

October Already!

We have made it through the first month! Well done everyone for the wonderful efforts being made to keep our school and all who walk through our gates as safe as can be. The children have come back to school with eager minds and excellent attitudes. Our attendance is now around 93% which allowing for children isolating at times, is really pleasing. Hopefully this will continue to rise.

It is **Black History Month** and **World Mental Health Day on the 10th October** and we will be encouraging children (and staff) to reflect on what we do, how we respect and learn about each other, how we care, support and include everyone and generally 'Be Kind' to all. Children will be learning about Black History and the importance of equality and respect across all the year groups in school. You can find also resources and information on Mental Health and Well Being in the Well-being folder in the Parents tab on our school website. Don't forget to send in any pictures or stories that show well being and friendship that we can celebrate together.

These events helps us reflect on the fact that life is not normal yet and restrictions may yet get harder. After the initial excitement of being back, we are beginning to see the worries and stresses of the current situation showing in everyone. Past upsets, forgotten over lockdown when we missed our friends, are remembered and worried over. We knew within a few weeks everyone would start to get a bit tired after being out of the routine for so long, and small fall-outs during the day can become massive upsets by bedtime. *If you have any concerns please do share them with us*, but also do talk through any problems with your children and help them to put things into perspective, looking for the positive. It is hard when children are stuck in the same bubble for lessons, playtimes and lunchtimes and they do not get a break from each other or play with friends in other year groups. Please help us by encouraging children to tolerate each other and not let misunderstandings spoil friendships. Maybe this is a lesson we can all learn from COVID.

Secondary Schools Applications

Applications for secondary school must be completed online (or posted to arrive before) 31st October. Most schools are offering a Virtual Tour as an Open Evening. Log on to the schools web page to see what there is to help you make your decision. **DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!** If you do, you are unlikely to get your first choice especially if it is a popular school and instead, you will be allocated the nearest school which still has a space after the first round of allocations. If completing the form online, you will need to register at [City of Wolverhampton Parents Portal](#) first and then fill in the relevant form. If you are struggling with this, let us help!

Are you starting your Christmas shopping?

Please don't forget that Warstones Primary School is registered with easyfundraising. So, although we're unable to get together and hold fundraising events in person, we can continue to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you.

When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Amazon and many more, you will raise FREE donations for the school.

If you're not already registered, please visit our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/warstonesprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e3

This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support.

Psst!

The wall is down in Teeny Weenies!!!!
Hope to be back in the room very soon!

If you missed the survey last week, it is repeated on this week's newsletter. Please can every child bring a response back to school. Thank you!



Please do not be alarmed to see the police around occasionally at the start and end of the day. They are going round some of the schools to encourage people not to wait around outside school breaking social distancing rules. With the high alert at the moment, it is important that different household bubbles do not mix. We do have a number of people who wait to talk after the children have gone in. You may be asked to move on. Please also keep children close to you when leaving school.

Please be reminded that if any member of your household has symptoms of the virus you must not enter the school site. By law, that person must self isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, if there have been no symptoms but a positive test result you should isolate for 10 days from the result. You may return to school on day 11 if there has not been a high temperature for 48 hours and that person has been well. Any others in the household should self isolate for 14 days from the positive persons symptoms starting or if someone begins with symptoms during this time, they should isolate for a further 10 days from the onset of these.

Name of Child _____ Class _____

Please complete this questionnaire and return to your class teacher asap. It is vital that everyone returns this form. Please fill it in for each child you have in school, as the needs of a younger child will be different for an older child. Thank you.

Please circle response and add any comments in the box provided if needed.

Do you have access to the internet at home and can access the school webpage? Yes / No

Comments if needed

Does your child have access to a device (tablet, I pad, laptop) that enables them to complete work set on line? Yes / No Please specify _____

Comments if needed

Does your child have access to a device that they can receive online teaching upon? Yes / No

Comments if needed

If live teaching were an option, would your child be able to access a device to use throughout the day and a suitable place to work in? Yes / No

Comments if needed

Does your child have access to paper and pencils/pens to enable them to complete work set? Yes / No

Do you have access to a printer if needed to print off activities to do? Yes / No

Comments if needed

Should there be any call for a future lockdown, would you consider yourself a Key Worker, as defined by the Government. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> (Please be aware that should this reoccur, we would need proof of key worker status even if we have seen it before as all previous records have been destroyed in keeping with GDPR).

Yes / No What is your key worker role _____