



# Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

## Newsletter

### Summer Term Dates

#### May

24.05.24: School closes for the Whit holiday at 3.15pm.

**June 03.06.24: School closed – INSET Day.**

**Tuesday 04.06.24:** School starts again after the Whit break with our 'Be Active' Wellbeing Day.

WB 10.06.24: Y1 Phonics Check and Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

12.06.24: Y6 Anderton Centre residential trip meeting: 4.30pm.

WB 24.06.24: Transition week – during the week the children will meet their new teachers and Y6 will visit their new high schools.

#### July

01.07.24: Y4 MAPAS concert at the Lowry – 5.15pm.

03.07.24: Y3 class visit to the All Saints Morning Service at 10am. Y3 parents & carers are welcome to attend.

04 & 05.07.24: Y6 Residential visit to the Anderton Centre.

12.07.24: End of year school reports sent home.

15.07.24: Y5/Y6 sports day from 9am.

15.07.24: Parent Meetings with the new teachers for the 2024/25

Lower junior classes (Y3/Y4) and the new Nursery Intake at 3.20pm.

16.07.24: Y3/Y4 sports day from 9am.

16.07.24: Parent Meetings with the new teachers for the 2024/25

Upper junior classes (Y5/Y6) at 3.20pm.

17.07.24: Y1/Y2 sports day from 9.15am.

17.07.24: Parent Meetings with the new teachers for the 2024/25

Infant classes (Y1 & Y2) and the Reception class at 3.20pm.

18.07.24: EYFS sports day from 9.15am.

22.07.24: Y6 Leavers' show: 5pm.

23.07.24: Y6 Garden party.

24.07.24: School closes for the summer holiday at 3.15pm.

### 24.05.2024

It has been another very busy half-term and the children have certainly worked hard and accomplished a lot over the last few weeks. They can now look forward to a well-deserved break over the Whit Holiday. After the holiday, our first day back at school, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, will be a Wellbeing Day focused on 'Be Active,' one of the NHS Five Ways to Wellbeing. The children have been discussing and suggesting their own ideas for activities that they would like to do. This will allow us to customise our Wellbeing Day to their interests. Children will spend the day engaging in various fun and physical activities designed to boost their wellbeing. At home, you can also help support this initiative by encouraging activities like a family dance-off, obstacle courses, or a walk around your local area. We look forward to a day filled with energy, creativity and a positive start to the new term! We also hope to be able to bring you news about the opening of our new bicycle shelter!

### In the classroom this week ...

The children have been bringing in some fantastic homework projects this week. It is always great to see the range of work that the children bring in and the enthusiasm they have in talking about their work. We very much appreciate all the support that is given at home to support the children with their topic work. As well as the homework projects it has also been fantastic to see the children really engaging with their reading – whether it is with their reading book or online with Reading Plus or My Book Blog. Any reading activities that the children can do over the Whit holiday will be of huge benefit to them. It can also be the perfect activity for a rainy day... and the holiday forecast seems to be for a few wet days!

**Weekly Updates... School Car Park** We ask, for obvious safety reasons, that parents and carers do not cross the school carpark with their children either at drop-off or collection time. **We also ask that parents and carers do not drive onto the school carpark to either drop-off or collect children.** We have had a number of near misses recently which underline the importance of this. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## **Emotionally Friendly Schools Bronze Award**

This week, we were delighted to receive a certificate of recognition for our status as a Bronze Level Emotionally Friendly School. This is something that we feel is really important to our school community. We have been working hard on embedding our support for well-being across the school community. The excellent work on this has been co-ordinated by Mrs Mitchell, our well-being leader. One of the exciting developments linked to this has been the introduction of our Wellbeing Days on the first day back of each term – you can see more details about our next well-being day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June elsewhere on this newsletter.

## **Healthy Snacks and Lunchboxes**

If your children are bringing in packed lunches or snacks please think carefully about making healthy choices for the items that are put into them. We ask that children do not bring in crisps, sweets or chocolate for their morning break snacks. Many thanks for your support with this.

## **Sporting News**

### **Tennis:**

Eight of our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a tennis tournament this Tuesday. All the girls and boys who took part in the tournament played magnificently and there were some outstanding performances. Indeed, our Year 3 team won their event. That said, all of the children played with a great deal of skill and determination. It was lovely to see the way that they managed to maintain a positive attitude throughout the tournament; consistently encouraging and cajoling each other when appropriate. We are very proud of them all.

### **Netball Rally:**

Seven of our upper junior girls took part in the 'end of year' netball rally at Moorside Primary School. It was a lovely, sunny afternoon and the girls played quite a few tough matches. Indeed, we faced a lot of teams that we have already played this year and to whom we have suffered some heavy losses. However, although we once again came up a little short, the progress the team has made was clear for all to see. Thank you for all the parents and carers who stayed to watch it is much appreciated.

Again, many thanks to Mr D. Foster who is our PE leader who did an excellent job at supporting the children at these events.

## **UK Sport After School Clubs**

We have an exciting opportunity for some of our children to get involved in after-school dance clubs where they will enjoy taking part in dance styles such as Street Dance. These clubs will be run by the UK Sports dance coach up till the end of the summer term and they will start in the first week back after the Whit holiday. The clubs will be:

Tuesday: Y1/Y2 Dance Club from 3.15 to 4pm.

Wednesday: Y3/4 Dance Club from 3.15 to 4pm.

Each club will have a limit of 12 pupils. If the club is full you can contact the school office to put your child's name on a reserve list. The children can take part in the club in their school uniform and will not need to bring a change of clothes. You will be able to book a place on the club through School Spider from 6pm tonight.

## **Reminders from the office .....**

- Dinner money for the first week back will be £8.40

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

### **Ethos Committee**

Our ethos committee plays an important role in helping us look at how our distinctive Christian vision guides us in the work that we do. At this week's meeting our ethos committee counsellors from the infant and junior classes met with some of our school governors to look at how our school vision and values help them with their learning. We had a great discussion around this and the children had some excellent ideas about the

way in which they felt we could better support them with their learning. After the Whit holiday, we will be producing an ethos committee newsletter to share some of these with you.

### **Courageous Advocates**

This week, we gave our children the opportunity to take on the role of being a courageous advocate and deliver a speech in our collective worship. Danielle from Y5 took on the challenge and she did a great job on preparing her speech and also delivered her message with confidence to the whole school. Being a courageous advocate means taking on the role of speaking to the rest of the school on a subject that they feel strongly about. The children can either speak to the school by themselves or as part of a small group.