



Warton Nethersole's CE Primary School

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Newsletter Term 2 Week 7: Friday 17th December 2021

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

Dear Parents,

Merry Christmas! I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued and ongoing support this term. We are so grateful that despite some tricky times you are all so thoughtful and kind- not just to me but to all of the staff, who work so hard for all of our children.

Some of this hard work was so clearly evident this week through our Willow and KS1 Christmas Celebrations! The children did such a wonderful job of presenting the Christmas story, providing us with song and prayer and even Makaton versions of some of our favourite carols. It was wonderful to have parents come to school again (even if it was a little chilly!) and I thank you all for supporting the events. I also thank Oak class and their wonderful teachers for the lovely Christingle service they organised for the school this morning- it was truly magical!

Finally, I want to reassure parents that while I know there is a lot of talk out there about school closures and rising Covid cases, we will do our utmost to be open as usual for Term 3. If there is a government announcement to the contrary please check your emails- this will be our main form of communication for all changes to the school day or routines. I will be praying that Covid cases begin to decline, that our community remains safe and that all of our children and staff return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Best wishes and Merry Christmas.

Susan Friend
Head Teacher

Living our Values



This week we have been spoilt by our 3 Christmas events that have led everyone to reflect on the real Christmas story- the celebrations from KS1 and Willow Class and our Friday service, led by Reverend Joanne, and supported by children from every class. In this service, every class had been tasked with writing a reflection from the point of view of a different person within the story of the birth of Jesus- from Mary, to the shepherds, to the donkey- we thought about the feelings of everyone as this magical story unfolded. Our Year 6 class also did a wonderful job of leading our Christingle with two of their very own songs and their beautifully designed oranges. Well done Oak Class. I leave our values this week with a prayer written by Willow Class for their celebration...

Dear God, Willow Class would like to say thank you for Christmas and for Baby Jesus. We know that Christmas is a very special time of year. We want to say thank you for: our mummy's and daddy's, our brothers, sisters and cousins, our nanny's and our grandads, everyone who looks after us, our pets, our homes, the lovely food we eat! We pray that everyone has a lovely Christmas with their family and friends. Amen



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Christmas Fun and Games!



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.



Andy Williams sings 'it's the most wonderful time of the year.. .' For some it may well be full of fun, happiness, celebrations & parties, but for others it can be full of stress and anxiety. As they watch everyone rushing around, buying gifts galore, making plans. You may feel quite lonely, even overwhelmed that there's so much to buy and plan, have anxious feelings about your bank account dwindling away and those relatives visiting you, that you haven't really missed all year. Then you have the very excited and energetic children at home counting down till the day arrives.

Here are some tips to help you deal with the festive season, so you too can learn to relax & enjoy the celebrations like everyone else is.

- We all over-indulge over Christmas, with chocolate, drinks, rich food, but these types of food can leave you feeling sluggish. Try to eat a healthy diet with those things in moderation. Make sure you drink lots of water, it offers lots of health benefits to your system.
- Take 10 minutes for yourself each day to focus on you, how you are feeling, are you looking forward to your forthcoming plans, think about the thoughtfulness of your gifts. This 10 minutes is all about **YOU**. Having those 10 minutes to sit, breathe and reflect, can make a huge difference to how you approach the day.
- Don't overcommit yourself with your own expectations, be realistic on what you can do in the time you have. Remember that saying '**quality over quantity**' you don't need to send a card to every single person you have ever known, sending a heartfelt card to those your closet to is enough. Be brave and say no to things if you have no time to do it or have no interest in attending. It's ok to be honest and decline.
- **The most important tip is to enjoy yourself in all you do as none of us have a replay button!**

Merry Christmas



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The HAF programme will be delivered in Warwickshire over the upcoming Christmas holiday period. There will be a programme of free face to face activities to include food for each qualifying child for up to four days over the two weeks of the December holidays. This provision will be available for take up from Monday 20th December to Friday 31st December. The

parents/carers of all children who are currently registered have been sent a HAF code via text/email from WCC. You can use this code to book activities direct with providers. More information can be found by clicking the Christmas HAF activities link on the children's and Families homepage. For any questions please contact hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk or ring the family information service helpline 01926 742274

Working for Warwickshire

Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.



Visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

Call: 0800 408 1448
or 01926 359182



We are consulting on our admissions arrangements for 2023-2024 as required every 7 years by the school's Admissions Code 2014. If you would like to view our policy it is available on our website at <https://warton.bdmat.org.uk/admissions/> Comments are welcome on any aspect of our admission arrangements via email to Helena Day

Helena.day@heartwoodmat.co.uk or directly to the school office in a sealed envelope marked Consultation on Admission Arrangements, for the attention of Linda Buckingham (Chair of Local Academy Board) Comments will be accepted from 7th December – 18th January 2022.

INSET

Please note our final INSET date has been booked for Friday 8th April. This is an addition to those dates already published.



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Well done to all our Reception and Key stage 1 children for your performances this week you were all amazing and lovely to see so many happy faces!



Raffle Tickets!

Thank you so much to everyone who bought a Raffle ticket we raised **£531.50** for the school through your generosity. We had **14 winners** - thanks for everyone's donations!



Term Dates 2021/22

17th Dec: Break up 1.30pm
Christmas: 20th December -3rd January
INSET: 4th January
Half Term: 21st- 25th February
INSET: Monday 28th February
INSET: Friday 8th April
Easter: 11th-22nd April
Half Term: 30th May- 3rd June
Last Day: Thursday 21st July

Diary Dates

January
4th – INSET
5th - Children's first day back (Values Day)
12th- Y5 restart swimming lessons
24th- Year 6 to Polesworth for production of Grease!
28th- Willow and Oak Height and Weight
February
18th- Willow Class Trip
18th- Last day of Term
28th- INSET Day
March
1st- Children back in school



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Some pictures from our Collective worship today lead by Year 6.

