

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

It's good to see everybody happy on their return to school this week. Happy New Year to you all.

We have many exciting events and experiences planned for the term.

Well done to children in Reception who have come in so independently this week.

The training day on Monday was shared with staff from All Saints'. We all completed a Mental Health First Aid Course and received training on an exciting new resource that will be used to deliver our Relationships and Sex Education programme throughout the school. An information evening for parents is being held on Wednesday 3rd February at 7pm for you to see the resources and receive an overview from Jonny Hunt, our consultant who is rolling out this programme for Warwickshire Schools.

next week.

Congratulations from the Department for Education

I am writing to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high standard of performance in the 2015 national key stage 2 tests as published on 10 December.

100% of your pupils gained level 4B or above in reading and maths and level 4 or above in writing. This makes you one of only 187 schools in the country to achieve this level of attainment.

Nick Gibb MP

Department for Education

As we enter 2016 let us continue to move forward together with a spring in our step and a song in our hearts!

School Meals:

The cost of school meals for this half term will be £66.70 per pupil in Key Stage 2. All children in Reception and key Stage 1 will continue to be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. The menu can be viewed on the Warwickshire County Council website. If you think you may be eligible for statutory free school meals and your child is in any year group, please contact us for advice on how to make an application. This also attracts pupil premium funding for the school.

Music Letters

Letters for payment for instrumental tuition have gone out this week. Music lessons for this term begin

Class Highlights of the Week:

Oak Class

Unfortunately Mrs Batts has been poorly this week. Many thanks to Mrs O'Donoghue who has taught Oak Class and to Mrs Burrows who has kept everything moving smoothly.

Ash Class

We've begun a new topic on Island Homes and have enjoyed sharing Katie Morag stories set on the Isle Of Struay (Coll). We've had fun acting out the story and written exclamations in role as the characters.

Dudley Class

Dudley have been really enjoying their first week back, Happy New Year! We have learnt all about Buddhism, specifically, The Buddha's life and his teachings. All of us have thought carefully and deeply about why people followed The Buddha and Buddhism's teaching.

Waller Class

This week we put the finishing touches to our clay pots by adding decorations. We have been investigating the qualities of a good leader and relating them to the life and teaching of Buddha and Jesus. What made them such inspirational leaders? I have been incredibly impressed by the thoughtful and sensitive comments made by the children. We are striving hard to keep up our regular reading!

Wise Class

In Wise Class this week we have been looking at electricity in science; creating circuits and adding buzzers and switches. We have begun to think about how to write flashbacks in our narrative stories by looking at how J.K. Rowling uses the device in her Harry Potter books. Look at the homework this

weekend when the children will be asking a family member to share a memory with them to record in their literacy home learning books.

Sport

Swimming:

Swimming begins again for Waller class next week on Tuesday January 12th.

Sports Hall Athletics

Children in Year 6 will be taking part in the Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Kenilworth School on Wednesday 13th January.

Year 1 Please bring in a book about pets from home on Monday.

France Trip

I would like to remind you that the next France payment of £50 is due by 29th January.

We would appreciate outstanding December payments ASAP as the school has now paid all second deposits to Wyvern Travel.

All Saints' Extra - All Clubs end at 4.30 pm, Chill Out ends at 5.15pm.

Mrs Garlick is available by email on garlick.a@welearn365.com or via the school telephone number 01926 400498.

Please note All Saints' Extra cannot be reached on a mobile phone number.

All clubs have started this week. Please remember that payments need to be made by next Friday, 15th January.

Site Health and Safety in bad weather

In the event of heavy snowfall or icy mornings we endeavour to grit paths from the pedestrian gate to the front entrances and from the car park to the KS2 entrances.

Please be aware that it will not be possible to grit the playground, access roads to the car parks or the parent car park by the time children arrive at school. In the event of snow children should not use the playground when arriving at school. Please take extreme care when entering the school

Emergency Closures due to severe weather

If it is necessary for a school to close. We will alert the LA of school closures. So, in times of severe weather you can obtain additional information by:

- Visiting the website <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

We already have text contact details for most parents and are able to text information about closures and other events. If we don't have yours please contact Mrs Hancocks on admin3588@welearn365.com

Deciding whether to close is always very difficult. When we remain open I would urge you to make your own risk assessment of travelling conditions dependent on your own context, which is different for each family.

P.T.F.A: Making a difference!

Our next Steering Group meeting is on 12th January at 7.30pm in 'The Hub'. All welcome.

Our next project is the complete refurbishment of the ICT suite.

Children's Disco 29th January

Back by popular demand, come along for an evening full of fun, laughter and dance.

5.30-6.30 Oak and Ash Disco,

6.45-8.00 Key Stage 2

£3.00 per ticket to include refreshments.

GREEN LEEK 10K 2016

Calling all enthusiastic runners and non runners who enjoy organising exciting events. We have a vision for a 10K race starting at Burton Green and ending in Leek Wootton to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of All Saints' Primary School in Autumn 2016. The two schools are 10k apart!

If you would like to be involved in an organising group to look at the possibilities. Please contact me on head3588@welearn365.com

Use our Virtual Shop. www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Just go to the site and register, we are listed as All Saints Leek Wootton.

Further details available from

kimberleylunn@yahoo.co.uk

Awards

Truly Brilliant – Sophie Weston Walker, Harry Wager, Alex Constable, Oliver Mason, Dan Bennett

Lampros Papadogiannakis

Gold – Ronan Bibb **Silver Plus** – Sam Waters, Chloe Roberts, Charlotte Pettifer

Silver – Jacob Deeming, Josh Houlihan

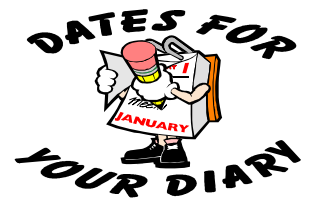
Glow Worm – Harry Wager

Mathlete of the Week – Megan Wragg, Jasmine Walters, Andrew Digby

Dates

Tues 12 Jan 7.30 pm PTFA

Wed 13Jan pm Sportshall Athletics, Kenilworth School



Please note these dates are given at the beginning of each term for guidance.
Sometimes changes occur that are outside of our control.
Please ensure that dates are checked in weekly newsletters distributed each Friday.

January 11 th	7.30 Green Leek 10K steering group. Virgins & Castle
January 12 th	Waller start swimming 7.30 P.T.F.A The Hub. All welcome
January 13 th	9.20 Open Assembly Tom Millington 1.00 Sports Hall Athletics Years 6, Kenilworth School
January 20 th	9.20am Open Assembly Peter Burns 1.40pm Year 6 Chemistry Outreach group from Warwick University
January 25 th	9.15 Height and Weight Checks Reception and Year 6 7.00 Green Leek Governors Performance and Standards meeting (Burton Green)
January 28 th	Green Leek Amazing Maths Group at Burton Green
January 29 th	5.30-6.30 - Key Stage 1 Disco 6.45-8.00 - Key Stage 2 Disco
February 3 rd	9.05 Open Assembly Karen and her Puppets 6.30 Spring Fever Parents Information Evening 7.00 Green Leek Full Governing Body Meeting (at Burton Green)
February 9 th	Internet Safety Week Super Learning Day: Mathematics Problem Solving
February 9 th	3.30- 7.00 Parents Evening
February 10 th	9.05 Open Assembly - Children's Society Box Opening 5.00 - 7.00 Parents Evening
February 13th	Break up for Half Term
February 22 nd	Return to school. Spring Fever Week
February 23 rd	Dudley Year 4 and Year 6 swimming to prepare for KDPSA Swimming Gala 7.00 All Saints' Resources sub-committee
February 25 th	1.00-2.00 Waller Class - Chance to Shine - Cricket Coaching - First of five weekly sessions
March 1 st	Dudley begin swimming
March 2 nd	1.30 - 3.00 - Y5 - Netball Tournament - Clinton Primary School 7.00 Green Leek Resources Committee
March 3 rd	UFA Day World Book Day
March 4 th	2.30 - Mothers' Day Assembly
March 7 th	7.00 Green Leek Performance and Standards Committee at Burton Green
March 9 th	9.20 Open Assembly Tom Millington Kenilworth Youth for Christ 1.30-3.00 - Y6 - Netball Tournament - St. Nicholas' Primary School
March 12 th	7.30 - PTFA Quiz Night
March 14 th	7.00 Green Leek Full Governing Body at Burton Green
March 15 th	1.30 - KDPSA Swimming Gala - Abbey Fields
March 16 th	9.30 - Easter Assembly - Y3 and Y4 - All Saints' Church
March 18 th	EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA - All welcome to join us from 1.30pm Break-up for Easter Holiday
April 4 th	Return to School

LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Government has introduced some significant changes to attendance regulations for pupils at school from September 2013, which I would like to remind you of at the beginning of term.

The most important of these is in relation to term-time leave of absence.

Amendments have been made to the 2006 regulations in the [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013](#). These amendments, as described below, will come into force on 1 September 2013.

The [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#) have allowed head teachers to grant leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday during term time in “special circumstances” of up to ten school days leave per year. Head teachers can also grant extended leave for more than ten school days in “exceptional circumstances”.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to “holiday” and “extended leave” as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Head teachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted

The government has not defined the 'exceptional circumstances' referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head teacher to decide what he/she views as exceptional circumstances.

Parents are therefore asked to respect these new regulations under which we must now work, and that if there is a need to take a child out of school during term time, it must be made very clear in the request how the circumstances are exceptional.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Applications for leave of absence which are made in advance and refused will result in the absence being unauthorised which may result in legal action against the parent, by Fixed Penalty Notice, if the child is absent from school during that period.

If a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued and is not paid within the timeframe set out in that notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

The school's Attendance policy has been updated to reflect the change in the legislation and is available on the school website.