hall. This has the details of each classes' attendance on a week by week basis. It shows which class has had the best weekly attendance and whether the class attendance figure is going up or down.
- Each class from Y2 to Y6 now has an Attendance Ambassador to help support and promote good attendance. The children were all voted into post by their classmates this week and their photos are displayed on the hall board. Our Attendance Ambassadors are: Eva in Y2. Poppy in Y3. Mollie in Y4. Daisy in Y5. Jack H in Y6.
- We have started a weekly prize draw for all the children with 100% attendance and arriving for school on time that week. The prize is a £5 toy voucher. The winner is chosen in our Friday Thanksgiving Assembly, with all the eligible children having their names put up on a screen at the front of the hall and the winner being chosen at random by an electronic spinner! Our very first prize winner was ...
- There will be a half-termly prize draw for all the children with 96% or better attendance and arriving for school on time that half-term with the winning child getting a £20 toy voucher. We will start this at the end of the autumn term.
- There will be a termly prize draw for all the children with 96% or better attendance that term and arriving for school on time with the winning child getting a £50 family food voucher. We will start this at the end of the autumn term.
- If a class has 100% attendance over a week the children all get a special reward.
- A special reward for children with a 100% attendance at the end of the year.
- Improved attendance certificates and special rewards for children who have shown a clear improvement in their attendance record.

So, there are lots of ways in which we will be rewarding and celebrating good attendance over the coming weeks!

Working with your child's school

We have been sent information about a free 90-minute session that is being run by the Local Authority. This session will look at how to use resources available for parents and carers to create a joint understanding about their child's strengths and needs. The aim is to make working with your child's school a positive experience. The session will take place at Buile Hill conference suite on 28th November, starting at 9.30am. Places can be booked via this link: <https://www.salford.gov.uk/children-and-families/salfords-neurodevelopmental-offer/how-to-get-help/>

Children In Need

A huge thank you for all your support to our Children In Need fundraising activities today. The children enjoyed their non-uniform day and we raised lots of money for this good cause. The winner of our Children In Need raffle was Emilia in Reception who won Pudsey Bear, and Kataleja in Y1 who won Little Pudsey Bear. The total amount that we have raised is a fantastic £462.00

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Y5 All Saints Church Visit

Each half-term one of our classes visits All Saints Church to take part in the Wednesday morning service. It is the turn of our Y5 class to do this next Wednesday 22nd November. The service is at 10.00am and all the Y5 parents and carers are welcome to join the class at All Saints Church.

