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Dates for your Diary

Our Christian value this term is Truthfulness

Our Heartsmart principle is

"No way through isn't true"

- 24th June Poetry Day in school
- 27th June Year 5 event at Winsford Academy details to follow.
- 4th July Last Little Seedlings session
- 11th July Reports home to parents.
- 11th July morning and 14th July afternoon, transition to new classes for all children in school
- 15th July Y6 end of year show
- 17th July Y6 leavers assembly 9.15am
- 17th July Oscars for Y 6
- 18th July School closes for the summer holiday.
- School reopens on WEDNESDAY 3rd September with breakfast club at 8am.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had the pleasure of welcoming some of our new Reception children last week. It's been wonderful to see their personalities begin to shine as they settle into their new environment. Mrs Thompson has also been out visiting many of our new starters in their current nursery settings \mathfrak{S} .

The Book Fair is now open and will be available until after school on Wednesday 26th. Please do pop in and browse the fantastic selection of quality books on offer with a 3 for 2 offer.

Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous trip to Delamere, and we're very grateful to the parents who supported us on the day—there were certainly some tired grown-ups by the end! Thank you again for your continued support—it's truly appreciated.

Reception had a fun-filled water play session in class on Friday afternoon, and the peals of laughter were a joy to hear 😊 .

As we rapidly approach the end of the academic year, preparations are well underway for September. Our new Reception children have begun visiting, and our Year 6 pupils are starting their high school transition visits. You should have received a letter outlining the class structures for next year—please ensure you've read it, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch. **Parent group.** Our parent partnership group met again on Friday after school and are proposing the following for the next academic year:

Early in September there will be information about setting up a "Friends of Wharton Group". This group will need a dedicated committee that will then coordinate the parent/school events. A further team of parent volunteers will be required to offer support on event night!

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 look out for the information in September.

A *HUGE* thank you to all those parents who have committed to supporting events this academic year.



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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 sunsmart!

Come and join us every FRIDAY morning from 8.45 - 10.00am, at Little Seedlings, our baby and toddler group which is held in our school library. LAST SESSION Friday 4th July 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'



We 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 <u>chair@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk</u> 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.

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Important information. Snack price list; FRIDAY JUICE HALF A TOAST MILK APPLE / FRUIT BAGEL ORANGE BACON витту 60p 20D 25D 25D 30D 30D 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 <u>MUST NOT park</u> <u>along the drive, down to the school!</u> 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 $\pounds 160$ if paid within 28 days reducing to $\pounds 80$ 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 $\pounds 160$ 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 98%

Class	Percentage
Peach	95%
Pear	95%
Cherry	91%
Damson	91%
Beech	95%
Oak	98%
Maple	92%
Willow	91%
Elm	88%
Sycamore	97%