



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Spring Term Dates

January

05.01.24: Class curriculum leaflets published.

15.01.24: Y4 class visit to Quarry Bank Mill.

February

05.02.24: Children's mental Health week celebrated in school this week.

06.02.24: Nursery class visit Swinton library.

06.02.24: Safer Internet Day in school.

12.02.24: Mid-term tests for the infant and junior children.

16.02.24: Ambition Day in school.

16.02.24: School closes for the half-term holiday.

26.02.24: School starts again after the half-term holiday.

March

01.03.24: Class curriculum leaflets published.

04.03.24: Y4 class visit to the River Mersey.

07.03.24: World Book Day celebrated in school.

11.03.24: British Science Week celebrated in school this week.

12.03.24: Y6 class visit to Crucial Crew.

14.03.24: International Maths Day celebrated in school.

15.03.24: Red Nose Day celebrated in school – non-uniform day.

18.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.

20.03.24: B-Tales Easter drama for the KS2 junior classes.

25.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.

25.03.24: Community Easter cards brought into school.

26.03.24: Nursery class Easter songs – 2.40pm.

27.03.24: Reception class Easter songs – 2.40pm.

28.03.24: Y1 class Easter songs – 2.40pm.

28.03.24: Easter Service at All Saints Church at 10am: TBC.

28.03.24: School closes for the Easter holiday.

April 15.04.24: School starts again after the Easter holiday.

05.01.2024

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and we wish everyone all the very best for the coming year. The children have already made a great start to 2024, and we have lots of exciting things planned for the term ahead. The teachers will be putting a copy of their curriculum leaflets up on the website to explain what topics the children will be covering over the coming weeks, together with other information about class life. One of the themes we will be looking at is 'Dreams and Goals'. This is the focus of our PSHE work this half-term and it will involve the children thinking about what their aspirations for the future are and how they can go about achieving them. It is a topic that really fits in with our aspirational school motto that, 'We can do all things.' The work we do around this theme will culminate in our ambition day at the end of the term on Friday 16th February. There is more detail about this event over the page.

In the classroom this week

A new group of senior pupils have taken on the role of school counsellors for this spring half-term. Over the course of the year, all the Y6 senior pupils will have the opportunity to take on the role. Our new counsellors will all receive their badges in our thanksgiving collective worship next week. We look forwards to seeing the contribution that they can make to our school community over the coming term – I am sure that they will all be fantastic!

Weekly updates.... Clubs

All our school staff run after-school clubs will be starting again next week but please note that there are no UK sport clubs running after school over spring term one. The UK sport after school clubs will all start again in spring term two (after the February half-term). The Anthem music lessons are continuing in school again this half-term.

Attendance

We gave out the attendance certificates and letters for the autumn term today. We had 48 children with 100% attendance over this period and they all received a special 100% attendance badge and certificate. There were also 81 children who had over 96% attendance, and they all got a good attendance badge and certificate. We will continue to reward and promote good attendance over this coming half-term in the following ways:

Every Monday morning our attendance mascot (Barney The Bear) will be given to the class with the best attendance over the previous week.

Every Monday morning, there will be a prize draw for a £5 toy voucher for all the children with 100% attendance and arriving for school on time over the previous week.

At the end of this half-term, on 16th February, there will be a special prize draw for all the children with 96% or better attendance and arriving for school over this half-term, with the winning child getting a £20 toy voucher.

There will also be good attendance certificates and badges given out again at the end of the half-term.

Ambition Day

Last year was the second time we ran our school ambition day, and the response to it was so positive that we wanted to do it again this year. So, we are going to have our third school ambition day on Friday 16th February. The aim is to get the children thinking about what their career ambitions for the future might be. Our school motto is 'We can do all things', and we want the children to have exciting aspirations about the types of job they wish to have when they are older. On the day, we will be getting the children to think about possible future career paths and the qualifications and experience that they will need to follow them.

As part of our ambition day, there are also some optional elements that the children can take part in - if they so wish. They can come to school dressed in the types of clothes that they would have to wear in the job that they want to have. We are also inviting the children to do some research about their dream job, and bring in a poster about it on the day. If they choose to make a poster, it should explain what skills, experience and qualifications they will need for the job that they want. It should also explain why they would like to do that particular job. We look forward to seeing what our children aspire to be when they grow up!

PE Days

Our PE days will be fully in place 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. They should not wear football tops or very brightly coloured trainers.

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

Our Y4 class will be going swimming each Tuesday, and this will start next week on Tuesday 9th January. The Y4 children will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their swimming kit in a bag to take to the pool.

Reminders from the office

- It is week 3 on the dinner menu next week
- Dinner money due for next week is £10.50 and payable via the School Gateway

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Home Worship Books

Each Thursday we give the children the opportunity to bring in their home worship books to share with the school in our collective worship. We are always delighted to see the children's amazing books and we award our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) to one of them. We look forward to seeing their home worship books next Thursday 11th January.

Courageous Advocates

Each term, we give the infant and junior children (who want to) the chance to take on the role of being a courageous advocate in our Collective Worship. Being a courageous advocate means that they take on the role of speaking to the rest of the school on a subject that they feel strongly about. They can either speak to the school by themselves or as part of a group. The date for this half-term's courageous advocate's assembly is Wednesday 24th January.

Collective Worship Theme – Perseverance

We will be looking at a new Christian value in our collective worship this half-term – perseverance. The children will be looking at what this value means to Christians and think about what perseverance means to them in their own lives. We will be sending out a sheet with information about how you can support the children in thinking about this value at home over the coming weeks. They could record some of their responses to this in their home worship books and bring them into school on Thursday to share in our collective worship.