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What is Going On at Warstones!

A big thank you for your understanding and patience these last few weeks. To say Covid hit school hard in January would be an understatement. Attendance fell below 70% and we have had to review staffing on a daily basis to ensure we were able to stay open with only a brief closure in Teeny Weenies. We are slowly returning to normal, but still have staff off or coming back while still recovering their full strength and I thank them all for their commitment and determination. But I know we are not out of the woods yet regarding the pandemic so I do ask for your help in maintaining our risk assessment measures as listed at the bottom of this page while the virus is still with us.



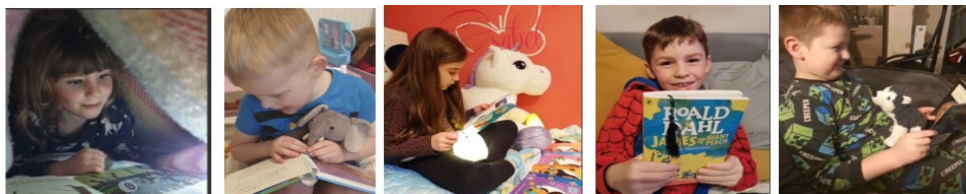
Walk to School Challenge

What a fantastic start to the Living Streets 'Walk to School Challenge', with over 80% of all children gaining their January badge. Don't forget, you only have to make a small change once a week. If you come to school via a bus, try and jump off one stop earlier or park on a nearby street and 'park and stride!'.

Keep on walking!

What fabulous Readathon Experiences!

We have loved seeing the photos of you completing the challenges on our whole school Reading challenge. Please send your photos into the relevant key stage email addresses if you would like to see them on our Warstones Facebook page!



You have until **Monday 28th February** to complete the challenge and all children who return their reading challenge card will receive a certificate and a small prize for all their hard work. Happy Reading!

Warstones COVID Risk Assessment: Parent Expectations

To keep staff safe and so disruption to a minimum, please can I remind you of the precautions we have in place:

- **Any adult** coming on site at the start and end of days should be **wearing a mask unless exempt**.
- Please limit the number of people walking round. Older siblings from high school should wait outside the school gates please. Please do **follow the one way system and not double back** unless you are the last year group through. A number of people are coming back the wrong way which goes against the risk assessment that enabled us to allow parents on the site at all.
- Please **keep socially distanced from other families** as you walk around school or wait in the playground.
- Please can I stress that you do not try and pass messages to staff at the door or gate as I have asked them to keep back and just let children in. They are not being rude or ignoring you, they are trying to ensure that the flow of people walking around keeps moving and that they are maintaining a social distance from others. Any messages for staff should be written down and left in the tray at the door, e mailed to the relevant KS email account or a phone call to the office.
- **If your child is ill they must stay home until they have been well for 48 hours.** If it is because of a Covid symptom, the current understanding of this variant is that it is most contagious the two days prior to symptoms and the three days after they start. If your child is ill for a day, they may seem well again but if the illness has been a symptom of covid, they may still be contagious. As many parents do not want to put their child through a test when they are young it is even more important that children are well for those two days after illness to ensure any possible risk is negated. If it is a sickness/diarrhoea bug, the 48 hours applies as normal anyway.
- **Please send the confirmation text from the NHS of positive LFT tests**, not a picture of the test strip. This gives us a date and time for isolation records.

Gentle reminder to please make your contributions on SIMS pay as soon as you can or let us know if there is a problem. We can only do events if we have enough support and this is becoming an issue.

Diary Dates: so far...

8.2.22	Chef Idris Caldora working with Y5	14.3.22	Netball match v Bantock
17.2.22	Y1 Safari Trip	16.3.22	Netball match v Castlecroft
Half Term 21-25.2.22 Return to school Mon 28.2.22		18.3.22	Red Nose Day
28.2.22	Animal Man (Y1, Y2)	23.3.22	Netball match v Uplands
3.3.22	World Book Day	29.3.22	Deaf Base visit to Sycamore Outdoor Centre
9-11.3.22	Y3 Kingswood Residential	Spring Break: Term ends on 8.4.22 First Day back 25.4.22	

Health and Safety Reminders

PLEASE do not let your child play on the KS2 gym equipment/climbing frame at the end of the day as it must be supervised by staff. It is not designed for EY/KS1 children so it is not safe for smaller children to use.

LOST PROPERTY ALERT!

We have been having a clear out—throwing away the Winter/ Covid Blues and looking forward to a more positive and productive second half to the year!

We have got a lot of lost property in school which we would like everyone to check through before we get rid of it.

We will put out tables with items on in front of the Family at the Front door at the end of the day for KS2 and outside the KS1 hall for EY and KS1 during the week before half term— please do come and have a look and claim long lost treasures!

Thank you to one of our parents working with the Fire Brigade for this really useful information: You can receive free home fire safety checks which involve the following;

- ◆ Fitting free smoke alarms.
- ◆ Fitting free Carbon Monoxide alarms.
- ◆ Fire safety advice for the home, answering any fire related questions you have

To book a home fire safety check ring, 0800 389 5525 and quote 4482.

Some new staff! Last term we welcomed Miss Mackenzie to our school. She is working with our older children, mainly in Y6 , to support our Covid catch up plans.

In EY, we also welcomed Miss Nicholls in Early Years, working in Nursery, and Miss Adams, working in Reception. Recently, Mrs Mitchell also joined us to work in Nursery. We hope they soon all feel settled and happy into our Warstones Community.

Some changes in our lunchtime staffing as well. Sadly, Mrs Mumberson has retired and we thank her for all she has done for our children while working here and wish her well for the future. We have more new faces amongst our lunchtime supervisors over the year—wishing a warm Warstones welcome to Mrs Duffy, Miss Davies, Miss Murphy, Miss Howell and Ms Nebar!

What are we working on at Warstones? Apart coping with a global pandemic, we are busy with other things too!

Our three Main School Priorities:

1. **Covid Catch up**—ensuring we support and guide our children in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, to make up for as much missed learning opportunities as possible and filling in the gaps. Also, creating an exciting progressive curriculum in all our other subjects to inspire our children as we move forwards!
2. **Reading**— a planned and assessed early reading to independent reading programme to range across school. Also encouraging children to read a variety of different materials—with reading challenges, 'Readathon', reading trees and prizes.
3. **Outdoor Learning**—Covid has supported our desire to take learning outside so we are developing a full outdoor curriculum for all children!

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 —some pages are still being built but it is looking good!