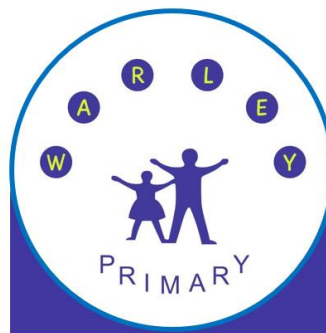


Warley News



Friday 8th January 2016

Welcome back to a new school term!

Weekly Attendance

The winners this week were **Year 5. Well done!**

Year R - 96.97% (8 absences)

Year 1 - 92.34% (19 absences)

Year 2 - 97.50% (6 absences)

Year 3 - 96.09% (10 absences)

Year 4 - 97.66% (6 absences)

Year 5 - 100% (0 absences)

Year 6 - 96.88% (8 absences)

The school attendance figure for this year stands at 96.83%

The target for this year is to keep attendance above 97.3%

Please be aware that late marks are recorded as an absence for the morning session if children enter school after 9am. **We have far too many children arriving late for school on a regular basis and parents of these children will be invited to attend a meeting at school to discuss this matter, before it is passed on to Education Welfare at Essex CC.**

Gold Book Assembly

This week the following children were nominated for entry into the Gold Book. Well done to these children:

Amy-Jayne Vaile

Ruby Richards

Abigail Reynolds

Tabitha Lane

Jessica Barrett

Maria Farrelly

Adele Ghigliotti
Georgie Turner
Ridley Wilson
Tommie Charles
Sophie Scott-Mizen
Charlie Sanders
Holly Tentner
Hannah Tyler
Chloe Railton
All pupils in Year 3
Jack Jones
Freddie Newman

Clubs - Spring Term

External clubs:

Mon - Mr Lamont Football years 1-3, 3.15-4.30pm.

Tues - Mr Lamont Cricket years 4-6, 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Wed - Mr Lamont Football years 4-6, 3.15-4.30pm

Thur - Mr Lamont Multi-skills years Reception - 2, 3.15-4.30pm

Tues - 5 Star Basketball Academy years 3-6, 7.45am-8.45am

Fri - Kazen Kai Karate - 3.15-4pm

Please note that Mr Lamont's clubs may be cancelled this week if he remains unwell.

Internal Clubs - Beginning w/c Mon 18th January 2016

Miss O'Connor - Lego Club years R-6 Monday

Mrs King - Art and Craft Sculpture Club - years 3-6 Wednesday

Miss Davis - DT Club - years R-2 Wednesday

All clubs are from 3.15-4.00pm. Please send a letter to the relevant member of staff if you would like your child to attend.

Mrs Lemon's Football Club will continue this half term for all children who already have a place.

Mrs Phillip's Choir will continue until after the performance at the O2 at the end of the month.

Swimming - Year 4

Year 4 will begin swimming this week and will swim for a total of 6 weeks on a Thursday. Lessons will take place in the afternoon and we will travel to BCHS by coach. We will leave school at 12.55pm and will return by 2.15pm. Lessons are about 40 minutes in length. Children will be taught by Miss Pryor (a qualified life saver), Mrs Evans, Miss Johnstone and Mr Lamont. The cost of the 6 lessons will be covered by the school, but we ask parents to contribute £3.00 per week to cover the cost of the coach. This is to be paid via Parent Pay from tomorrow. **Children will require:**

A swimming hat - all children must wear a hat

Towel

One-piece swimsuit (girls)

Shorts or trunks which must be lycra/tightfitting style (boys)

Goggles (optional)

Children must have a warm coat with them when going swimming at this time of the year.

All jewellery must be removed which includes earrings.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and forms part of the school's PE curriculum. Therefore, children cannot be opted out of swimming unless they have a valid medical reason.

We require 2-3 parent helpers to act as 'spotters' in order to ensure a safe swimming environment. Please let me know if you can volunteer.

Teacher Emails

All teaching staff now have a direct email which you may use to contact your child's class teacher at any time. If you have any concerns/queries about your child please don't hesitate to contact a member of staff via email. All emails will be monitored by the headteacher.

Mrs Evans - head@warley.essex.sch.uk

Mrs Phillips - senco@warley.essex.sch.uk

Mrs Smith - ks@warley.essex.sch.uk

Miss O'Connor - eoc@warley.essex.sch.uk

Miss Sharp - ss@warley.essex.sch.uk

Mrs King - lk@warley.essex.sch.uk

Miss Saunders - as@warley.essex.sch.uk

Mrs Lemon - sl@warley.essex.sch.uk

Miss Johnstone - ej@warley.essex.sch.uk

Miss Davis - ld@warley.essex.sch.uk

Key Stage Assessment Meetings

You may be aware that there have been huge changes to school assessment again this year. Children will face new, more rigorous tests at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 and this will also affect the way that your child's attainment in the tests is reported to you. Due to these changes nationally, we have changed the way that we assess 'in house' and the level reported to you at the end of the year will again look different. Children are also tested as a statutory assessment at the end of Reception and Year 1. The government have also just announced further new tests to be introduced at the end of year 6 from 2017. With all of these changes to digest, we are running two assessment information evenings that we would ideally like a parent from each family to attend. During these meetings we will take you through the assessment procedures for all year groups and we hope that you will come away with a secure understanding of what your child should be achieving by the end of each Key Stage. It is particularly important that you attend if you have a child in Year 2 or Year 6 this year.

The dates of the meetings are as follows:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Thursday 21st January 2016

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Thursday 4th February 2016

Please try and attend the relevant meeting. Thank you.

Lost Property

Lost property will be displayed outside of the main entrance on Thursday and Friday this week.

Parent Helpers for Forest School

Mrs King would be very grateful if any parents could volunteer to support with our Forest School sessions which take place on a Wednesday morning each week. Year 5 are currently attending Forest School.

Basketball Club

We have been asked by the 5 Star coaches to request that if your child is going to be attending Basketball club on a Tuesday morning, they have breakfast at home, a good time before the club starts.

School Uniform

We are considering a change to the school uniform and logo from September 2016 to give the school a fresh, professional and up to date look. This would be a gradual change and parents of current pupils would only be expected to buy the new uniform when replacing items that their child has grown out of. We would like to work in partnership with pupils, parents and the Governing body when considering a change and the first stage of this process is to ask you to take part in a quick survey about school uniform. The survey can be accessed via the following link: The deadline is this Friday at 9am.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BKR5WDZ>

Thank you

FOW Pantomime

The FOW have advised us that there are still about 30 tickets remaining for the Pantomime which is taking place this Sunday at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased via Ticket Tailor.

Warley Primary School - Times Table Challenge

Today, I introduced a new Times Table Challenge that children are able to take part in throughout their time at Warley. The National Curriculum states that children should be able to recall all times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year

4. As previously mentioned, children will be externally tested at the end of Year 6 as part of their SATs test from 2017.

The children will all have a progress record and will collect a sticker for each of the tables that they have learnt. There are Bronze, Silver and Gold awards available when children have learnt certain tables. When children have learnt all tables, they will achieve a completion certificate and parents will receive special notification through the post. We hope that children will be enthused by this new challenge and look forward to seeing children make progress with learning their tables. Times tables are so important and many children find a range of mathematical concepts difficult due to their poor ability to recall multiplication facts.

MRS EVANS X

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 17th January 2016 - FOW Pantomime 'Cinderella' 2pm.

Monday 18th January 2016 - Fire Safety talk for Year 3.

Thursday 21st January 2016- Assessment and SATs meeting for years R, 1 and 2.

Thursday 28th January - Young Voices at the O2 (School Choir)

Thursday 4th February - Assessment and SATs meeting for years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Friday 5th February - Whole School Woodland Welly Walk

Wednesday 10th February - Year 5 and Year 6 girls Cross Country event.

Friday 12th February - Reception 'Family Friday'

Friday 12th February - Break-up

Monday 22nd February - Back to school

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th February - Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 1st March - Cross Country at Weald Park - Years 3-6.

Monday 7th March - Mad Science Assembly

Friday 11th March - Reception 'Family Friday'

Monday 14th March - Residential Trip for Years 5 and 6.

Monday 21st March - Year 6 to Easter Cracked at Christchurch

Thursday 24th March - Break up for Easter Holidays.