

WAWNE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2020



Welcome to the February edition of the school newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are already in the second month of 2020; we don't seem to have been back in school 5 minutes and it is nearly time for the next half term break.

The children and staff are working hard and following recent visits from Local Authority School Improvement Officers it is pleasing to know that we are moving positively forward in our improvement journey.

Recent questionnaires completed by the children are very positive and show in particular that our new Jigsaw PSHE programme is having a great impact on helping the children feel happy and safe in school, and in developing their well-being and preparedness for future years.

WRITING WEEK



This week is our second 'Writing week' of the academic year. The theme for this week is '**Every picture tells a story**'. The children will be spending the week looking at different artist's work and creating stories based on what they can see in the pictures. The children will also be recreating their own version of the art work throughout the week.

We would like to invite all parents to come and have a look at their children's stories and art work at the end of the school day on Friday 7th February. The children will come out of the school at 3:30pm as normal and can bring their parents/carers back into school to look at the work in the classroom.

We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate the children's achievements over the week.

ATTENDANCE

Just a polite reminder that if your child is ill and not able to attend school, it is important to contact the school and inform us of your child's absence before the start of the school day. If we do not have a reason for an absence then your child will receive an 'unauthorised' mark on the register. 10 sessions (5 days) unauthorised absence from school is reported to the Local Authority and may result in a fine (fines are not just related to unauthorised holidays and the 5 days absence can be built overtime and still result in a fine).

If your child is ill and you are not sure whether they are able to attend school or not please contact the school office for advice.

Additionally, please be aware that lateness to school can also contribute towards unauthorised absences. Please ensure that your child is ready to line up on the playground and enter school for 9:00am.

MENU CHOICES

Please can we ask that parents of Foundation 2 and Class 1 return their menu choices for after half term as soon as possible so that we have accurate numbers to enable us to order the food.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Monday – Performing Arts –KS1 & KS2 3:30-5:00pm

Thursday – Multi-sports KS1 & KS2 3:30-4:30

The school now has on offer the following clubs which are run during the lunchtime period:

Reading/Library Club

Glockenspiel club

Choir

HOME SUPPORT



Please can we ask that all children bring their book bags to school every day so that we are able to make the most of every opportunity we have to hear them read and change their books.

As you will be aware, the amount of teaching and learning we need to fit into the school week is high and so it is important that children spend the time at home reading, learning their spellings and times tables, and completing their homework in order to support the work they do in school. These skills are building blocks to so much other learning and so it is important that children spend some additional time each day working on developing them. Please encourage your child to do the work that is sent home with them and support them where you can.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS PACKED LUNCH ADVICE

As a 'healthy school', we have a commitment to healthy eating; we therefore ask that parents provide a healthy and balanced packed lunch for their child.

According to the NHS, a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit



Whilst we do not *encourage* children to eat chocolate or high fat foods, a small amount as part of a balanced packed lunch is quite acceptable. A packed lunch can include **either** a chocolate biscuit (such as a Blue Riband or two finger Kit-Kat) **or** a bag of crisps (preferably the lower fat varieties such as baked crisps or Pom Bears). Due to allergies, we ask that no food containing nuts should be brought to school. Thank you.

Drinks

Water is provided at school so it is not necessary to send a drink to school. If, however, you do wish to add a drink to your child's packed lunch, please ensure it contains **no added sugar**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3.02.20-7.02.20- Writing week 'Every picture tells a story'

7.02.20 – 3:30pm Parents/Carers invited to see children's writing and Art work

10.02.20-14.02.20 – E-Safety week

10.02.20- 3:00pm Class 3 Theme assembly for parents

11.02.20 – Foundation and Class 1 trip to The Deep

14.02.20- Last day of the Spring 1 half term

24.02.20- Children return to school

28.02.20- Class Photos

2.03.20-4.03.20 –Class 3 Residential trip

5.03.20- World Book day

12.03.20 – Book Bus