

Warley News



Monday 26th February 2018

Weekly Attendance

The attendance winners, week ending - 23rd February were: Year 5 with **99.06%**

Year R - 96.67% (10 absences)

Year 1 - 96.88% (10 absences)

Year 2 - 95% (15 absences)

Year 3 - 98.44% (5 absences)

Year 4 - 96.77% (10 absences)

Year 5 - 99.06% (3 absences)

Year 6 - 96.45% (11 absences)

The school attendance figure for this year stands at **96.23%**



This year we are aiming to keep attendance above 97.5!!

Please be aware that we report all absences to Essex MECES (formally Education Welfare Officer) after we have considered each reason for the absence. Since the Platt ruling at the High Court, Essex have taken a much tougher stance on absences and issuing Penalty Notices. There have been a number of Penalty Notices issued to parents at our school in the last half-term. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you **MUST** contact the school by phone **EVERY** morning unless we've given you permission not to (e.g. in the case of on-going illness like chicken pox.) For absences for sickness which are 5 days or over, you may be asked by MECES to provide medical evidence if there is a reason to believe your child was off for longer than necessary or if we have reason to believe you were on holiday rather than ill. All medical appointments, including dental appointments, should be made out of school time where possible and the school will require appointment evidence to grant authorised leave.

The Unicorn of Success Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who are 'riding high' on the Unicorn of Success:

Sacha Reece

Laynie Smith

Archie Harris

Hallie Buisson

Riley English-Gravell

Hollie Hawkins

Nicolas Flores-Aloras

Ethan Richardson
Jessica Scaddan
Billy Jones
Connie Ives
Brooke Taylor
Megan Woods
Clark Jamieson
Hayden Vincent

Mrs Evans' Fabulous Manners Award

No nominations this week.

Active Wednesday

Active Wednesday will **not** take place this week due to an assembly taking place.

Forest School for Year 1 - Cancelled

Forest School for Year 1 will be cancelled this week due to the extremely cold weather.

When Forest School resumes, Year 1 children will not take part in Active Wednesdays. It is too much for the little ones to bring in so much kit and therefore it has been decided that they won't take part for now.

Year 5 - Brentwood School Theatre Trip - Wednesday

We will make a decision on Wednesday morning regarding the weather and pavement conditions and whether this trip will go ahead.

Football Team - Another Win

Well done to our Football team for another win last week! We are doing really well and are likely to finish either 1st or 2nd in the league.

Inter-house Cross Country Competition - Thursday 8th February

The first inter-house Cross Country was a big success and the children really enjoyed it. Everyone showed real determination to finish the long course in very cold conditions. Well done to Brackenwood House who won the competition!

Weald - 16.5 (average place)

Hartswood - 13.5 (average place)

Brackenwood - 11.6 (average place)

Thorndon - 14.3 (average place)

Merrymead - 16.5 (average place)

Thriftwood - 18.4 (average place)

Our next inter-house competition is a Spelling Bee which will take place at the end of March.

Year 6 Reading Tuition - Tuesday morning - CANCELLED TOMORROW

This tuition group tomorrow morning with Mrs Evans is cancelled.

Year 2 Tuition with Miss Sharp - Tuesday and Wednesday pm groups

Miss Sharp's afterschool tuition scheduled for tomorrow and Wednesday will be cancelled due to her attending courses.

Reception Family Friday

Reception Family Friday will take place this Friday.

Woodland Welly Walk

The date of our next Welly Walk has changed from Thursday 29th March to Wednesday 28th.

Maternity Leave

As you will be aware, Mrs Smith is due to go on Maternity Leave beginning Mid-March. We have appointed an experienced EYFS teacher to cover Mrs Smith for the last term and a bit. There will be a thorough hand-over period of one week, allowing the children to become familiar with their new teacher. During this week, Reception parents will have an opportunity to meet the new teacher. We are currently undertaking all necessary post-employment checks and therefore will release the name of the new teacher once these have been completed. I'm aware that some parents feel that this situation is being dealt with 'a bit last minute.' However, I would like to reassure parents that this is not the case. Recruitment in schools takes a minimum of 12 weeks and is a much lengthier process than in the private sector due to legislation regarding Safer

Recruitment. We have also been very selective about our choice of candidates to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children.

Interviews for Mrs Lemon's Maternity Leave will be taking place during the next two weeks.

Car Parking

Thank you to all those who took part in the Drop-Off Zone trial. We will be looking to go ahead with this system on a permanent basis in the near future.

Please avoid parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school. It is dangerous and makes the congestion worse.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March 2018

We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a book character if they would like to. Children will take part in lots of book-themed activities throughout the day. Tonight, I sent home a Headteacher's Reading Challenge. If children would like to take part, they need to read aloud to an adult 5 times between today and Sunday. Completed forms should be returned to Mrs Evans on Monday 5th March. All children who take part will receive a prize.

Essex Eco Race - Term 2

We will be taking part in the Essex Eco Race again from next Monday (5th) for 3 consecutive weeks. Children will be surveyed each morning about how they came to school and will earn points for their class. There will be a winning class each week and at the end of the 3 weeks, I will submit our scores to Essex in the hope of winning or coming near to the top. Children can score most points by walking, scooting or cycling to school. Children who live too far from school to do this are encouraged to 'Park and Stride' which entails parking 1km away from the school and walking in. Please try and get involved for as many days as possible. Thank you! #Warleytwin

Small Schools Cross Country

We took part in the small schools Cross Country last week and all children who represented the school did an amazing job! We came 2nd overall in the girl's category, narrowly missing out on bringing home the cup! Well done to all of our

runners and particularly to Hollie Hawkins - 1st place in the girl's race, Elsie King - 3rd place in the girl's race and Frankie Taylor - 5th place in the boy's race.

Snow

We are aiming to be open every day this week but will be keeping a close eye on the weather at all times. If we are to close, we will announce this via Facebook and email as soon as we have made the decision. Please bear with us as it is never an easy decision to make.

Mrs. Evans X

Thursday 1st March - Literacy Day/World Book Day

Friday 2nd March - Reception Class Family Friday

Monday 5th March - Essex Eco Race Week 1 (Let's try and win!!)

Tuesday 6th March - Year 1 and Year 2 Football Tournament

Friday 9th March - FoW Mother's Day Secret Gift Event.

Monday 12th March - Essex Eco Race Week 2

Tuesday 13th March - Cross Country Team to Thorndon Park

Friday 16th March - Mrs Smith's last day before commencing Mat Leave

Monday 19th March - Essex Eco Race Final week

Wednesday 28th March - Woodland Welly Walk

Thursday 29th March - Open Door afternoon 3.15-3.45pm

Thursday 29th March - Break-up for Easter

Saturday 31st March - Miss Johnstone becomes Mrs Holtom!

Monday 16th April - Back to School

Monday 16th April - NSPCC assemblies for KS1 and KS2

Friday 20th April - Mrs Lemon's last day before commencing Mat Leave

Thursday 26th April - History Day

Monday 30th April - Yoga Day

Thursday 3rd May - School Closed for Polling Day

Tuesday 8th May - NSPCC follow-up assemblies

Monday 14th May - Year 6 SATs week. Statutory tests for all pupils. All Year 6 pupils must attend school this week.

Friday 18th May - Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting - 2.45pm

Monday 21st May - Year 2 SATs week. Statutory tests for all pupils. All Year 2 pupils must attend school this week.

Monday 21st May - Yoga Day

Tuesday 22nd May - Three tees cricket tournament

Friday 25th May - Break-up for May half-term

Friday 25th May - Woodland Welly Walk

Friday 25th May - Open Door afternoon.

Monday 4th June - Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Tuesday 5th June - Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Thursday 7th June - Spanish Day

Friday 8th June - Year 5 Class Assembly - 9.15am

Monday 11th June - Class Photos

Tuesday 12th June - Year 2 Phonics re-check for pupils in Year 2 who need to re-sit

Friday 15th June - Year 1 Statutory Phonics Check - All Year 1 pupils must attend school on this day.

Monday 18th June - Yoga Day

Tuesday 19th June - Year 5 and Year 6 Rounders Tournament

Wednesday 20th June - Year 4 Class Assembly 9.15am

Monday 25th June - Year 6 Residential trip begins

Wednesday 27th June - Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am

Monday 2nd July - Yoga Day

Wednesday 4th July - Year 2 Class Assembly 9.15am

Friday 6th July - Woodland Welly Walk

Wednesday 11th July - Year 1 Class Assembly 9.15am

Friday 13th July - Reception Class Assembly and Family Friday 9.15am

Monday 16th July - Year 6 Activities Week

Monday 16th July - Open Door

Wednesday 18th July - Sports Day KS1 - 9.20am KS2- 10.45am

Friday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.15am

Friday 20th July - Last day of the Academic Year

Monday 3rd September - Inset Day - Teachers only

Tuesday 4th September - Back to School/First Day for Reception 2018 cohort