



Warton Nethersole's CE Primary School

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Newsletter Term 1 Week 7: Friday 22nd October 2021

Be Courageous. Be Strong. Do Everything with Love. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that we are at half term already and that we are already starting to plan for Christmas and beyond. This half term has been so wonderful, mostly because we have found a 'new normal' that enables our children to play together, work more freely in classrooms, be in real life collective worship together and eat together in the lunch hall. These things have made so much difference to our community and has definitely made us all feel a little happier here! In order for this to continue though, I must ask that you remain vigilant and keep testing children at home- especially before we return to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

I wish you all a happy and healthy half term break,

Miss Friend
Head Teacher



Living the Values

This week we were delighted to have Reverend Joanne back in school to follow up on her assembly linking our school to one in Kimillili, Kenya. Reverend Joanne was so pleased with how well our children remembered what she had already shared and how they had already started planning their class sponsored events in order to raise funds and support the school. Reverend Joanne shared some key similarities between the two schools including the lessons that we teach, the prayers that we share and some of the work we do together in the classrooms.



Thank you!

Reverend Joanne has received a letter of thanks from The Birmingham City Mission for all of the Harvest donations that we provided as part of our Harvest service. The Birmingham City Mission provide 300 emergency food parcels for families each month and so are incredibly grateful for all of your donations. Thank you to everyone in our community for your kindness and generosity. We will be aiming to provide a similar donation before Christmas- watch this space.





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Thank you to Mrs Day for putting together this wonderful display of butterflies! Each one created by our wonderful children who worked on theirs to improve and develop it using the ideas taken from Winston's Butterfly and the book 'The Dot'. This project was a part of our growth mindset work at the start of the term and links to our school vision, which aims for all of our children to be ambitious and to challenge themselves!

Head Teacher Gold Award



This week we have two Gold Awards! Unusual but our teachers were so passionate about their recommendations that I simply couldn't say no!

Well done to Millie in Maple who always tries her best, works really hard and consistently models our school value of respect! Well done Millie and thank you!

Well done also to Sophia from Willow. Mrs Sage and Mrs Bostock are both so proud of how hard you have been working and the wonderful progress you have made. You should be really proud of how well you have settled into Willow Class!



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Mrs Shigdar's Tips for Wellbeing!

Mrs. Shigdar, our family support worker, has been thinking of ways to support our children and our families at home. Each week she shares a tip with you all to try and think about.



Do you have a Family Rule list?

It's a great way to teach your children that rules are a part of everyday life, and each place and situation has their own set of rules, school has rules that are different to football rules, playing games has different rules to shopping in the supermarket. It helps your children to understand and respect rules.

Why having some 'family rules' is important

Family rules are, in short, statements that outline and teach all members of the family what types of behaviour is and is not acceptable. They can help your family get along better, they can create a positive, harmonious and peaceful atmosphere within the family.

What do good family rules look like?

Each family will have their own individual set of rules, influenced by their beliefs and values, the family set-up and what each family believes is acceptable. Ideally the list should be short, to the point and state what you want to happen, rather than stating the things that don't happen. For example, a rule could be 'Put your clothes away' as they may always be left lying around.

What can you make your rules about?

You can include things like behaviour towards their brothers and sisters, asking them to be kinder to each other. A better attitude towards parents when they are asked to help with chores, maybe have a set day each week to carry out a certain job around the home. Encouraging social skills by being polite to visitors and using basic manners, like please and thank-you. Having respect for each other by knocking on bedroom doors before entering. You may include not talking over other people, wait until they have finished talking.

Who should be involved in making the rules?

It's important to involve all members of your family when making your rules list. Involving your children and teenagers helps them to understand and accept the idea behind your family rules list and it makes them feel important, a part of the decision-making process. It will encourage them to stick with and follow the rules as they were part of the process. This allows them to feel valued and be more accepting of the rules, as their feelings have been listened to and respected.

What should you do with the final list of rules?

It's a good idea once the whole family has agreed on your set of family rules, to write them down and display them somewhere everyone can see, maybe on the fridge door or a pin board. You may decide on an agreed consequence if the rules are broken or not followed. Again, an agreed option by the whole family. As adults, hold yourself responsible in following the rules also, this sets a good example to the children.



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Willow Class Updates!

Some of you may have noticed some investments that we have made in the Willow Class outdoor area recently! At the weekend, we had the canopy replaced so that the space could remain dry and usable during the winter months instead of being very leaky! We also had a range of new resources delivered including a chalkboard, water and sand trays, play space and platforms and there is more to come! We are really pleased with how the space is developing as are our learners! Special thanks to Gareth Rose and Mrs Bostock who built all of our new furniture this week!



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Children in Need!

As usual, we will be fundraising for Children in Need ON Friday 19th November. Some parents have already begun asking about our theme and this year we will be asking all children to come to school spotty or dotty! Any spots or dots will do as long as children are warm and safe! Please bring a minimum donation of £1 On the day. All proceeds to Children in Need. Thank you!



Covid

We are all aware that not only has Covid-19 not gone away but also that it is on the rise again. Please can I ask all parents to ensure that they do a LFT with all children before returning to school after half term. We all have a responsibility to keep our community safe and well. All families are encouraged to test their children at least twice per week during term time. You can order tests on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Reminder!

Monday 1st November is an INSET day. The school, nursery and wraparound provision will be closed to children on this day.

School Lunches

Please look out for some small school dinner menu changes. These are a result of supply issues across the country. As soon as we know which days will be affected we will let you know. Thank you for your patience.

Term Dates 2021/22

Half Term: 25th-29th October
INSET: Monday 1st November

Christmas: 20th December -3rd January
INSET: 4th January
Half Term: 21st- 25th February
INSET: Monday 28th February

Easter: 8th-22nd April
Half Term: 30th May- 3rd June
Last Day: Thursday 21st July

Diary Dates

October
22nd- Last Day of Term

November
1st- INSET
2nd- Pupils return to school
19th- Children in Need

December
17th- Last Day of Term,
1.30 finish