

# What is Going On at Warstones!

13.12.21

*Merry Christmas to all our families and friends*

We are almost there! The end of our first vaguely normal term for a long time. It was a rocky start with so many COVID absences in staff and children in September, it did not feel like term got started till nearly half term. Now we face another surge in the pandemic and although it is unlikely they will close schools again, who knows what changes to guidance will occur over the Christmas break.

If there is any change to the current Tuesday 4th January start or whether there are any restrictions put in place as to who comes in, I assure you we will publish them on the webpage. If you are in any doubt as the return to school date gets nearer, just check in at [www.warstonesprimary.uk](http://www.warstonesprimary.uk) and there will be a ticker tape message across the screen if there are any changes. We will also send e mails and messages but I know for some reason not everyone gets these or notifications do not always show. I will make sure any changes are on the webpage so that everyone can check in there. Fingers crossed it will not come to that and we will all be able to return as normal.

As it is, we are seeing a rise in cases in school and we are very stretched for staff in places. Please bear with us if messages are not replied to as quickly as we would like to. Everyone is at full stretch. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their diligence, perseverance and dedication at such a difficult time and when worried for their own health and their families. I am so immensely proud and grateful to them.

We hope those who were able to come to the productions we have done enjoyed them. I am sorry if some of you were unable to come due to the restrictions but they are being filmed so all can enjoy. We want to carry on with these productions in the light of the new guidance but can only do so if we stick rigidly to the restrictions we put in place.

**Please help us by wearing a mask, not filming during the production and remembering it is one adult per child, no younger siblings or pushchairs (unless breastfeeding with child being in arms not a pram).**

It is just so good to be able to give the children the opportunity to perform live again - making memories! We can only do this with your help and support.

**A gentle reminder please:**

Can all adults coming on to the school site please wear a mask, even when walking around the one way system unless exempt.

Please e mail, telephone or leave written messages rather than try to engage with staff at doors and gates.

If your child is ill in any way, please consider a PCR test before returning to school. Children should only return to school once they have been well for 48 hours.

**Some diary events—please check our new web page for more as we plan them!**

14.12.21	KS1 Performance 9.30am <b>Year 1 Parents only</b> (Public Health permitting) Table top—Calendars and food bank	15.12.21	KS1 Performance 9.30am <b>Year 2 Parents only</b> (Public Health permitting) Deaf Base Panto visit to The Grand
17.12.21	Last day of term	5.1.22	Children return Wed 5.1.22 (Inset day 4.1.22).



**Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 2021**

What a fabulous spectacle it was!

Over £300 was

raised for Save the Children Fund.

If you have not donated yet, it is not too late!

**Look what has arrived in school!**

The wonderful Warstones Primary School Garden Calendar, filled with pictures from Mr McGregor's Garden and our school grounds. Copies are £3.50 in a named envelope to school please or come and buy one on Tuesday (14th) as Mrs Porter will be having a table top sale outside after school along with any food we still have in the food bank which you are welcome to take.



**Cheering for joy as our amazing children celebrate their achievements!**

**On the left**, well done to these Year 5 children who have reached the final of the city wide Wolverhampton Primary poet competition. They will need to perform their poems about Wolverhampton to a panel of judges in January, when the Primary poet for Wolverhampton will be crowned. Hundreds of entries from across Wolverhampton were received with only a handful making it through to the final. Amazing! Well done!

**On the right**, some of our children have participated in workshops run by the Grand Theatre. They worked alongside the renowned storyteller, Peter Chand to devise stories based on the theme 'Time and Tide' to link with the current Grand Theatre pantomime - Cinderella. These stories were turned into text panels and incorporated into a Cinderella dress designed by textile artist Sue Chand. The children visited the theatre to present their stories to other Wolverhampton schools. The dress and the children's stories are on display in the Grand Theatre for members of the public to see. We are so proud of you, you were brilliant! Well done !



**PE Next Half Term (Spring 1) Please come to school in your PE kit on these days.**

Class	Indoor PE	Games	Class	Indoor PE	Games
Reception	Thursday (indoor or outdoor) dependant on weather)		3EM 3KW	Friday Thursday	Wednesday Wednesday
1JL 1EW	Monday Thursday	Friday Friday	Year 4	Tuesday	
2CS 2CF	Wednesday Tuesday		Year 5	Monday	Friday
			Year 6	Thursday	

*Our staff have the right to be treated with dignity and respect at all times.*

*They should be able to do their jobs without being physically or verbally abused. Most people respect this and we thank you. We do want to work with you to resolve any concern and ask that you email the school to arrange a meeting so we discuss the issue calmly and to look for a mutual understanding and resolution.*

*Please do not speak to staff in anger on the phone or at the classroom door/office/gate or send aggressive e mails.*



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Have you seen our new webpage? [www.warstonesprimary.uk](http://www.warstonesprimary.uk) —some pages are still being built but it is looking good!