

#### Warmingham CE Primary School

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## 'Let Your Light Shine'

Dear Parents,

In our world of 24-hour supermarkets – with their shelves bursting with countless pre-packaged forms of wheat, barley and their gluten-free equivalents, with multiple varieties of Manuka honey and chilli infused olive oil – it can be easy for some to take food for granted. For others, things are becoming increasingly more and more challenging.

Harvest is a time for us to recall and celebrate together the origins of these good gifts – to express our gratitude for the land and people who produce them, and to thank God. Today, we had the opportunity to express our thanks and support others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us this morning for our Harvest Festival, and for your kind donations. I know that St Paul's Pantry will be grateful, as the demand for food parcels is currently really high.

There is so much going on in the world today – all of which is adding to our daily pressures and worries. In times of difficulty, it's important that we told lose sight of the important of kindness and compassion.

Every family, adult and even some children are dealing with an incredible amount at the moment. People may appear fine, but underneath they may be sinking. Kindness goes a long way. Please remember that we are here for you as well as your children.

Kind regards,

Kate Appleby

Principal of Warmingham CE Primary

Proud member of the Rural Church Schools Academy Trust

School Diary for the Week Beginning: 9th October 2023

#### Monday

Fluenz Immunisation

Y4 & Y5 – Love Music Trust lessons

Bible Service for our new families – leaving school at 1:30pm.

#### Tuesday

Football with Crewe Alex Football Club

#### Wednesday

#### **Thursday**

Y6 – Love Music Trust lesson

#### Friday

Choir – Lunchtime Multi-skills Club

BIRTHDAY

Lexi and Amelia

#### Principal's Update

On Tuesday night, we held our first governors meeting of the year. At the meeting, I shared my evaluation of the school – our strengths and areas for development before going through our school development plan for this year:

#### **Priority 1:**

To further develop the school's vision and Christian distinctiveness with particular reference to:

- a) Building on the understanding that pupils gain through the curriculum, develop their roles as courageous advocates. This will give them the ability to challenge social injustice at a local, national and global level.
- b) Promote and embed a shared definition and vocabulary of spirituality so that all can fluently explain and articulate its impact on themselves and others.
- c) Continue to embed the current RE syllabus to add further rigour and develop staff confidence.
- d) Ensure the successful implementation of the new RE syllabus in September 2024.
- e) Achieve the Silver Rights Respecting Award.

#### **Priority 2:**

To ensure **all** children make good to outstanding progress in **all** subjects with particular reference to:

- a) Raise expectations to ensure that our more able children are provided with learning opportunities to ensure they exceed age related expectations in all subjects.
- b) Continue to raise expectations in writing so standards continue to rise.
- c) Improve parents' knowledge of how we teach mathematical calculations, so they are better equipped to support their children at home.

#### **Priority 3:**

To further develop our connected curriculum with particular reference to:

- a) Implement reviewed connected curriculum documents.
- b) Further develop the assessment of the connected curriculum.
- c) Develop the use of the art sketch books so they reflect the development of skills over a unit of work.
- d) Further develop our DT provision so the children have access to exciting learning opportunities and high-quality resources.
- e) Introduce STEM family learning events.

As you'll know from our 'Meet the Teacher' we have moved away from IPEELL approach to deliver our writing. The IPPEELL scheme was so structured and controlled in English, the children struggled to transfer the skills to other areas of the curriculum.

Following the success of 'Pathways to Read' and 'Pathways to Spell', we have introduced 'Pathways to Write' which is a mastery approach to writing. The units of work are delivered using high quality texts. Within each unit, the children are given varied opportunities for writing. Skills are built up through repetition within the units, and children apply these skills in the writing activities provided. Many opportunities for widening children's vocabulary are provided through the Pathways to Write approach as it builds on the extensive work, we do in school to provide our children with a rich and varied vocabulary.

When we introduce anything new into school, we also involve the children. Last week, our English lead, Mrs Wright spoke to some of the children across the school. 100% of the children prefer 'Pathways to Write' to the IPEELL approach.

Some of the children's comments are below:

"I have learnt so much more like how to write hashtags. It is better in every way".

"It lets us write more freely and we use our imagination more".

"It is way more fun".

"I enjoy it a lot more".

"I think people put more effort in because they have more freedom".

"I like planning in a different way".

Following the introduction of 'Pathways to Write' this September, we are currently reviewing our connected curriculum long term plans and subject booklets to ensure the children continue to experience a broad and balanced curriculum.

#### **Trips and Residentials**

We understand that lots of our families are struggling financially at the moment. As a school, we are able to access some charity funds on your behalf. There are also other pots of money I can use from our budget, if your family fits the criteria. Please don't struggle - we're here to help.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip or you are experiencing financial difficulties, please feel free to speak to me. We have emailed a copy of our Financial Assistance form for you to complete to request financial help with the cost of a trip or residential. The form will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

We are in the process of emailing out the information about next year's residentials and a couple of trips that are planned for later this term. We are trying to give you as much notice as possible so you can spread out the payments. There is no expectation to pay them in full straight away. Other than the residentials, we do not have any trips planned for the spring term.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip or you are experiencing financial difficulties, please feel free to speak to me or complete the form which can be found on the school's website.

#### **Online Safety**

For the next couple of months, we going to include a poster about online safety for you to use at home with the newsletters. I am also in the process of organising an online safety parent workshop.





### **Parent Talk**

Down-to-earth parenting advice you can trust.

We're here for you, when you need us. Find answers to parenting questions in our advice articles. Or talk to a parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. It's all free, and no topic is too big, small, or embarrassing.

https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/

# Let Your Light Shine - Out of School Achievements



Zara achieved a distinction in her musical theatre exam – well done Zara.

Morrison was selected to ride for the Cheshire North West motocross club team event in the Compass Cup. The club finished 5th place overall.

Well done Morrison.





#### **Autumn Term 2023**

9th October - Fluenz Immunization Vaccination 16th October - Home Learning Exhibition @ 2pm 16th October - Cake Sale 16th October - Parents Evening 17<sup>th</sup> October – SENs Day1 18th - Hedgehogs Class Chester Zoo visit 19th October - Parents Evening

31st October - SENs Day 2 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Badgers Class Shrewsbury's Prison visit 3rd November - PTA Glow Up Disco

8th November - Earth Day

10th November - Remembrance Service @ St Leonard's 10:30am

23<sup>rd</sup> November - Tales from Acorn Wood Theatre Trip (Otters) 30th November - Nutcracker Theatre Trip (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers)

1st December - Christingle Service @ St Leonard's 10am 13th December - PTA Christmas Fair 18th December - Home Learning Exhibition @ 2pm 19th December - Otters and Hedgehogs Nativity Play @ St Leonard's @ 2pm 20th December – Squirrels and Badgers Carol Service @ 2pm 21st December - Y6 delivering Christmas Cards to local residents

#### Spring Term 2024

6th February - SENs Day 12th February - Home Learning Exhibition @ 2pm 13th February - SENs Day 13th February – Pancake Sponsored Flip (PTA) 13th February – Parents Evening 14th February - Parents Evening

#### 19th to 20th March - Hedgehogs Residential @ Burwardsley Outdoor Centre

25th March - Home Learning Exhibition @ 2pm 28th March Easter Service @ St Leonard's 28th March - Y6 delivering Easter Eggs to local residents

#### **Summer Term 2024**

15th to 17th April - Squirrels & Badgers Residential @ Robinwood Activity Centre 1<sup>st</sup> May – Year 6 Leaver's Photographs 13th - 17th May - KS2 SATs Week (Y6) 20th May - Home Learning Exhibition @ 2pm 4th June - SENs Day 11th June - SENs Day

#### 14th June - Ethos Conference

21st June - Sports Day & Family Picnic

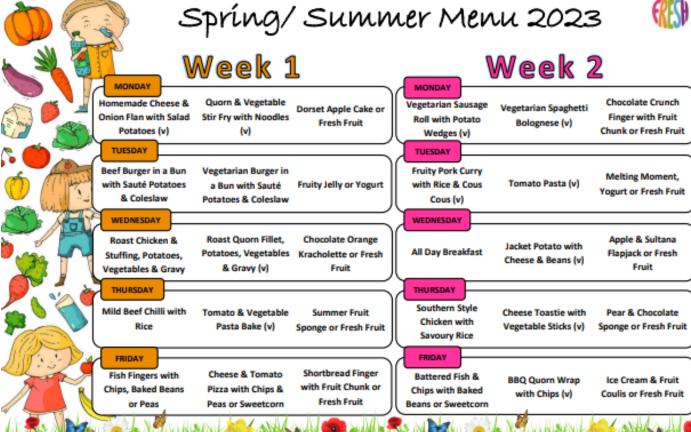
28th June - Reserve Sports Day

3<sup>rd</sup> July – PTA Summer Fair

12th July - End of Year School Reports sent home 15th July - Home Learning Exhibition @ 2pm 17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Prom (Y5 invited) **TERM Dates & INSET Days** 

New dates or changes to previously advertised dates are shown in bold.







Our "Food For Life Served Here" menu means we serve Fresh, local, honest food.

Our food is free from undesirable trans fats, sweeteners and additives

Our food is freshly prepared on site by professional staff who care about quality and ingredients

We support local wherever possible...our meat comes from Quality Cuts of Sandbach, Littler's of Sandiway, Barrows of Bollington and Lower Hurst Farm in Derbyshire.

We use free range eggs, organic yogurt, organic Mornflake oats and MSC fish.

We are taking steps to reduce sugar in our recipes

We are taking steps to reduce single use plastic

We can and will cater for all special dietary requirements

## Fresh Catering

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