

Westgate News

The Newsletter for Westgate Primary School



Child Protection Update

We have just completed our child protection update in school, and completed the children's Safer Behaviours training for this year, to increase their understanding of how to keep themselves safe.

If you have any concerns on child protection issues, please raise them with the school or with Children's Services. Notices will be going up in the reception area and in the playground with details of who to contact.

School Policies

Just a reminder to all parents that all school policies are available for you to view on request. Should you wish to view a policy, please speak to Karen in the school office or to Mrs Daniels.

School Dinners

We have been meeting with County Caterers, who provide our school meals to see what changes we can make to make our dinners even better and ensure that the menu includes meals that our children enjoy which are balanced and healthy.

After Easter we will be introducing the options of a salad bar and filled baked/jacket potato each day, and these will provide an additional choice for our children.

We will also be asking the School Council to talk with other pupils and understand what they enjoy about the meals and which they dislike most, and then they will meet with Country Caterers to see if we can improve our menus.

We hope that giving the children the opportunity to have some input into which dishes they like, and why, will contribute to ensuring an exciting, balanced menu so that our children continue to enjoy hot dinners! Parents will have an opportunity to sample school meals at our next Parents' Evening in March.

We will be bringing you more information on our school dinners and where the food is sourced in coming weeks, so please keep reading!!

Boiler Replacement

Workmen will be in school replacing the school boilers from half term onwards, and we expect the work will take until Easter to complete. Fortunately we do not anticipate that there will be any effect on the running of the school, but there will be an area of playground fenced off around the boiler room and parking will also be very restricted for the second half of term.

Year 2 Geography field trip

Children in Year 2 have recently been on a field trip into Warwick town centre, carrying out a building useage survey and a traffic survey as part of their Geography topic. The children also carried out a tourism survey, asking members of the public why they had come to Warwick and what were they doing. The children said the trip was really interesting and they had to colour in a key to show what buildings were used for.

Last week Oliver received an award for using fantastic manners with members of the public and the children showed interest and enthusiasm when out and about.

Recycling Clothes and Shoes

There is now a recycling bank for unwanted clothes and shoes in the teachers car park near the entrance to Pre-School and the Children's Centre. Please donate any unwanted adults and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags and linen into this bank.

Once full, the clothing bank is emptied and the contents taken to a shorting warehouse. Suitable items are sent overseas to provide a much needed resource in under-developed countries.

Unwearable items are recycled and you would be amazed at what these can be made into. For example; car insulations, furniture padding and artist's painting paper. Cotton and linen can be cut into wiping rags for industry and materials such as wool can be pulled to make new yarn or shredded and made into felt.

Please do use this facility and talk with your children about the uses that can be made of our old clothes, shoes and textiles.

Activity Clubs over February Half-Term

A reminder to book your half term holiday clubs if you have not already done so. The following clubs are running at school during half term:

Charlotte's Drama and Craft Club:

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February

Simon's Sport's Club:

Monday to Thursday (4 days)

Booking details were sent home last week - please return the forms as soon as possible.

DIARY DATES (new events in **BOLD**):

Next week:

Fri 10th Feb: Friends Valentines Disco

KS1: 2pm-3pm

KS2: 3.15-4.15pm

Looking ahead:

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb: Half term

Fri 30th Mar: Last day of term

This weekend....Looking for something to do?

Coventry Transport Museum

Surfing Safari Weekend

(Saturday and Sunday) Wheels and Waves exhibition of surf vehicles and memorabilia plus make a seaside windmill to take home. **FREE entry to the museum**

Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry -

Get up and get creative

Plenty of making activities and opportunities to explore the Herbert. **FREE** Drop in anytime on Saturday 28th from 12pm-4pm. Suitable for ages 4+, all welcome

Zumba fitness at Westgate

Monday 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Join the party!!!

For more info contact:

Charlotte Cross (Lotty) 07733 041595

Warwick Marching Band Recruiting

Warwick Girls Marching Band, based on the Hampton road by Warwick Racecourse, is now recruiting for new members.

There are two ways to join the band, either as a band member playing an instrument, or as a member of our energetic Colour Guard who accompany the band's performances with dance. It does not matter what level of ability you have reached, they will provide the education and support to enable you to develop; all they ask is enthusiasm.

There are opportunities to learn to play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, or be part of our 'Colourguard', a dance team that performs with flags and other equipment to entertain our audiences.

They run two band groups. The senior band is for girls aged 11 and older. This meets on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings and is the main performing band in the contests and concerts.

A separate junior group runs weekly on Wednesday nights for girls aged 8 - 10 who would like to learn a musical instrument and join a fun and friendly group. This also provides an excellent stepping-stone to joining the main band for older but inexperienced girls.

Children who join are offered a free instrument and coaching if they take part.

For more information look in the Courier paper for the Corp of Drums Marching Band advertisement, contact 01926 490444 or email info@warwickgirls.org.uk

★★★ Learning for Ourselves - Learners from This Week ★★★

Reception	Danni	Wonderful writing and spelling
Year 1	Nikole	Learning 'one less than' for numbers up to 20, brilliant!
Year 2	Poppy	Excellent solving of tricky division problems, well done!
Year 3/4	Devika	Using rich language in all her writing on the Hugo Cabret story this week
Year 5/6	Blessings	Using his English much more. Well done!

Congratulations: Ben M for excellent partner work in the Number Treasure Hunt

Happy Birthday: Marina and Khafayat

All parents are invited to Friday morning refreshments at 9am, followed by Learners Assembly at 9.10am.