



Dates for your Diary

Our Christian value this term is **Service**

Our Heartsmart principle is

"Fake is a Mistake"

- 12th May KS 2 SAT's and SATs breakfast club.
- 15th May year 1 and year 2 Parent phonics meeting 2.45pm in school hall
- 19th and 20th May Doodle bugs ART Day for year 2 - 6
- 23rd May Sports Day
- 23rd May break up for half term
- Tuesday 3rd June Children return to school
- 3rd June Bikeability for Year 6
- 5th June Open the door - Foundation subjects 2.45pm KS1 and 3pm KS 2
- 6th June Values day in school – Truthfulness
- 24th June Poetry Day in school
- 27th June Year 5 event at Winsford Academy – details to follow.
- 11th July Reports home to parents.
- 11th and 15th July Transition morning to new classes
- 17th July Y 6 leavers assembly and Oscars!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I do hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The weather is on our side at the moment, and long may it continue so that we can enjoy sports day at the end of this half term.

We will be celebrating VE day in school next week – please check school spider for all the details. You are all also invited to VE celebrations at Christchurch Wharton on Saturday 10th May.

Exciting News: Doodle Bugs Art Workshop!

We're excited to announce that *Doodle Bugs* will be visiting our school soon to run a creative and fun-filled **art workshop** with our children in year 2 - 6! This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to explore their artistic talents and express themselves through imaginative art projects.

As you will be aware, the pool is on site and children in year 5 and year 6 have been enjoying swimming session every day. This continues next week too!

We look forward to more learning, laughter, and sunshine ahead!



Mrs Tomlinson

Parent group. Thanks to the parents that sold ice pops in school this week. We have raised over £70.00 towards our school funds. Another initiative to support school and raise funds. Look out for a poster coming soon from the parent partnership group.

If you would like to be a part of this dedicated group of parent volunteers promoting parent partnership and planning events to raise funds, then please come to our next meeting. On the 9th of May. Parents will be meeting after school in the year 3 / 4 corridor. Look for the sign outside the classroom door.



Sun Safety Reminders

With sunnier days ahead, please help us keep children safe and comfortable by remembering the following:

- Apply sunscreen before school. (We encourage hats for PE and play outside.)
- Send a reusable water bottle labelled with your child's name. Staying hydrated is important!
- Dress for the weather. Light, breathable school uniform and **closed-toe** school shoes are best for active outdoor play. Let's work together to make the most of this beautiful season while staying safe and sun-smart!

Come and join us every **FRIDAY** morning from 8.45 - 10.00am, starting on

16th January 2025, at Little Seedlings, our baby and toddler group which is 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'

The ballot is now live for the parent governor election vote. If you have not already voted, please do this via school spider. If you would like a paper ballot paper, then please call into the school office.

We also have a vacancy for a Co-opted governor.

Someone with HR and finance skills would be desirable but not essential for this role.

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 role.

Sue Tomlinson Chair of governors.



Important information.

Snack price list;

TOAST	HALF A BAGEL	MILK	JUICE APPLE / ORANGE	FRUIT	FRIDAY ONLY BACON BUTTY
20p	25p	25p	30p	30p	60p or £1:20

Reminder; dinners are £2.65 per meal £13.25 per week.

PLEASE CAN WE ENSURE WE ARE ALL PAYING FOR SNACKS. WE HAVE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN CHILDREN SAYING THEY ARE PAYING ONLINE AND THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

There is no access on to school grounds unless you carry a blue badge. Parents MUST NOT park along the drive, down to the school! This also reduces visibility crossing the road. Parents can use the public carpark next to the school. Please help us in keeping the children safe at drop off and pick up times



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/carers 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.

Attendance Award.

Attendance Champions this week are Oak With 90%

Class	Percentage
Peach	80%
Pear	84%
Cherry	85%
Damson	86%
Beech	79%
Oak	90%
Maple	82%
Willow	85%
Elm	86%
Sycamore	87%