



Dates for your Diary

Our Christian value this term is **THANKFULNESS**

Our Heartsmart principle is "No way through isn't true"

- 5th November Children return to school
- 11th November Flu Vaccinations.
- Friday 9th November Parent partnership coffee morning for year's 3 / 4 in ASH class
- Monday 11th November wear BLUE for anti-bullying week
- Friday 15th November parent partnership coffee morning in ASH class KS1 parents
- 28th November Book Fair arrives in school
- 28th November Open the door times tbc.....
- Beauty and the Beast EYFS and Year 1 2nd December 9.30am in school hall Nursery will be there too
- TT Rockstars day 6th December
- Wednesday December 11th Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day
- Year 1 Nativity Thursday 12th December 2pm
- Year 2 Nativity Friday 13th December 2pm
- Year 3 / 4 Christingle 16th December 9.30 am for year 3 parents
- Year 3 / 4 Christingle 16th December 2.30 pm for year 4 parents
- Tuesday 17th December 9.30am Year 5/ 6 carol service
- Tuesday 17th December Year 2-6 theatre trip leaving school at 12.45 – (early lunch)
- Wednesday 18th December Reception Nativity 2pm
- Thursday 19th December Christmas jumpers to be worn for Christmas party day and Elf run

Wow

What a half term we have had!

8 weeks and the children have been fabulous throughout! Lots of exciting learning has taken place and the children have excelled themselves, but they are ready for a rest.

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evenings where staff were able to celebrate with you how well children have settled and learning so far this term.

As a school the Early years team have been busy with the launch of the new 'Little Seedlings' toddler group which has been well attended. Please do come if you can.

Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2025 have had tours of school.

Children have been out on visits to the Imperial War Museum and Weaver Hall.

We have had a free production of 'The Tempest' in school, which was fantastic, the children thoroughly enjoyed the show. The Ofsted inspectors asked me to pass on their thanks to the children and parents for speaking to them when they visited last week. We are really looking forward to sharing the report with you when we receive it.

On a final note, I have had couple of meetings now with the Parent Partnership Team. Please look out for invitations on the Facebook page and through school spider for our 'getting to know you' coffee mornings! If you are interested and would like to know more, please do come on the 8th or 15th November straight after dropping off. We will be in Ash classroom. 8th November for parents of children in year 3 and year 4. 15th November for parents in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2.

Thank you for all your continued support over the last half term. I hope you all enjoy a lovely half term



It has been lovely to be in school recently and to see your children settled in their new classes. I hope that you have taken the opportunity to come in on parents' evening to find out how your child is getting on. We really value school and families working closely together because we know that's best for the children.

What have the governors been up to this half term? Well, we have carried out a Finance and Premises Committee meeting to check on the financial wellbeing of the school. As you may be aware, education budgets are very tight and just like you do with your home finance we have to think about every penny that we spend and ensure that it is put to good use for our children.

In the Children, Curriculum and Standards meeting we had a visit from Miss Preston, Maths Leader to update us on how the children and staff are responding to the Maths No Problem approach. It was good to hear that children are enjoying their learning and working hard and their maths confidence is growing. Learning times tables is really important and parents and carers can help with this by practising at home.

Do you want to support your local school or do you know anyone who would be interested? We have a vacancy for a governor and we are looking for someone with HR and finance skills. Please contact school via chair@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk to find out more. I'd be more than happy to have a chat with you about the roles and responsibilities of being a governor. It does take time and effort but it is a rewarding. Wishing you a happy half term.





Come and join us *every Thursday morning from 8.45 - 10.00am, starting on 17th October*, at Little Seedlings, our baby and toddler group which will be held in our school library.

There will be singing, stories, craft activities and lots of fun!

Come along for a chat and a play, whilst you have a drink and a snack.

Everyone is welcome!

Little Seedlings



'From little seeds grow mighty trees'

Attendance Award.

Attendance Champions this week are With %

Class	Percentage
Peach	96.7
Pear	96.4
Cherry	86.4
Damson	94
Beech	96.2
Oak	92.8
Maple	96
Willow	93.5
Elm	93.5
Sycamore	95.2

Attendance notice.



The Education (pupil registration) (England) (amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force on 1 September 2013 and made it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless ‘exceptional circumstances’ prevail.

Head Teachers are 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’. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

If you choose to take a leave of unauthorised absence with your child 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 £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days per parent/carer per child.

You should be aware that the National Framework for Penalty Notices introduced a new national limit of 2 penalty notices that can now be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. If a second Fixed Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, within three years of a first Fixed Penalty Notice, the second Fixed Penalty Notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken for a third time (or subsequent times) within 3 years of a first FPN being issued, another tool will need to be considered such as prosecution or other attendance legal interventions. If a fixed penalty notice is issued to you and is not paid, this could lead to you being prosecuted in the Magistrates’ Court.

Please see Cheshire West and Chester Council’s code of conduct that can be found on the council’s webpage.