

# What is Going On at Warstones!

18.3.21

We are so excited!!!! KS2 playground is getting a facelift!



Although not exactly like this, hopefully this picture gives you an idea of what we are hoping to do! We will have target boards for football/cricket etc on the middle pitch (not the end as in the picture), a slightly different climbing frame and a variety of outdoor gym equipment on the field. We will replace the broken climbing wall with white boards for teaching and creative play at breaktimes. The area in the wooded section where there is currently a ring of tyres, will be removed and seating put in their place. The area will have a mulch covering to stop all the mud, so there is a place for children to sit in the shade. This should all take place during the next half term.

*We are continuing to look at further improvements as we raise money, to create a canopied area outside the hall and also to complete more of the forest activities we were planning in the KS1 area. Anyone with access to funding streams—do let me know!!*

Please can I stress straight away though, that risk assessments for using the equipment are only in place for school hours with appropriate supervision. **Please do not let children access the equipment before and after school.**

**Also, we need to avoid virus transmission ,so it can not be in general use.**

Slowly.... we are beginning to have dates and events to share again!!

19.3.21	Red Nose Day	6.5.21	Possible Election Day (School would be closed)
23.3.21	Greek Day 3EM	28.5.21	INSET DAY (no children in school)
24.3.21	Animal Man Recep/Yr1/Yr2	31.5/4.6.21	Half Term
25.3.21	Greek Day 3RF	7.6.21	INSET DAY (no children in school)
1.4.21	Easter Bonnet Parade EY/KS1 School Closes for Spring Break	8.6.21	Children return to school
19.4.21	School reopens	21.7.21	School Closes for Summer Break

19th March—Red Nose Day—it is wear your own clothes day! Please bring a donation for the charity if you can. EVERYONE NEEDS TO BRING THE FUNNY!!! Be prepared to share your best joke EVER!

1st April—Easter Bonnet Parade—EY and KS1 will have brought home a separate letter about this.

## News from Mr McGregor's Garden!

Flowers are out and Mr Robin is back!



### Give What You Can and Take What You Need Easter Raffle!

We are holding an Easter Raffle to raise some funds for the vegetable patch. There will be one Easter Egg winner from each class. If your child would like to take part please bring in £1 to the class teacher and their name will be placed into an envelope. The draw for the winners will be held on Wednesday 31st March.



We are so sad to be saying farewell to Mr Hartshorn in the office this Friday. He is moving on to a wonderful new job as a counsellor for young people at a local hospital. Those of you who have spoken with him in our office will know how fantastic he will be at this. But their gain is absolutely our loss and the skills and expertise he has brought to our office has been immeasurable.

**We wish you well Mr Hartshorn—and thank you!**

*(We will be short staffed in the office till we appoint a successor. Please be patient if ringing in).*

### Virus safety reminders.

It is so good that we are hopefully getting closer to the end of lockdown restrictions but we still have to maintain the social distancing rules we have in place. A local primary school has had to isolate a year group this week due to a child catching COVID so we do still need to be vigilant.

- ◆ **NOONE NEEDS TO QUEUE.** If you arrive just after the start of your 10 minute slot you should be able to walk in/walk round. Please do not arrive early.
- ◆ Younger siblings to our KS2 children can come in to school with their eldest sibling. Any siblings of our TW / Nurs can arrive at 8.30am with them. We are trying to avoid anyone having to wait around. But **please do be on time.** Some children are arriving late and that does cause us problems in the hall. It may seem petty but we have to close bubbles to let others open, so even if only a few minutes late, your child's bubble may be in class and staff have to leave a class or break bubbles to let late children in.
- ◆ Please e mail or drop off messages, rather than try to talk to staff on the door—we need to keep people moving especially around the top corridor where space is limited. Teachers are not being rude, they have been asked to avoid conversations to help with this.
- ◆ While we are still in lockdown and in bubbles, we do ask that you avoid coming to the office and instead, ring or e mail with enquiries. Please try and avoid bringing in forgotten water bottles etc as we have no one free to distribute these after this week and we can not ask children to come out of bubbles to collect them.
- ◆ Only one person walking round to collect children, **social distanced from other families please.** Do keep children next to you as you walk round and out through the KS2 playground. Also a reminder that adults should be wearing a mask unless exempt from doing so.