## What is Going On at Warstones!

7.10.22

Diary Dates so far!

3.10.22	Y3 Stone Age Day Kingswood Football training (Mondays after school)	9-11.11.22	Y2 Residential to Kingswood
	Gardening Club (Mondays after school)	17.11.22	Academy Photographs in school
4.10.22	KS1 Mini Festival (Team only) FOW MacMillan Coffee Morning (9-12.00)	18.11.22	Children in Need Day (donations)
5.10.22	Netball (Weds after school) Kingswood Parents Meeting 3.30pm	22.11.22	Y3 Visit to Birmingham Synagogue
6.10.22	Y2 Molineux Visit EY maths parents meeting 2.30pm	25.11.22	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a bottle.
11.10.22	Flu Nasal Sprays for children	2.12.22	Non Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate/sweets
13.10.22	EY Curriculum parents meeting 2.30pm	3.12.22	FOW Christmas Fair
17-20.10.22	Book Fair in School!	6.12.22	Cinderella Pantomime in School
17.10.22	Inter school Poetry Competition	8.12.22	TW/Nursery Christmas shows
18.10.22	Parents Evening 15.45-17.45	9.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day (donations)
20.10.22	Parents Evening 16.30-19.00 Deidre Maguire (Deaf Role model)	12.12.22	Rocksteady Concert
21.10.22	FOW selling doughnuts after school to raise funds for discos.  Last day before half term	13.12.22	Y4 Visit to Grand Theatre
24-28.10.22	Half Term	15.12.22	FOW Christmas Discos
31.10.22	School reopens	16.12.22	End of Term
4.11.22	Hugglepets Therapy Sessions starts	3.1.23	School Reopens

As the weather is getting colder, we will be seeing lots of colourful hats and gloves! Please can I remind you to put names on them all so we can reunite any lost items with their owners!

We already have a collection of new jumpers and cardigans with no names on.

Please do ask your child to check in lost property if they have mislaid anything.

## Payments for school trips.

We know it is a very difficult time at the moment with the cost of living increases and the unknown nature of energy bills. We want to ensure children do not miss out on all the enrichment activities they need to help them understand and enjoy what they are learning but these come at a cost.

School will always aim to keep any charges to a minimum and will subsidise the overall costs to keep them low. You may find paying in instalments helps to spread costs. Please get in touch with us if you would like to do this or if you are struggling in anyway, rather than not saying anything. Even a contribution towards the full costs can help; make the difference to make a trip viable or not.

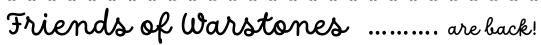
Please remember we are a cash-less school and all payments should be made through the Pay 360 Education Payments If you are struggling to make it work, there are some hints on the web page, or phone the office for help. If you do not have the

facility to pay this way, do speak with the office to obtain a QR code to pay at

Congratulations to all our new School Councillors, Prefects, House Captains and Deputies, Eco Squad and Library monitors! Thank you all for taking on such a responsible role in our school and working hard to

ensure Wonderful Warstones is the best it can be for everyone and we are doing our best for our community and environment! Check on the school website to see who they all are!

The school website is constantly being updated. Please make that your first port of call with any queries—year group pages will have all the curriculum news and spelling. Also updates on all that is happening on the year group twitter. Diary dates and news can be accessed on the home page. Archive Newsletters are all available on the Newsletter tab.



It is so good to be able to start up the Friends of Warstones events again this year! They have kicked off the term running the Macmillan Coffee morning. Thank you for all the donations! £290.50 raised!

## Coming Up:

21st October—last day before half term. FOW will be selling doughnuts and Halloween treats after school to raise funds to run the discos and fair coming up. Get there quickly—we ran out at the end of the Summer term!

3rd December—the Christmas Fair!. Come and start your Christmas shopping from our local stall holders and pay a visit to Santa! To help with the event, we will be holding two 'Non-Uniform Days', in exchange for items for the fair, see below.

**25th November**— non uniform for a bottle of anything for the bottle tombola, (e.g. drink, sauce, shampoo, perfume). It must be new and unopened. Any alcohol must be given in at the office rather than children carry into school.

2nd December—non uniform for some chocolate or other sweets for the sweetie tombola

15th December—Christmas Discos TW-Y2 6-7pm (must be accompanied by an adult), Y3-6 7.15-8.15pm.

If you are interested in having a stall at the Christmas Fair, becoming a 'Friend of Warstones' or would just like to offer your help, please contact our Chair, Stacey Hodson on 07859 741042 or email <a href="mailto:leestacey44@sky.com">leestacey44@sky.com</a>

## Are you practising your performance poetry? Year group competition next week!

Again, some gentle reminders—please do read and see if it is something you need to action. Thank you!

<u>Updating details on SIMS:</u> 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.

<u>Allergies and Medical Needs:</u> 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.

<u>Late for school</u> 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.

We are having a number of holiday requests, some with accompanying letters from employers stating why they can only release workers during term time. We appreciate that during this year, some key workers were still unable to take a break during the school holidays because of Covid. However, the DfE are imposing much stricter rules and we can not authorise holidays with out very exceptional circumstances. As Covid is less prevalent now, this can no longer be a reason for holidays in term time, nor will letters from work place stating holidays can not be taken at another time.

**Breakfast Club** Children must be signed in by a responsible adult and a reminder to not 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.

The Air Raid shelter at the front of the school is NOT SAFE for children to climb on. Please do keep children off this at the start and end of day.

Please can we also 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. Thank you.



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.