



Warren Wood Primary School



Newsletter – April 21st 2023

And the week after...

Polling Day is on Thursday 4th May. This presents school with another problem in the fact that we have to close for the day to pupils. It is still a working day for staff but, where we can, we have to work off site to allow access for the public. Teaching staff have directed time to complete work and office staff can work remotely. Teaching Assistants have training they are completing that will support the children in their care.

I have been asked and had enquiries via email asking why this affects our school every year. Please know that this is something I challenge annually due to the disruption to our children, families and staff. We would all much rather be in school, particularly the week before KS2 SAT's when children need last minute support and reassurance. However, the facts of the matter are that we are the largest public building that serves the constituency, other local buildings have been used and have not met requirements and therefore, until advised otherwise, this will continue to be the case.

Coming up next week and beyond ...

Schools have now been informed by the DfE of the NEU's planned strike action for their members over the coming weeks. The dates for these are: **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.**

Whilst I am unable to ask teachers of their intention to strike, I would advise parents to be mindful of how the strikes thus far have affected school and to therefore make plans for the eventuality of this affecting their child's class. I will inform you via school PING as soon as I know of those classes affected.

We appreciate the inconvenience and uncertainty that this causes, but as I am sure you are aware, the strike action it is part of a national agenda and beyond the control of school.



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A Message from the Headteacher

Hello Summer Term!

Dear Parents and Carers

The first week back at school after a two week break can often be challenging in many ways. In no small part, it takes a while to readjust for us all after being relaxed and going at our own pace. It is fair to say that on Monday, there were lots of tired little people (and a few big ones too!) However, after readjusting our body clocks, by Tuesday normality had resumed and everyone was embracing their new topics with gusto!

Summer term is unique in several ways. It is where we see the culmination of a year's work individually and as a class; where we have the opportunity for wonderful playtimes and lunchtimes where memories are made in the summer sun; where we look to redevelop areas around school and make plans to build for the future. By the end of this term, we will have said goodbye to our class and teachers and hello to our new ones for September and beyond. We always ensure that lots of transition is in place for that to help ease everyone into any changes, gently. Before that happens though, we have lots of work to do over the coming months.

In Nursery this week, children have read the book 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson and are starting their new topic looking at minibeasts.

Reception pupils have been thinking about Kings and Queens this week. With the impending events over the next few weeks, I am sure this will be a very memorable time for our children knowing where they were when a new King had his Coronation.

Year 1 children are starting to look at farms and all things to do with growth and growing.

Y2 children started the week in their explorer costumes as they had a polar explorer day.

Year 3 pupils have begun their topic on the Amazon rainforest. I always love to see this topic as our youngest junior children use it to spark their imaginations in all manner of ways.

Year 4 children are beginning a topic of Extreme Earth and Natural disasters

Year 5 children are embarking on a journey of small steps but huge leaps as they head into space. They will be handling real moon rocks and this week created a display of the solar system whilst inspired by 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst.

Year 6 pupils are starting their busiest term with the wonderful topic of Electricity to spark their interest.

What a wonderful term of exciting things to look forward to!

Mrs Reyes
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Boo the Badger

**This week, Boo has visited
Year 2 – Mrs. Byers
And Year 6 – Miss Cope**



Boo's message is
'Miss school, Miss out' –
We love having you here
and so does Boo!



Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 27th April – Planned Strike day – Please check Ping for specific updates

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – Whole school closed

Tuesday 2nd May – Planned Strike day – Please check Ping for specific updates

Thursday 4th May – Local Elections – School closed to all pupils

Friday 5th May – Big History Day – Separate letter to follow

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for The Coronation of King Charles III – Whole school closed

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – KS2 SAT's and Y6 Breakfast club – separate information to follow