



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

SEPTEMBER

20.09.23: Y5 Class trip to Jodrell Bank.

27.09.23: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.

29.09.23: MacMillan Cancer fund raising – non-uniform day.

OCTOBER

02.10.23: Y5 Bike ability sessions this week.

02.10.23: Y6 'Crossing The Line' workshop in school.

04.10.23: Harvest collection in school.

04.10.23: Y6 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

16.10.23: Nasal flu vaccinations.

16.10.23: Mid-term test week for the infant and junior classes.

20.10.23: School closes for half-term at 3.15pm.

30.10.23: School closed for staff INSET training day.

31.10.23: Pupils back to school on Tuesday 31st October

NOVEMBER

06.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.

09.11.23: School individual photographs.

10.11.23: Remembrance Day Worship in school.

13.11.23: National Anti-Bullying Week.

13.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.

15.11.23: B-Tales Anti-Bullying workshops for the junior classes

17.11.23: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.

22.11.23: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.

22.11.23: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

DECEMBER

04.12.23: KS1 Christmas Shows. Y1 – 9am. Y2 – 2.40pm.

05.12.23: EYFS Christmas Shows. NUR – 9am. REC – 2.40pm.

06.12.23: Lower KS2 Christmas Shows. Y3 – 9am. Y4 – 2.40pm.

07.12.23: Upper KS2 Christmas Shows. Y6 – 9am. Y5 – 2.40pm.

08.12.23: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch.

11.12.23: Infant/EYFS Christmas party.

13.12.23: Junior Christmas party.

15.12.23: Christmas Panto in school.

15.12.23: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm.

JANUARY 03.01.24: Back to school on Wednesday 3rd January.

08.09.2023

Welcome back! We would like to thank everyone for their support for the school at the start of this new academic year. The children have all settled into their new classes incredibly well. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for ensuring that your children look so very smart in their new uniforms. Moreover, it has been a very positive start with school attendance figures – ensuring that the children have good attendance over this coming year will be a major focus for us. We know that good attendance is a key part of children thriving in school. Finally, a big thank you to the teachers and staff who have been fantastic in their preparation for a safe start back to school. We also welcomed a new member of staff to our school with Mrs S. Walker joining us as a teaching assistant. Her role will be supporting our infant children. We now look forward to what we hope will be a very productive, enjoyable and exciting year ahead.

In the classroom this week We will be updating you each week in this section of the newsletter about what has been going on in the classrooms. All the classes also have their own blog on the school website, and they will be posting updates on there about what they have been doing each half-term. Furthermore, the class teachers will also post their new half-termly curriculum leaflets and homework project sheets on the class website blogs.

Weekly updates.... Food Allergies – No Nuts In School.

We now have a number of children in our school who have food allergies – some of which are severe. In order to keep them safe at all times, we ask that you do not send the following into school for snack times or as part of a packed lunch: nuts, peanuts, peanut butter or Nutella. We will also be reminding the children that they should not swap or share items from their morning snacks or packed lunches with each other. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Summer Building Work

It was a busy time in school over the summer with lots of building work taking place. This included new windows being fitted in all the infant and junior classrooms; we hope to secure more funding to replace the remaining old windows and shutters later this term. Also linked into the work on removing the old windows and shutters has been the installation of a new CCTV security system for the school. There were also lots of improvements to the school grounds, including new raised beds in God's Garden, pitch markings on the upper playground and work to the EYFS outdoor area. Finally, we are very grateful for the support we had from some of our parents, who work for BOC, to help re-paint our outdoor fencing this summer – thank you so much!

PE days

Our PE days will start next week for all our classes. On their PE days, the children should come into school wearing their school uniform PE kit. The school PE kit is a plain white tee-shirt or polo shirt with navy blue shorts or track-suit trousers and plain trainers. The children should also come to school wearing their school jumper or cardigan on PE days.

The PE days are as follows: Tuesday – Y1. Wednesday - Y2. Thursday – Y3. Friday – Reception & Y5, Y6.

Our Y4 class will be going swimming each Tuesday; this will start next week on Tuesday 12th September. The Y4 children will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their swimming kit (towel, swimming costume and swimming hat) in a bag to take to the pool.

After-School Sports Clubs

We will have a range of after-school sports clubs going on over this coming half-term. They all run from 3.15 to 4.15pm and the children can be collected from the main office entrance at the end of the club. They will all be starting next week.

Tuesday: UK Sports Multi-Skills club for Y1 & Y2 – this is now full. The Y2 children can take part in the club wearing their school uniform.

Wednesday: UK Sports Multi-Sports club for Y3 & Y4 – this is now full. The children should bring sports clothes in a bag for the club.

Thursday: Netball club for Y6 run by Mr D. Foster – there are spaces in the club. The children should bring sports clothes in a bag for the club.

Friday: Lacrosse club for Y4 & Y5 run by a specialist lacrosse coach – there are spaces in the club. The Y4 children should bring sports clothes in a bag for the club.

Anthem Music

We had a fantastic music concert on Thursday morning with some of the music teachers from Anthem Music. They deliver music tuition in our school, and the concert allowed them to showcase some of the instruments that they offer lessons in. The children really enjoyed the concert, and many of them asked to take home a leaflet about the music tuition that Anthem Music offer. More information is available from facebook.com/anthemtuition.

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children coming into school looking so smart in their new school uniform. However, we already have quite a few items of clothing in our lost property collection that do not have any name labels on. It is much easier to return lost clothing with a name label in it to its owner.

Reminders from the office

- Dinner money is £2.10 per day payable Monday morning via the Schoolgateway
- If your contact details have changed please update us

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme

Our collective worship is based upon a set of sixteen Christian values that we cover over a three year cycle. We spend half a term looking at each value in our daily act of collective worship. The value that we will be looking at this half-term is '*Respect and Reverence*'. Each week the children look at different aspects of this value and what it means to them in their daily lives. In our weekly thoughtful book assembly, we share some of these ideas with the school. We will be sending home a sheet about this value so you can support the work the children are doing in collective worship at home. We hope you find the ideas useful as you explore the value together and have fun doing it!

Courageous Advocates

As part of our collective worship programme, we look to give the children an opportunity each half-term to speak up about an issue that they feel passionate about. They can prepare what they want to say at home and then tell the rest of the school about it during our courageous advocates worship. They can do this either in a small group or by themselves. We are always really impressed by what they have to say and the passion they show for the issues that they are talking about. Our first courageous advocates worship is on 27th September. If any child wants to talk part they should speak to their class teacher or Mr Foster about it.

Home Worship Books

Every infant and junior child has been given a home worship book to take home. They can put into it any thoughts, reflections or prayers they have in whatever form they want to – drawings, writing or photos. This can be linked into the school's weekly worship themes or be something that has come from the child. If they want to, they can then bring their books into the weekly Thoughtful Book worship and share them with the rest of the school. The first chance they have to do this is next Thursday – 14th September. Each week we will choose one of the children to look after Sammy (our home worship mascot). We will also take a copy of their work to keep in our special school home worship book which is on display in the hall.

Ethos Committee Elections

Our ethos Committee is made up of pupil representatives from our infant and junior classes as well as staff and governor members. The committee meets each half-term to look at our school's Christian vision and how it is lived out through aspects of school life such as collective worship. Next week, each class will have a vote to elect their class pupil representatives. Any child who is interested in standing for the role should prepare a speech at home this weekend and bring it into school next week. Their speech should explain why they feel they would be a good class representative on the ethos committee. They will then have the opportunity to read their speech out to their classmates who will then vote on who they think their pupil representative should be.