

# **Warmingham CE Primary School**

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School Diary for the Week Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

# Monday

Bank Holiday School Closed

# Tuesday

WOW! Starter Children need to come dressed in black or grey.

Squirrels & Badgers in the village hall.

# Wednesday

Squirrels & Badgers in the village hall

# Thursday

Y6 Bikeability

### **Friday**

PE for All

Happy Birthday Jack, Alfie (Y6), Alexander and Milo



'What can I give Him? Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring him a lamb,

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,

Yet what can I give Him? I give Him my heart.'

My heart – but that doesn't seem quite enough?

The heart is a funny thing. It's the organ, which pumps blood around our bodies, keeping us alive. It anchors us to our mortality, but it means so much more. It's deeply human and is at our very core, and our very being. It's central to the relationships we form and the people we love. It's who we are.

The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

God gave us His heart that very first Christmas. His real, living heart beat as Jesus lay in a cold manger, taking his first breaths here on earth. Having a heart can mean heartbreak, sorrow and pain, but it can also mean love, joy, and hope. We know that God is loves us and always will.

Christmas is full of lots of traditions – trees, lights, food and presents to name a few. It's so easy to forget about what's important. These are all wonderful, but they are not at the heart of Christmas. The only thing which makes Christmas prefect is Jesus – Jesus who loves and welcomes us all. The only thing we need to give him – and each other - is our hearts.

Have a wonderful Christmas enjoying time with your family and friends. Stay safe.

Kind Regards,

Kate Appleby

Principal of Warmingham CE Primary

Proud member of the Rural Church Schools Academy Trust

# Let Your Light Shine Awards- Ours Stars for this Term:

**Otter's** (Reception) ~ Rupert demonstrates many of our Christian values every day. He is perseverant in his learning and always tries his best. He shows compassion towards his friends and is always inclusive and supportive when his friends need help.

**Hedgehogs** (Y1) ~Eoin for his dedication and enthusiasm towards his learning.

**Hedgehogs** (Y2) ~ Rogan for giving 100% in his work, both in and out of school.

**Squirrels** (Y3) ~ Pati for showing perseverance, resilience and courage this term. Every day Pati works hard, tries her best in each lesson and has such a positive attitude towards her work and learning. If she sometimes finds things challenging, she never gives up or puts herself down. Pati always keeps going and puts 100% effort into all she does. She has produced some brilliant work and has been a pleasure to have in Squirrels. Pati has definitely let her light shine bright this term.

**Squirrels** (Y4) ~ Miss Turrell is so proud of how Jack has developed and settled in all areas of his learning and school life. He shows great respect towards members of staff and other children around him and is always able to make the correct choices. He shows great friendship towards others and treats them with care and kindness. Jack has an enthusiasm for learning, contributes to every lesson brilliantly and has really let his light shine.

**Badgers** (Y5) ~ Elliott for his compassion towards others when raising money for charity outside of school.

**Badgers** (Y6)  $\sim$  Izzy for her determination all term, and especially for her star performance at the Carol Service.

**PE Award** ~ Eliza for always trying her best, being a fantastic sports person and for showing a strong competitive nature.

**Principal's Award** ~ Lucas demonstrates lots of perseverance and determination each day in school and at home with his home learning. He has been so enthusiastic about his learning. Well done Lucas.



	Name	Initial Studio Speed	Current Studio Speed	Points Earned
1 <sup>st</sup>	Oliver P	2.79 seconds	1.31 seconds	184,201
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alexander	6.00 seconds	1.53 seconds	90,403
3rd	Jack	5.56 seconds	1.95 seconds	29,634



Eliza who has made the most improvement this term - Well Done Eliza

### **House Points**

House	Birch	0ak	Sycamore	Willow			
This Week	161	184	123	153			
Top of the House	Alice & Izzy	Dani	Frankie/Morrison	Molly & Alfie (Y3)			
This Year	2116	1968	1773	1929			

Well done Birch House for coming 1st this term.

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This week our Ethos Council have chosen Jemima for always be so kind and compassionate.



### **Advent**

Advent is a time of hope, faith, joy, and peace. The Advent season reminds us that God sent His Son to this world so that we might have a relationship with Him. The message of Jesus' birth at Christmas continues to be one of hope in our troubled times.



# **Prayer for the Week**

Jesus, you are the light even in the darkest places. Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely. Shine hope into our hearts. Amen

# This Week's Family Bible Reading

Follow the Star Pages 218 – 219

# **News from Each Class**



# Otters - Mrs Allen

This term has been so busy and I am so pleased with all of Otters, they have achieved their first full term in school. We started our first topic back in September with timelines, we looked at our own timelines and how we have changed from being a baby. We created our own family trees and explored how families can be different. We looked at the significant people in our lives such as our friends, immediate family members and our extended families.

Our most recent topic has been celebrations, we have looked at a wide variety of celebrations from bonfire night, birthdays, religious celebrations and most recently Christmas and our celebration of our wonderful Nativity production.

Next term, we will take a STEM theme as we become designers. We will be putting our design technology skills to the test making a range of interesting things from buildings to vehicles. We have a very exciting start to the new term that will be revealed in due course.

# Hedgehogs - Mrs B

We began our study theme by investigating a 'time capsule' that was found in the school grounds. We looked at objects from the past and thought about the differences between now and then. This created many questions.

As Historians, we then travelled back in time to meet a Victorian lady and discovered what life was really like! The teachers were very different to ours. They made you stand when they entered the room, made you wear a dunce's hat if you gave the wrong answer, even gave you the cane!

As Design Technologists we created healthy fruit kebabs (linked to our Science unit) and planned, made and evaluated our own Victorian toy – a cup and ball.

As Artists we were inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo, creating our own self-portraits with fruit. We even created a 3D portrait of Jesus!

During the second half of this term, we learnt about the lives of significant individuals such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and how they helped us to have better lives. This gave us the knowledge to write our own fact files.

Combining our other curriculum subjects and inspired by Robert Fitzroy who published the first ever daily weather forecast, in The Times on August 1st, 1861, as Geographers, we created our own weather station so that we could record our own weather. We concluded that it has been a very cold and windy term!

For our 'Fantastic Finish', we created our very own Museum followed by a Victorian afternoon tea amongst our homemade Victorian Christmas decorations. We have most definitely enjoyed our learning of the Victorians. In true Victorian style, we say, "Hallelujah!"

We look forward to next Term when our Study Theme will be a STEM based enquiry: What is an invention?
Can I invent and create something new?
Using the umbrella text

We will research inventions of the past and then we will become the inventors of the future. Watch this space...

# Squirrels - Miss Turrell

We have had a brilliant Autumn term in Squirrels. It all began in September when we were archaeologists for the day, discovering artefacts in the school playground. These artefacts took us back to Ancient Roman times. We learnt all about the Roman Empire, the strength and force of the Roman army, explored historic art where we made our own mosaics and designed and made our own pizzas! Our topic ended brilliantly with our trip to Chester. The children have had a fantastic time learning all about life in Ancient Rome and their interest and enthusiasm has amazed me!

Next term the children will become inventors! We have a very exciting start to the term which will definitely intrigue the children and bring out their design skills and creativity.

# Badgers - Miss Rauer

This term, Badgers Class have been exploring our local history and have created some wonderful work that reflects what Warmingham would have been like through different historical periods. We had a storyteller share the tale of the Moston Dragon and wrote our own local folktales. We learnt about why the Romans valued salt so much and how it would have been extracted from the flashes in Warmingham through a workshop with Middlewich Heritage. We re-created photographs of the school from the 1990s, and we studied the canals in Middlewich.

In the Spring term, our focus will be design technology and we will be studying electrical mechanisms, famous inventors and materials. Badgers Class will be challenging themselves to create the best invention that they can, using mechanisms like motors, lights and remote controls. More will be revealed in January!



# **COVID Update**

As we approach the end of term, I thought I would write and explain how currently we are planning to operate when we open again in January. I am aware that you will all have seen in the news the current rise in the COVID cases and the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, and for some this may be raising questions about the return to school in 2022.

At present schools will be re-opening for all pupils on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

# What will school look like?

It is possible that we will experience high levels of COVID within our school community when we return in the New Year and as a result, the following measures will remain in place to reduce **indoor mixing** as much as possible until I have a clearer picture of how cases are transmitting locally:

- Children will be taught within their class bubbles
- Windows will be open to provide fresh air and ventilation
- New ventilation unit being installed where ventilation is poor in school
- All children will continue to enter and exit via their class external door during the day and movement around the corridors will continue to be discouraged and reduced
- Worship will take place online
- PE will take place outside (whenever possible). Please dress children appropriately for the weather on PE days (Tuesday & Friday).
- Staff are advised to wear masks in communal areas and on the playground at the end of the day
- Parents are advised to wear a mask when dropping off and picking up their children
- All visitors will wear masks when entering the school building and sanitiser their hands
- All visitors will need to complete a LFT on the morning of their visit
- Staff will complete an LFD test twice weekly: Sunday and Wednesday evening
- Any close contact staff will take a precautionary PCR
- Common touch points will continue to be cleaned more regularly

The children to play freely with other year groups at break time and lunchtime and all after school clubs will be running.

### Change to the end of the day routine

Our morning drop off routine is working well with parents staggering the time they arrive. To ease the congestion at the end of the day, we would like all of the children in Otters and Hedgehogs plus their older siblings in Squirrels and Badgers to use the gate at the back of the school grounds. The children in Squirrels and Badgers who do not have any younger siblings will need to use the front entrance. This will limit the amount of children leaving via the front entrance and stop the mixing of bubbles, particularly at the end of the school day.

# **Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) for Children**

If you are happy to do so, we would like you to test your child before they come back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Obviously, I cannot enforce testing of children under the age of 11 but if you feel happy to, we would appreciate you testing your children before their return to school. Should your LFD test show a positive result please inform the school and book a PCR test for your child.

I appreciate that Lateral Flow tests may be difficult to access at present and so therefore, we will be sending a box home for each family today.

Please can I ask that if you are taking your child for a PCR and you receive a positive result that the school are informed immediately via both of the emails below. This will enable to us to ensure the correct information is communicated to parents as soon as possible.

principalwarmingham@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk admin@warminghamce.cheshire.sch.uk If your child has tested positive with a PCR test, they should not be tested using either PCR or rapid lateral flow tests for 90 days, unless they develop new symptoms during this time – in which case they should be retested immediately using PCR.

# What should I do if my child has symptoms?

- 1. Complete a LFT test
- 2. If the result is positive book a PCR test to confirm
- 3. Inform the school using both of the following emails <a href="mailto:principalwarmingham@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk">principalwarmingham@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:admin@warminghce.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@warminghce.cheshire.sch.uk</a>

### What we will do if a positive PCR is confirmed:

- 1. Inform all parents that we have a positive COVID case with school
- 2. For the relevant bubble, we will ask parents to take their child for a PCR test. If any of the children come back positive, we will ask parents to complete a LFT test with their child on day one, day five and day eight. This is to ensure any asymptomatic cases in school are identified quickly.

**Please note** - If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should not be tested using either PCR or rapid lateral flow tests for 90 days, unless they develop new symptoms – in which case they should be retested immediately using PCR.

The government guidance is clear in that there is an expectation that all children should attend school unless they are:

- symptomatic and awaiting the outcome of a PCR result
- positive from a LFD or PCR test
- a child within a household where there is a positive case (5 days self-isolation) Cheshire East will be reviewing this early next term.

As a result, I am unable to authorise any absences for children whose parents have made the decision to keep their children at home. This obviously leaves all head teachers in a difficult situation as we are acutely aware of parents' worries. However, we are doing everything we can in school to reduce the spread of the virus within school and will continue to work with public health and the local authority if our numbers rise again.

# **Remote Learning**

I am also revisiting our contingency plans for Remote Learning should we need to instigate this either as a result of government directive or staffing levels.

Please can I ask that you check that you still have access to Google Classrooms and that you and your child know their username and password to access the system. We have checked these in school again with the children over the last few days but ask if you could also check these at home. Please let us know as soon as possible should you need any password support. For further information visit the school's website - COVID-19

### **PE and Swimming**

Throughout the pandemic we have always tried to maintain a broad, balanced and inspiring curriculum for all our pupils. As we move into the Spring term this will continue to be my priority. Next term our PE lessons will be every Tuesday and Friday. Each Tuesday, the children will be working with a specialist dance teacher. Over the course of the term they will be working on several dances linked to the theme of the Lion King. They will be sharing these dances with you on Tuesday 22nd March at 6pm. On a Friday, Mr Barton our new PE teacher will be teaching the children.

There has also been an increased demand at public swimming pools for school swimming lessons as we are all faced with the prospect of 'catching up' to ensure all children can swim 25 metres before

they leave primary school. As a result, and to ensure I provide the opportunity for all to learn to swim our trust, RCSAT will be hiring a heated, covered pool over at Bunbury School in April. The children will have an intensive swimming course of the period of two weeks. Our priority will be to catch up those children at the top end of KS2 but we also hope to be able to offer some after school swimming clubs to some of our younger children. As we have now had the permanent work carried out to install this on their playground, we are looking at this becoming an annual booking. More information will follow in the New Year.

Many thanks as always for your continued support. I will keep you all updated with any further guidance I receive.

# **Further Information:**

Further information regarding COVID is available at <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>





Earlier this week the children came home with some selection boxes. EDF supplied these for the children. They also donated a significant amount towards the raffle prizes. Thank you EDF.

# PTA Christmas Raffle Tickets

We managed to raise just over £500, which is amazing – thank you. Oliver P sold the most tickets this year – an incredible £60 worth. Well done Oliver. All winners have been contacted.

# This year's price winners are:

 $1^{st} \sim Adam$ 

 $2^{nd} \sim Titch$ 

3rd ~ Sandra

4th ~ Alison

 $5^{th} \sim Mary$ 

 $6^{th} \sim Mike$ 

7<sup>th</sup> ~ Marta

8th ~ Liam

9<sup>th</sup> ∼ Charlotte

 $10^{\text{th}} \sim \text{Sue}$ 

11<sup>th</sup> ∼ Robert

12<sup>th</sup> ∼ Logan

Congratulations Everyone. Thank you for supporting our school.





# **Staffing Update**

Next term Miss Turrell and Mrs Appleby will be both teaching in Squirrels. Miss Turrell will be in class every all day every Monday and Tuesday, and every Wednesday and Thursday morning. Mrs Appleby will be with the children every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon as well as every Friday morning.

### **New Ventilation Unit**

In January, we will be having some ventilation units fitted in the KS2 classrooms to improve the air quality in these rooms. They are basically designed to extract the stale air whilst replacing it with fresh air. We are also in the process of updating the rooms to improve the floor space and improve the learning environment for the children in Squirrels and Badgers.

The ventilation units will be installed on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th January. We have hired the village hall for Squirrels and Badgers for these two days.



After School Clubs We have arranged the following clubs for the first half of next term:



Monday - SATs club for Y6 Tuesday – Chess Club – back by popular demand! Wednesday - Mad Science Club Thursday - Card Games, Art & Crafts, Dungeon & Dragons and **Eco Warriors** Friday – Multi-skill Sports for KS2

Please see the email from Mrs Marsden for more details.



### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

### **IANUARY 2022**

First Day Back – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 6<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 Bike-ability 8<sup>th</sup> January – Saturday Church @ 9:45am 20<sup>th</sup> January – PTA Film & Popcorn Night

### **FEBRUARY 2022**

9<sup>th</sup> February Parent Council @ 6pm 12<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday Church @ 9:45am 16<sup>th</sup> February – SENS Day 16<sup>th</sup> February – PTA Disco Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Holiday

# **MARCH 2022**

4<sup>th</sup> March – Village Duck Drive 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March – Hedgehogs' Residential to Burwardsley 12<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday Church @ 9:45am 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Lion King Production @ 6pm 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March – Squirrels & Badgers' Residential to Condover Hall

### **APRIL 2022**

1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Service @ 10am 4<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays 27<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Spring Bingo

First Day Back - Tuesday 9th April 2022

### **School Dinners**

