

What is Going On at Warstones!

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WELCOME BACK to ‘Wonderful Warstones!’

A warm welcome back to everyone and especially to any new families who have joined us this year. Hopefully we will have a ‘COVID’ clear year this time and we can all look forward to a normal, action packed year!



A wonderful way to start is to finally be able to share with you the results of the OFSTED inspection we had last June. We have to wait till all the national checks are made and permission to share this and unfortunately that took us into the holiday. But we have been given the official go ahead and it will be published on the Ofsted site on 15th September.

We are a **GOOD SCHOOL**, with **OUTSTANDING** judgements for **Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision.**

The only other judgement is **Quality of Education**, which we received a good for. The Lead Inspector told us that this was actually **outstanding**, however, at the time of this inspection, as we have made recent changes in some subjects, there had not been time to see the impact of these to be able to give an outstanding grade yet. She was confident though, that it would be there at the next inspection. *(If the inspection had happened this term instead of next....)*. Unfortunately, ‘Quality of Education’ is a limiting judgement and our overall grade can not be higher than that even with all other areas being outstanding.

We are delighted with the report and what it actually said and hope you are too. We are proud to serve this wonderful community and feel passionately that your children deserve the best education available. We always strive to do this and now you have the confirmation from Ofsted that they feel we are doing this. It doesn’t stop either. We are continuing to find more ways of improving what we offer, finding exciting and innovative ways of helping your children meet their potential. Over the last two INSET days, all staff have had safeguarding training, medical training to meet the specific needs of some of our children, and staff have been learning how to teach a new handwriting scheme, (Kinetic Letters) across school to improve everyone’s skills—even our own! With your ongoing support we will continue to work to keep Warstones as an outstanding provider for your wonderful children.

Thank **you** for your support and your faith in us.

Thank you to the **amazing staff** we have at this school in every area, for their commitment and skills and their determination and hard work to achieve this.


But most of all, thank you to these **wonderful children** who inspire and challenge us to do what we do—that’s what makes **‘Wonderful Warstones’!**

The full report can be found on our website and the Ofsted website from September 15th and a paper copy will be sent home with this newsletter.

PE and Games Timetable

Please can children continue to come in their sports kit on the relevant days. It does ensure they spend all their time doing their PE / games lesson, rather than spend half of it getting changed or forgetting kit! Indoor PE kit is a white t-shirt and black shorts with plimsolls for indoors (these can be left in a small bag at school to put on for the lesson). Please have a black or green tracksuit to wear over the top to come to and from school, and to wear for outdoor games sessions. Trainers can be worn to school on those days with tracksuits and for outdoor games. Outdoor games is taught by Soccer 2000 and this swaps half termly with different year groups.

Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor	Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
Reception	Thursday		Year 3	Friday	Wednesday
Year 1	1CE Monday 1JL Thursday	Friday	Year 4	Thursday	<i>Not this half term</i>
Year 2	2FW Tuesday 2SW Wednesday	<i>Not this half term</i>	Year 5	Monday	Friday
			Year 6 <i>(Info on swimming in separate letter)</i>	Monday 6EM Swimming 6AC PE	<i>Not this half term</i>

 I am sorry to inform you all that Miss Diamond, our Nursery teacher, will not be returning to school due to ill health. Miss Diamond was much loved by the children and will be sadly missed by colleagues and families alike. We thank her for all she gave to school and wish her a full recovery and luck for the future.

We will be looking to appoint a new Nursery teacher this term and will keep parents informed.

Cost of Living Crisis

The whole country is preparing for a difficult winter with the cost of living increases and fuel costs rising astronomically. We are not immune at school. We will be putting in every measure we can to reduce school energy costs and wastage to ensure as much of our budget as possible is spent on resources for education, not for energy companies.

We are aware it is going to be a hardship for many so we want to support you as best we can. We want to maintain the curriculum provision and school trips for all. We already subsidise visits to keep them affordable but we will look to see if we can add to this. If you are struggling, please talk to us and we will help as much as possible. The smallest contribution can help, please do not feel anxious about this.

We already have our uniform swap shop and food bank—we want to expand this to include books, toys, DVDs etc. We will advertise days when we will open doors or take it outside for people to help themselves. If you have items you are willing to donate, please bring them along. You don't have to have things to swap! Please make use of this. There are no judgements made or need for embarrassment. We are all going to struggle moving forwards and if our wonderful community can really pull together and support each other with a smile and encouragement, then we all benefit. If you feel you need help with other agencies, please let Mrs Evans know—she is our Pupil and Family Worker and is here to support you all.



Letters went home last term concerning an expression of interest in music lessons this year.

Please ensure you have replied by 19th September if you are interested.

Updating details on SIMS:

Please can we ask parents to check their contact details are up to date on SIMS—any change of address and especially changes to mobile numbers must be recorded so we can contact you in an emergency. We should have two emergency contacts for each child.

Allergies and Medical Needs:

More and more children are diagnosed with conditions such as allergies or asthma during the year and it is important that we have up to date details. We will be contacting parents of those children with medical plans already to confirm that details are still correct. If you do not have a plan and your child has been recently diagnosed with a condition we need to know about, please contact the school office and we will arrange a meeting with you.

Payments

Please remember we are a cash-less school and all payments should be made through the SIMS Pay app. If you are struggling to make it work, there are some hints on the web page, or phone the office for help. If you do not have the facility to pay this way, do speak with the office to obtain a QR code to pay at the Post Office.

Class Information

Teachers will be sending out newsletters with all the information you need for the start of the year in their class. Please look out for it. We will also post it on the relevant year group page on the website.

Late for school

If your child arrives late, they **MUST** be signed in at the office by a responsible adult. If they are from EY or KS1, then you will need to walk them round to the relevant door and staff will be notified to let your child in.

Y1 and Y2 parents

A reminder please, to walk around the school and exit through the car park when dropping/collecting children.

Only Reception parents can double back to leave as no other children are coming in after them. Thank you.

And finally....Please can we remind parents that EY and KS1 children should not use the climbing frame and outdoor gym equipment in the KS2 playground. It is designed for older and bigger children so is not safe for smaller children to use and they are not covered by our risk assessment. I know it is tempting at the end of the day as you walk round, but it is simply not safe. Thank you.

Please can parents using Breakfast Club remember that they need to sign their children in and not to walk up the car park but use the KS2 gate footpath. The car park is in constant use at this time of the morning. There have been a number of near misses and we do not want an actual accident to demonstrate the danger this presents.



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 or send aggressive e mails.

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