



Dates for your Diary

Our Christian value this term is **Justice**

Our Heartsmart principle is

"Don't hold on to what's wrong"

- 18th and 19th March Parents evening
- 14th March Parent coffee afternoon 2.15pm to plan Easter Bingo
- 21st March Non uniform day for Easter - chocolate donations for Easter Bingo
- 3rd April Easter Bingo 2 sittings 3.30pm and 5.30pm
- 4th April school closes for Easter break
- **TUESDAY 22nd April children return to school**
- **29th April School Photo Day!**
- 12th May KS 2 SAT's
- 19th and 20th May Doodle bugs ART Day for year 2 - 6
- 23rd May Sports Day
- 23rd May break up for half term
- **Tuesday 3rd June Children return to school**
- 5th June Open the door - Foundation subjects 2.45pm KS1 and 3pm KS 2
- **21st June School Fair and car boot tbc**
- 11th July Reports home to parents.

Please can we remind all parents that when dropping children off at breakfast club to ensure that they walk the children onto the school grounds and see them across the zebra crossing.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy 2 weeks we have had!!

Thanks to all those that came to support our pancake event – the pancakes were delicious and there were lots of chocolatey faces leaving school. Mrs Parker did a fantastic job cooking over 100 pancakes and our parent events team were stars serving all the children their toppings.

The weather is getting better, warmer and brighter, and with that we are starting to think about summer events. Please make note of the date for Sports day, and the proposed summer fair/car boot sale. The parent team would love more support in planning this event so if you can spare some time, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to join the parents' team, please come to our next coffee event on the 14th March at 2.15pm in the community room.

Year 6 have had a fabulous time away on residential, pushing themselves to their limits and experiencing lots of new and exciting activities such as high roles and trapeze!!

Please make a note of Parents evenings on the 18th and 19th March where staff will be able to share with you the learning that is taking place, and how your child is getting on in school.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Tomlinson

Forest school continues next half!

Please make sure you read the spider messages sent out by Mrs Winstanley in the office and ensure that your child is dressed for the weather!

Elworth CE came to visit. They met with the school council and worship leaders to share thoughts and ideas about what it is like to attend a church school. They then stayed for Worship and we were delighted to have our First 'Open the book' drama bible story acted for us by members of the Christ Church family. They will be coming to share stories with the children every 2 weeks.



Little Seedlings is our weekly parent and toddler group that takes place every Friday morning, where the children have lots of fun taking part in different activities such as painting and water play.

Recently we received a donation from the Darnhall Exhibition Foundation to purchase new toys for our Little Seedlings to play with during the session, and we would like to thank them for this kind donation.

We have a lovely group of parents who regularly attend the group, so why not come along and join us, and enjoy a drink and toast whilst you and your child make new friends.

We look forward to seeing you 😊

Mrs Thompson and the little seedlings team

*Come and join us every **FRIDAY** morning from 8.45 - 10.00am, starting on 16th January 2025, at Little Seedlings, our baby and toddler group which is held in our school library.*

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'

Do you want to support your local school, or do you know anyone who would be interested?

We have a vacancy for a PARENT governor., and a Co-opted governor.

Someone with HR and finance skills would be desirable but not essential for this role.

Please contact school via chair@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk 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.

Your Governing Body Needs You!

Firstly, I would like to thank Shane Weston, retiring parent governor, for his 3 years of service as a parent governor at our school. Shane shared his knowledge, skills and perspective in many ways to support the school. Thank you, Shane.

Sadly, at the recent election for a parent governor there were NO nominations. I'm sure that there is a parent\carer in our school community who would be willing to join our happy and supportive governor team. Being a governor supports the school in its strategic development. It does take time and effort yet is very rewarding.

Governors will be around during parent evenings on 18th and 19th March so please chat to us about the role if you are interested to find out more. Otherwise, for further information email me at chair@wharton.cheshire.sch.uk

We would love you to join us in time for the summer term!

Good wishes

Sue Tomlinson
Chair of Governors





Important information.

Snack price list;

TOAST	HALF A BAGEL	MILK	JUICE APPLE / ORANGE	FRUIT	FRIDAY ONLY
					BACON BUTTY
20p	25p	25p	30p	30p	60p or £1:20

Reminder; dinners are £2.65 per meal £13.25 per week.

PLEASE CAN WE ENSURE WE ARE ALL PAYING FOR SNACKS ONLINE. 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 MUST NOT park along the drive, down to the school! This is especially dangerous now for children coming in and out of school as parents are turning the road due to the barrier. 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 £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £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 £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 Sycamore With 98%

Class	Percentage
Peach	86%
Pear	85%
Cherry	88%
Damson	89%
Beech	87%
Oak	83%
Maple	83%
Willow	89%
Elm	86%
Sycamore	98%