

Warmingham CE Primary School

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'Let Your Light Shine'

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School Diary for the Week Beginning: 6th May 2024

Monday

Bank Holiday Monday School Closed

Tuesday

After School Y6 SATs Club

Wednesday

PE – Squirrels & Badgers with Crewe Alex

After School Football & Chess Clubs

Thursday

Y5/6 Football Friendly at Middlewich High School

Friday

Lunchtime Choir



Harper

Dear Parents,

The Warmingham Wakes are tomorrow – fingers crossed that we have beautiful weather. The procession will be leaving the village hall carpark at 1:15pm. Everyone is welcome to walk behind the procession to the church where the Wakes will be held. The children will be singing at 2:45pm followed by the maypole dancing. It is such a special day for the village and school, please try to join us. There is also a Wake's Service at 6:30pm on Sunday in St Leonard's.

Thank you to all of the families who brought in a jazzy jar for our stall tomorrow – an incredible 200 jars in total. Hedgehogs' brought in the most jars (87) closely followed by Badgers' Class (81) then Squirrels with 21 and Otters with 11. Well done Hedgehogs Class, you have won 15 minutes extra play, which Mrs B will give you next week. Sycamore House brought in the most jars (70) closely followed by Oak (64). They will be playing against each other in our nerf war. Birch (28) and Willow (38) Houses will be playing against each other. The money raise for the Jazzy Jar Tombola will be going towards a set of VR headset – thank you for your continued support.

Thank you everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire I sent out last week about residentials. In total 35 families responded and the majority of staff and parents would like the children to go on a residential each year. The full results can be found later in this week's newsletter.

Kind regards,

Kate Appleby Principal of Warmingham CE Primary Proud member of the Rural Church Schools Academy Trust

Residential Questions - Results

Last week, I heard about some new research which concerned me. Our children will be the first generation for over one hundred years, who will have a lower life expectancy than their parents. The research believes that this is a result of children spending too much time indoors playing on devices rather than being active outside which is why I was so pleased that you too value how important our residentials are. We were also shown the following film which I thought I'd share with you: <u>Project Wild Thing</u>.

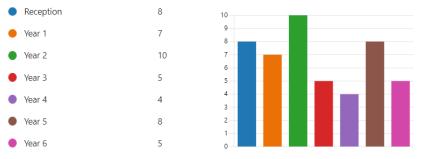
Thank you everyone who took the time to complete the questionnaire I sent out last week about residentials. In total 35 families responded and the majority of staff and parents would like the children to go on a residential each year:

28 families would like the children to experience a residential every year 7 families would like the children to go on a residential every other year

Where families selected 'every other year' the main factor was the cost. For those families who are struggling with the cost, especially if they have more than one child in school, we can help whether you are receiving benefits or not:

- The Up and Under Foundation often fund upto 50% of the overall cost. This is available to everyone.
- School House Church Fund provides the school with some funds each year to support struggling families with trips, residentials and uniform. This is available to everyone.
- As a school we also use some of our 'pupil premium' fund to support our families who are entitled to free school meals.
- The PTA fund the cost of the coaches to reduce the cost to parents this will be continuing.

We received responses from the following classes:



Comments made:

Although it is an expense, it's very good value for money and the kids get so much out of it and learn so many skills it's a great opportunity and one of the reasons we chose the school.

Of course, I would love to have said every year but sadly with *** joining in reception I admittedly would find it hard finding the funds for residential trips for both of them in the same year.

My child loves going on residentials and as long as there's enough notice, I don't see why it shouldn't continue in the current model.

Between ***'s dad and I we will always make sure we find the money. *** comes first.

Both My children look forward to the residential each year! It is a highlight for them in the school calendar and I think having the option to pay in instalments is great and makes it more affordable for us. It would be a shame to stop this yearly highlight!

I think these trips sound fantastic and give the children lots of opportunity to learn and experience. I would be happy to fund an annual trip for the experiences the children get.

I have chosen every other year as I think this is still a great amount of times to go. Although financially it can be a lot, I think with a good amount of notice this is ok. I do feel though for parents with more than one child at school it could become a struggle. I do hopefully have my other son starting in 2025 and this could be a lot to pay for if you have both children going to residential trips.

I like that the school take the children on these brilliant residential trips. Unfortunately, I really struggle to afford them.

I appreciate that is a financial commitment but feel it so enriching for the children that it's worth it for the yearly residential trips.

There is nothing better than going on a school trip and gaining new experiences and skills.

The feedback and response we have from Nora is amazing after her residential, she really enjoyed going and can't wait for the next one. We feel the price for the trip was very reasonable considering and would happily pay the same again.

I agree that this can be costly especially when you have more than one child but I feel it's a great experience and good for building their confidence, my children have always really enjoyed the residential's specially the most recent to Robin Wood.

I would love for *** to be able to go on another residential in year 6 with it being his last year.

I'd love to see the children have the opportunity to do a residential every year if this can be sustained. However, I realise I am in the fortunate position that cost isn't a barrier for my child, and that not everyone is in that position. So, I would fully understand if there is a need to reduce frequency of these trips.

The kids really enjoy the residentials with overnight stay.

I only put this answer as personally funding 6 residentials is a lot, and when my younger son starts, there may not be. Way I can find two every year whilst both are attending. Where as if it is both children, just one to find, that would make a huge difference. Although on saying that, a residential each year would of course be preferable if finances would allow.

We have seen *** (who is pretty cerebral rather than active) go from hating the idea of going on residential and not really enjoying it to absolutely loving it this year. If they moved to biannual, we would still be trying to get him over the hurdle of going at all. They are such brilliant things for building resilience and inner confidence in children I feel they need to happen yearly. It's fantastic that they do at the moment.

More time to pay.

I know the children love residentials however they are very expensive, and whilst I wouldn't qualify for any financial assistance and am not 'struggling' financially it does place a burden on top of all other rising costs and static wages- especially in single parent households as you don't want your child to be the odd one out not going. I think it is wonderful that you can offer a residential once a year at Warmingham School. The children gain such a lot of valuable experiences from these opportunities. They are also reasonably prices. We would be happy for it to continue once a year, but would understand if it went to every other too.

I'm actually okay with either. I think it's a great experience for kids but also understand that maybe it's not achievable for all parents every year.

I was really unsure which I felt was the best option, the experience for the children is absolutely brilliant but the cost can be worrying for some families, especially as the residential trips for the older children becomes more expensive and then more so for families with more than one child in the school. I think one residential in maybe years 2, 4 and 6 would be sufficient. This would give the children great opportunities but without the cost for parents being incurred every year. Although my year 1 loved the residential this year, I do feel that it can be very difficult for them at this age and cause a lot of anxiety/worry and some children at this age will not have spent a night away from family before.

I think that it's a great opportunity for the children and I don't want my answer to make it so the current model changes, with that being said I do think that some assistance should be put in place for single parent and low income families, so no child has to miss out.

It is expensive for the residential but lots of memories are made, resilience built and lots of laughs had. I'm happy to continue to pay every year maybe reduce the amount of nights to reduce the cost.

There is a financial implication to every year but I also love the opportunities the residential brings in terms of independence and resilience. *** came back and said he wishes everyday was a residential. With some tweaking *** also loved the residential.



Polite Reminder

We are strictly a no mobile school. Please do not use your mobile whilst on school grounds, including the school carpark.

A Special Thank You!

Each year we apply to the 'Up and Under Foundation' for financial support for the families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a residential. This year alone, they have pledged £1634 which has supported 13 children – thank you.





Previously Loved Stock

Has your child grown out of a pair of trainers or school shoes? Are they still like new? We would happily take them off your hands and add them to our 'previously loved' stock.

Sporting Achievements

On Tuesday our football took part in a tournament with the other Middlewich School's Partnership -Cledford, St Mary's, Middlewich, Wimboldsley and Byley. As always, they played letting their lights shine brightly. They came top of the small school's leader board and fifth overall and had so much fun taking part – we are incredibility proud of you.



Well done Oliver P, Thomas, Morrison, Eliza, Freddie, Zara, Oliver &, Lilly, Alfe, Jack and Simon,

Let Your Light Shine - Ours Stars this Week:

Otters (Reception) ~ Albert, for the joy he has shown in his maths this week. **Hedgehogs** (Y1) ~ Ted for his perseverance shown in his spellings.

Hedgehogs (¥2) ~ Nora for her perseverance in writing, creating beautiful fictional descriptions. **Squirrels** (¥3) ~ Noah for his perseverance with his reading and moving up a level. Well done! **Squirrels** (¥4) ~ Oliver for his service to his learning and having a fantastic attitude to everything he does. Well done!

Badgers (Y5) ~ Pati for the hard work and perseverance she has shown in English when writing about our new text, 'The Paperbag Prince'.

Badgers (Y6) ~ Oliver S for the joy, enthusiasm and hard work he has shown through the fractions topic in Maths AND the fantastic score he achieved! Well done!

PE Award (KS1) ~Rosco for showing resilience and joy during his PE lessons.

PE Award (KS2) ~ Eliza showing resilience during swimming also showing perseverance whilst diving in the pool.

Mrs Appleby's Principal Award ~ Molly for the service she always shows to her work including her home learning.

House Points				
House	Birch	Oak	Sycamore	Willow
This Week	360	337	313	421
Top of the House	Rogan C	James	Azalea	Niamh
This Year	4913	4981	4899	5822



This week our Ethos Council have chosen Nathan for showing so much joy in RE.



Over the course of the half term, we will be focusing on the Christian value of **friendship**. Next week, we will be listening to the reflecting on the following Bible passage: *Making Time for Each Other Luke 10:38-42*



Let Your Light Shine - Out of School Achievements Rainbow Distance Jack Wills Rainbow Distance

Well done Charlotte, Rosco and Dinah



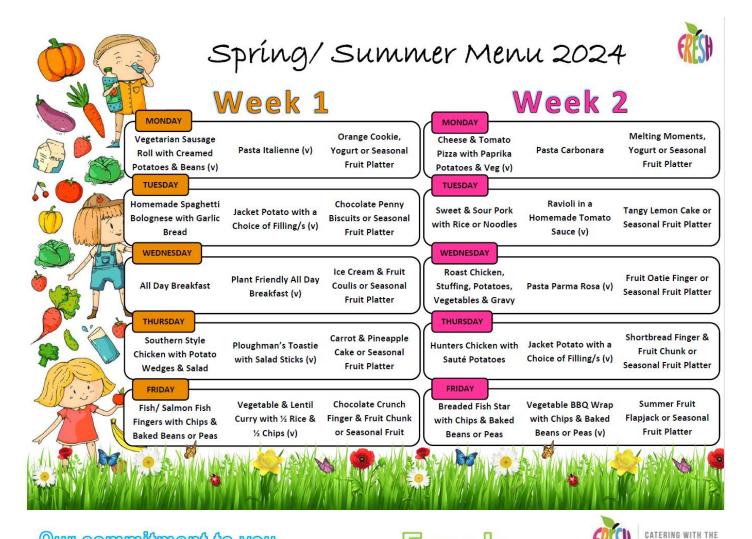
Summer Term 2024

19th April – 5th July Swimming lessons (KS2)

4th May – Warmingham Wakes 13th – 17th May – KS2 SATs Week (Y6) 20th May - Home Learning Exhibition @ 2:30pm 22nd May – Tag Rugby Tournament (Y5/6) 22nd May – Otters Trip to the Blue Planet 23rd May – RCSAT Olympic Games at Bunbury 4th June – SENs Day 1 6th June – 80th D-Day Anniversary 11th June – SENs Day 2 14th June – Ethos Conference 15th June – Concert at St Leonard's 7pm 21st June – Sports Day & Family Picnic 26th June – Town Sports (KS2) 28th June – Reserve Sports Day 3rd July – PTA Summer Fair 4th July – Rounder's Tournament (KS2) 10th July – Year 6 Leavers' Service and Lunch – Chester Cathedral 12th July – End of Year School Reports sent home 15th July - Home Learning Exhibition @ 2:30pm 17th July – Y6 Prom (Y5 invited) 19th July - Leavers' Service 10am @ St Leonard's

TERM Dates & INSET Days

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



Fresh

Our commitment to you..... 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



RIGHT INGREDIENTS

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