



Dates for your Diary

Our Christian value this term is **Service**

Our Heartsmart principle is

"Fake is a Mistake"

- **23rd May Sports Day KS 2 10 am and KS 1 1.30pm**
- **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,

I can't believe that we are already at the end of this half term. There has been so much going on and lots to share and celebrate. 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 week.

We have celebrated VE day in school with a lovely street party on the playground where the children looked fantastic in Red White and Blue. The year 6 children have completed their SAT's and are now looking forward to all the activities that are part of the transition to high school including the script and parts for their end of year production – watch this space!!

Exciting News: Doodle Bugs Art Workshop!

We're excited to share that *Doodle Bugs* are visiting our school today and tomorrow and children in years 2 – 6 are taking part.

This is a fun filled **art workshop, and a** fantastic opportunity for children to explore their artistic talents and express themselves through imaginative art projects.

As you will be aware, the pool has been on site and children in year 5 and year 6 have enjoyed swimming sessions every day.

Andrew Cooper our local MP was in school today and he was particularly complimentary about school and the behaviour of the children

Finally, we say a '**see you soon**' to Miss Manton as she starts her maternity leave at the end of this week. I will of course share with you news about the imminent arrival early in the new term! We wish her well at this exciting time 😊

Mrs Tomlinson

Parent group. Thanks to the parents that sold ice pops over the last couple of weeks. They have raised over £117.00 towards our school funds. Look out for more posters 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 pop into the school office and we can share details with you.

The next meeting is on Thursday 5th June at 3.30pm, Please come and join us in one of the classrooms down the year 3 / 4 corridor.



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'

I want to extend a warm welcome to our new parent governor Sian Summers. I look forward to working alongside you for the good of Wharton CE Primary School.

I have been in school this week and heard about how proud Mrs Tomlinson and the staff team are about the calm and conscientious way our Y6 pupils have approached the SATs. Well done to all of them and everyone who has supported them. I hope that our Y6 continue to flourish and enjoy their final weeks at Wharton.

At the Children, Curriculum and Standards Meeting on Monday, Governors heard reports from Mr Sears, PE Lead about all the opportunities pupils have for being active at Wharton. Also, Ms Manton told us how much the children enjoy singing in school and their learning through the Music curriculum. Thank you to the staff who lead their curriculum areas with dedication and to the children for all their efforts. Isn't it exciting learning new things and improving our skills?

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 Maple With 97%

Class	Percentage
Peach	95%
Pear	95%
Cherry	93%
Damson	89%
Beech	92%
Oak	95%
Maple	97%
Willow	96%
Elm	94%
Sycamore	90%