



School Bulletin

Wharton CE Primary School, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 3EP

Date: 6th January 2023

Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it – Proverbs 22 v 6

USEFUL DATES: Jan/Feb

Bikeability week commencing
Monday 9th January

Balance Bike sessions for Reception
January 12th and 13th

Year 5 Forest school Monday 9th Jan

Year 3 Burwardsley residential Thursday 12th – Friday
13th January

Reception Chester Zoo trip 25th January

Young voices 31st January

Year 6 Conover Hall residential Wednesday 8th –
Friday 10th February

Welcome back, and happy new year, we hope you had a restful and happy Christmas, ready to start the new term.

We have lots of exciting events happening over this next half term with our residential, trips, and in school activities, there's lots to look forward to!!



Can parents/carers please note that request for absence that has not been authorised will result in a fixed penalty notice. The Government discourages taking holidays in term time. Evidence shows that children who miss school do not achieve as well as those who attend regularly. The law has restricted a Head Teacher's ability to authorise holidays during term time. Head Teachers are now only empowered to approve a leave of absence when it is requested in advance by the parent or carer with whom the child resides and when circumstances of the requested leave are 'exceptional'.

Should you still choose to take a holiday with your child during this period the Local Authority will be informed as this will constitute an unauthorised absence. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents are £60 when the penalty is paid within 21 days and £120 when the penalty is paid within 28 days. This penalty is per parent/carer per child.

If the fixed penalty is not paid this could lead to parents/carers being prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

If you feel the decision has not taken into account any relevant exceptional circumstances, then you will need to contact the school immediately for further discussion.



Take your children's fancy dress to your local library from now until 10 February to receive a voucher which you can redeem for clothing on the swap days of Saturday and 18 February. Clothing should be in good condition and have the CE mark or have been purchased since 2015. And of course, it would be great if you could encourage your children to join the library at the same time – joining is free and there are no late fees for Under 13s. Parents need to give permission.

Attendance Champions this week
are Sycamore With 100%



We encourage everyone to
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Our Forum is freely available to all parents or carers who access Special Educational Needs or Disability services within the Borough of Cheshire West and Chester.

Come along to our free events to find out what's going on in Cheshire West & Chester and tell us about what's important to you, your child or young person. Check our website for more information nearer the time of the event as some details could change and extra speakers/items added to the agendas.

In Person Forums

November 23rd 2022
Vicars Cross Golf Club, Chester
10am - 2pm

**Mental Health Services
Social Care - Starting Well**

March 22nd 2023
Vale Royal Abbey, Northwich
10am - 2pm

**Review of Services
Meet the Professionals**

May 24th 2023
Holiday Inn, Ellesmere Port
10am - 2pm

**Mediation Services
Transition to Adulthood**

Virtual Forums

Virtual Forums held live on Zoom, recorded and available later on our website.

September 21st 2022
7pm - 8.30pm
Benefits and Carers

18th January 2023
10am - 11.30am
**Social Care including
an explanation
of Direct Payments**

April 19th 2023
10am - 11.30am
**A Roadmap and introduction
to Special Educational Needs
- where to find support.**

For more details or to book, visit our website:
www.pcfcheshirewest.org

We are Parents & Carers who have children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND).

Run by parents, for parents.

Free events. Opportunities to have a voice. Ask questions. Meet other parents and professionals from SEN Services, in Health, Education & Social Care.

The aim of the PCF is...

- To be the voice of as many parents/carers as possible.
- Influence decisions about gaps in services.
- Provide information and signposting to Professionals and Voluntary Organisations.
- Co-produce improvements to Services so that all children and young people in the Borough with SEND are given the chance to achieve the best possible outcomes.



Parents appreciate the support of the parent carer forum (PCF). This helps parents' voices to be better heard by leaders. The PCF is included in many strategic workstreams and boards. This makes sure that the views of parents and carers are considered in strategic planning.

Adam Sproston,
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