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NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back!



Apologies that my newsletter is arriving slightly later than I had hoped. We have had a very busy start to the new half term with lots of planned changes taking effect as well as managing changes that weren't planned! As always, I'd like to thank you for your support and in particular with the transition to full days on Friday and the changes to start and finish times. We have felt that the start of the day has been quicker and you as parents and guardians have been able to disperse quicker, helping to minimise contacts and support our efforts in managing Covid 19. Inevitably, there have been both adults and children isolating, and I hope that the support for home learning that we have been able to provide, has proved helpful. If any child is isolating and would like home learning packs in addition to online support, please make Mrs Iqbal aware. Please take the time to read the newsletter carefully, there are a number of important news items as well information about attendance and the new incentives we are introducing.

Attendance : Every school day counts

This is the message we have shared with children. Absence of more than 10 days means that the national target of 96% cannot be achieved.

Absence during the restrictions imposed as a result of Covid or as a result of needing to isolate, all mean that we have lost and continue to lose valuable time in school. This means that whenever possible children should have 100% attendance.

At Warley Road since September we have lost 236 days to extended leave, with a number of families still absent. **Extended leave will not be authorised and will result in a fine (£60 per parent per child) when the child returns to school.** Absences of more than 20 days may result in a child losing their place. We now have waiting lists for several year groups.

In order to reward those pupils who achieve 100% attendance for this term, we will be giving out 100% T-shirts during an assembly that we will endeavour to stream via Google (more details to follow). Please support us by sending your child every day unless they are ill, displaying symptoms of Covid or are isolating.



Staffing News

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Poulter at the end of November. Miss Manak will move from Year 2 to Year 3 as the new full-time teacher.

Fruit, packed lunches and snacks



During the current restrictions we are unable to distribute fruit individually. We can however support families and children by offering free bags of fruit throughout the week, which children can then bring to school as snack. Please make your class teacher aware if you would like to receive a free bag of fruit. If your child brings a packed lunch, PLEASE make sure that this is healthy and includes either a sandwich or an equivalent substantial alternative. Children need a balanced meal at lunch time. If anyone would like support or advice about free school meals or changing to school meals, please see Mrs Fielding (catering manager) or Mrs Hussain.

ParentPay



We currently still have 222 children's accounts that have not been activated.

Please activate your account as soon as possible, even if your child does not pay for school meals, as ParentPay will be used for all payments in school including trips.

Children in Need- Friday 13th November - 'Odd socks day'

If you would like to join in and donate to this worthy charity we will welcome children in fancy dress, their own clothes or wearing odd socks (trousers tucked in). PLEASE do not buy expensive fancy dress costumes.

Donations can only be made using ParentPay and we will be unable to accept cash in school.

Please see the additional sheet for details on how to make a payment using our ParentPay system.



The Uniform Shop

Currently, due to the current Lockdown restrictions, The Uniform Shop is not open during the week. If you wish to order any uniform, you can email your order to info@theuniformshoponline.co.uk and then collect your items between 12—4pm on Saturdays when the shop will be open for collections only.

Admission to primary School –September 2021

Children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August are due to start primary school in September 2021. **To apply for a school place you must apply online between 19th November 2020 and 15th January 2021 at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions**