



# Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we can do all things'

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term Dates

#### SEPTEMBER

- 25.09.24: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.
- 27.09.24: MacMillan Cancer fund raising – non-uniform day.
- 30.09.24: Y5 Bike ability sessions this week.

#### OCTOBER

- 02.10.24: Harvest collection in school.
- 02.10.24: Y6 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.
- 03.10.24 – Themed lunch
- 04.10.24: Nasal flu vaccinations.
- 09.10.24: Y3 & Y4 Trip to the orchestra.
- 14.10.24: Mid-term test week for the infant and junior classes.
- 18.10.24: Non-uniform fundraising day for the school fund.
- 18.10.24: School closes for half-term at 3.15pm.
- 28.10.24: School closed for staff INSET training day.
- 29.10.24: Pupils back to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

#### NOVEMBER

- 04.11.24: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 11.11.24: Remembrance Day Worship in school.
- 11.11.24: National Anti-Bullying Week.
- 12.11.24: Odd Socks Day.
- 12.11.24: B-Tales Anti-Bullying workshops for the junior classes.
- 14.11.24: School individual photographs.
- 15.11.24: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.
- 18.11.24: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 27.11.24: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

#### DECEMBER

- 09.12.24: KS1 Christmas Shows. Y1 – 9am. Y2 – 2.40pm.
- 10.12.24: EYFS Christmas Shows. NUR – 9am. REC – 2.40pm.
- 11.12.24: Lower KS2 Christmas Shows. Y3 – 9am. Y4 – 2.40pm.
- 12.12.24: Upper KS2 Christmas Shows. Y6 – 9am. Y5 – 2.40pm.
- 13.12.24: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch.
- 16.12.24: Infant/EYFS Christmas party.
- 17.12.24: Junior Christmas party.
- 18.12.24: Christmas Panto in school.
- 18.12.24: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm.

**JANUARY** 06.01.25: Back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

13.09.2024

Welcome back! We would like to thank everyone for their support for the school at the start of this new academic year. The children have all settled into their new classes incredibly well. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for ensuring that your children look so very smart in their new uniforms. Moreover, it has been a very positive start with school attendance figures – ensuring that the children have good attendance over this coming year will be a major focus for us. We know that good attendance is a key part of children thriving in school. Finally, a big thank you to the teachers and staff who have been fantastic in their preparation for a safe start back to school. Over the summer we have been doing a lot of work on developing our curriculum and we hope that the children enjoy all the new activities that link into this. We now look forward to what we hope will be a very productive, enjoyable and exciting year ahead.

### In the classroom this week .....

Our Y4 class have had a very exciting week! They attended their first swimming lesson and the staff complemented them on their excellent behaviour. They have also started learning how to play the ukulele. This is being delivered to them by Mr Lane who is a tutor from the Salford Music & Performing Arts Service (MAPAS). The children will be learning the instrument as a class over the course of the year. There is an online form for the Y4 parents to complete if they would like their child to be able to take the ukulele home to practice on. They certainly sounded very good this week and we look forward to seeing their progress!

### Weekly Updates... EYFS

We are really pleased with how well the children in our foundation stage have settled into their new classes at the start of this year. They are quickly getting used to all the new routines, and it is really nice to see how busy and happy they are during the school day. Both classes will be in full-time attendance from next Monday and we hope that they continue to build upon their great start as we go forward through the year.

## **School Attendance**

Good attendance is a crucial part of children reaching their full potential in school. We look to celebrate it each week with our school attendance mascot, Barney Bear, being awarded to the class with the highest attendance. We also give out attendance certificates at the end of each term to give everyone a clear understanding of what the attendance figures for the children are.

The school's attendance target is 96%. If your child is at school for only 90 per cent of the school year, then they will have missed almost four whole weeks of school. This is a big gap for any child to make up. 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.**

New Legislation came into force on 19th August 2024 regarding the issuing of penalty notices relating to none school attendance. The following changes have come into force for penalty notice fines issued after 19th August 2024.

There is a single National Threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England and Wales of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any type of unauthorised absences.

From 19th August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £160 discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no discount given for early repayment.

Any term time holidays that are taken after the start of the 2024/25 academic year will be treated under the new Legislation as the new rules apply to any offences committed from 19 August 2024, regardless of when the holiday is booked.

Should a third absence be taken within the three-year period, a parent may be summonsed to the Magistrates Court for knowingly failing to secure good attendance at school (Section 444 (1A) of Education Act 1996).

## **Attendance Ambassadors**

Each class has elected an Attendance Ambassador to help promote good attendance throughout the school. Well done to those who have been elected: Y6 – James, Y5 – Amelia, Y4 – Seth, Y3 – Savannah and Y2 -Alex.

## **Summer Building Work**

It was a busy time in school over the summer with lots of building work taking place. This included new windows and doors being fitted to replace all of the old fixtures and shutters. Also linked into this work, we have a new security system that has been installed on all the exterior facing doors in the school. There have also been lots of improvements to the school grounds and work to the EYFS outdoor area.

## **PE days**

Our PE days started this week for all our classes. On their PE days, the children should come into school wearing their school uniform PE kit. The school PE kit is a plain white tee-shirt or polo shirt with navy blue shorts or track-suit trousers and plain trainers. The children should also come to school wearing their school jumper or cardigan on PE days.

The PE days are as follows: Monday – Y6. Tuesday – Y2 & Reception. Wednesday – Y1. Thursday – Y3. Friday – Y5.

Our Y4 class will be going swimming each Tuesday. The Y4 children can, if they want to, wear a polo shirt as part of their school uniform on their swimming day to make changing at the pool a little easier. They should also bring their swimming kit (towel, swimming costume and swimming hat) in a bag to take to the pool.

### **After-School Sports Clubs**

We will have a range of after-school sports clubs going on over this coming term. There is no charge for attendance at these clubs. All the clubs run from 3.15 to 4.15pm and the children can be collected from the main entrance doors by the school office at the end of the club.

Tuesday: UK Sports Multi-Skills club for Y1 & Y2 – this is now full. The Y1 children can take part in the club wearing their school uniform. The Y2 children will have their PE clothes on.

Wednesday: UK Sports Multi-Sports club for Y3 & Y4 – this is now full. The children should bring trainers in a bag to get changed into for the club.

Thursday: Netball club for Y6 run by Mr D. Foster – this is now full. The children should bring trainers in a bag to get changed into for the club.

### **After-School Activity Clubs**

We will also have a range of after-school activity clubs going on over this coming term. There is a charge for attendance at these clubs. All the clubs run from 3.15 to 4.15pm and the children can be collected from the hall doors at the end of the club.

Tuesday: Chess Club for KS1/2 children – there are places in the club. Each session has a charge of £5.50.

Wednesday: Art Club for KS1/2 children – there are places in the club. Each session has a charge of £12.

If you are interested in a place at one of the clubs, or would like to put your child's name on a waiting list, please contact the school office.

Anthem music will also be delivering music tuition after school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The children can be collected from the nursery doors at the end of the club.

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

- Next week it will be week 3 on the dinner menu
- Dinner money is £10.50 per week and is payable on the School Gateway by Monday morning

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

#### **Collective Worship Theme**

Our collective worship is based upon a set of sixteen Christian values that we cover over a three-year cycle. We spend half a term looking at each value in our daily act of collective worship. The value that we will be looking at this half-term is *'Courage'*. Each week the children look at different aspects of this value and what it means to them in their daily lives. In our weekly thoughtful book assembly, we share some of these ideas with the school. We will be sending home a sheet about this value so you can support the work the children are doing in collective worship at home. We hope you find the ideas useful as you explore the value together and have fun doing it!

#### **Courageous Advocates**

As part of our collective worship programme, we look to give the children an opportunity each half-term to speak up about an issue that they feel passionate about. They can prepare what they want to say at home and then tell the rest of the school about it during our courageous advocates worship. They can do this either in a small group or by themselves. We are always really impressed by what they have to say and the passion they show for the issues that they are talking about. Our first courageous advocates worship is on 25<sup>th</sup> September. If any child wants to talk part they should speak to their class teacher or Mr Foster about it.

### **Home Worship Books**

Every infant and junior child has been given a home worship book to take home. They can put into it any thoughts, reflections or prayers they have in whatever form they want to – drawings, writing or photos. This can be linked into the school's weekly worship themes or be something that has come from the child. If they want to, they can then bring their books into the weekly Thoughtful Book worship and share them with the rest of the school. The first chance they have to do this is next Thursday – 19<sup>th</sup> September. Each week we will choose one of the children to look after Sammy (our home worship mascot). We will also take a copy of their work to keep in our special school home worship book which is on display in the hall.

### **Ethos Committee Elections**

We ran our class elections for the ethos committee representatives this week. It was great to see so many children preparing speeches and looking to stand for the committee. Every class voted for their representative and the following children will be serving on the committee:

Y2: Olivia. Y3: Olly. Y4: Lucy. Y5: Oakley. Y6: Leo. Well done to all!