



Warley Road Academy

Newsletter No 4

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Christmas Newsletter

The Christmas holidays have just about arrived. I'm delighted that we have been able to re-introduce a range of activities and opportunities back into the curriculum and it was especially nice to welcome parents and families into school. The children have been fantastic and as resilient as ever, making progress with their reading, building relationships, and developing new skills.



We kicked off the new year with 'Toffee Town- People and Places', an integrated topic looking at all things relating to Halifax; classes were renamed, and everyone (including the teachers) acquired a great deal of knowledge about the local area. We have taken Years 4&5 on residential visits to Whitby and Malham, and completed numerous off-site activities, which support outcomes both in learning and personal development. One such trip being a visit to Gazegill Farm, kindly supported by the Countryside Trust.



As this term has progressed, our partners, friends and community engagement has grown and we were delighted with the response to the re-opening of the pool. The Halifax Panthers will be at Warley Road Academy from the 20th- 23rd December and our programme for 'Saturday Switch on' has been well received. Please make sure to secure your child's place through Parent Pay for the Spring 2022 programme.

Finally, thank you to all those who have supported the Christmas Tree festival and charities, we will write again in January with totals for each cause. Christmas is a time whether a practicing Christian or not to be with family, to take time to relax and unwind. I hope that all families can have a restful break, on behalf of all the staff, governors and Impact multi academy Trust, I wish you all a peaceful holiday.



Staff news

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Whitaker at the end of this term. Mrs Whitaker has worked at Warley Road for 35 years and in that time devoted herself to supporting the pupils. She has undoubtedly seen more changes than anyone else and remained steadfast in her commitment to the children. We wish her well in her retirement and extend our thanks for her long years of service.



Mrs. Patel will be starting her maternity leave in January whilst Mrs. Pervez, will be returning to join Bobbins nursery. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Broadbent and welcoming Mrs. Pearce into the role of Lead Practitioner.



Are you up to date?

Twitter- find us to view lots of exciting activities, videos and important information.



Parent Pay- make sure you are signed up, all after school clubs and holiday opportunities, as well as being able to pay for school meals can be accessed via Parent pay.



School App- via School jotter, find the latest newsletters, galleries of work and important links.



Website- this is constantly under review and has lots of important information, including the latest Covid advice and information about the curriculum.



Attendance

Here at Warley Road, our attendance from the start of term up until Friday 10th December is 93.4%

Whilst we are pleased with this figure, the persistent absence figure for Warley Road is 3x the national average at 21% and remains unacceptable. To a large degree this can be explained by the level of extended leave, which has not improved. In total, unauthorised extended leave has accounted for 239 days of lost learning. This is more than a whole academic year of school missed. All holidays during term time **MUST** be discussed with a member of staff **BEFORE** being booked. Only in **EXCEPTIONAL** circumstances will leave be granted. All unauthorised absences of more than 10 days will result in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

ParentPay



We would like to say thank you to everyone who has activated their ParentPay account and congratulations to the winners of our ParentPay Prize Draw.

Early Years and KS1 Winner - Ayaan in Curlews **KS2 Winner - Rayyan in Shaw**

If you want to book a place on a trip for your child or register them for any of our exciting after school clubs you will need to do this through ParentPay so if you still haven't activated your account be sure to do so as soon as possible.

As we reach the end of term please could we ask you to check that your ParentPay account is up to date and all outstanding amounts are settled.

Latest advice regarding Covid measures

(Calderdale council) from January

Should your child come into contact with someone with COVID-19 in school, Public Health recommend the following:

Children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days.

Children under 5 years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

You can obtain LFD kits from pharmacies or online at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Please inform the setting if your child tests positive on either a LFD or PCR test.

There are some things you can do to keep your family and others as safe as possible:

If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19

Limit close contact with other people outside the household, especially in enclosed spaces

Limit contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable

Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing if you are 11 or over

Take part in regular LFD testing if aged 11 or over

Stay away from people who are clinically vulnerable as much as possible

Remember that vaccination reduces, but does not eliminate, the risk of acquiring and transmitting infection.

If anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms

The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

New continuous cough and/or

High temperature and/or

Loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell

Anyone with any of these symptoms should stay at home and arrange a PCR test even if they have had a negative result.

If the test result is positive, the person must self-isolate for 10 days.

Support to self-isolate

If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or is told to isolate as a contact of a case, support is available. Support with practical tasks like shopping and collecting medications is available if you are unable to leave the house and don't have any family or friends that can help. For more information visit

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus/help/advice> or ring 01422 392890 if you don't have access to the internet.

You may be eligible for financial assistance of £500 if you are unable to go to work because you are isolating and will lose income as a result. For more information visit <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus-covid-19/help-people-and-communities/test-and-trace-support-payment> or ring 01422 288003 if you don't have access to the internet. Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Holiday Activities

If you are looking for some fun and healthy activities for the children to enjoy over the break, go to this link to find lots of things happening across Calderdale (some at Warley Road)



<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/healthy-holidays-calderdale>



Academic calendar 2021/22 Warley Road Primary Academy



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Teacher training days x5
 School holidays
 Bank holidays