

Welcome or Welcome Back



Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a refreshing summer break (it already seems a very long time ago to me!) and return to school ready for the new school year! We extend a special welcome to all new parents and carers joining us this term. As always we have a very exciting year planned with many fun and stimulating learning experiences planned for the children, a wide range of topics to be studied and exciting trips to go on. I can't wait for it all!

The school had quite a lot of work carried out over the summer including refurbished halls, redesigned storage spaces, painted corridors, new flooring in KS2, LED lighting and a new biomass boiler (further details of this later on). This means we have made better use of our spaces, become greener and look much cleaner and fresher!

At the end of last term the school was also awarded a Silver schools games award for all our hard work in PE and Sport. Well done to Mr Silva-Peake for his hard work in this area and this year we are going for gold! A big thank you to the PTFA for donating new kits for all our teams this year.

Best Wishes

Miss Field

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2015

Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Term Ends Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2016

Term Starts Tuesday 5th January

Half Term Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Term Ends Thursday 24th March

Summer Term 2016

Term Starts Tuesday 12th April

Monday 2nd May—Bank Holiday

Half Term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June—School Closed for Teacher Training

Term Ends Friday 22nd July



WARREN PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHARITY WORK

Friday 18th September - Jeans for Genes

In the UK, one baby in every 25 is born with a genetic disorder. Although individually these disorders can be extremely rare, together they are the biggest killer of children aged 14 and under.

So thank you to all those who paid their pound and proudly wore their jeans we managed to raise £370 for this Charity.

Friday 13th November - Children in Need Pudsey Pyjama Party

Children in Need continues its good work. Its vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is:

- Safe
- Happy and Secure
- Allows them the chance to reach their potential.

Children in Need provide grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. So this year we are asking you to join our Pudsey pyjama party and come to school in your pj's, nighties, or onesies and slippers and donate £1 to Children in Need.



Other Dates to Look Out For This Year:

Thurs 1st Oct—Yr 2 trip to Chafford Gorge
Wed 7th Oct - Harvest Festival
Fri 9th Oct- Governor Visit Day
Mon 12th Oct - Anti-bullying Workshops
Wed 14th Oct— St John' s Ambulance Assembly
Wk Beg 19th Oct - Assessment Week
Tues 20th Oct— Yr 1 trip to Colchester Zoo
Fri 23rd Oct—PTFA Disco
Fri 6th Nov—PTFA Non-uniform donation day
Mon 9th Nov - Individual and Family photos
Wed 11th Nov—4S trip to Wagamamas
Thurs 12th Nov - Flu Immunisation
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Fri 13th Nov - Children in Need—Pudsey ' s Pyjama Party
Thurs 19th Nov - Yr 6 Mayan Day
Sat 28th Nov - PTFA Christmas Fayre
Mon 30th Nov—Christmas CD Recording
Fri 4th Dec—Whole School trip to Pantomime
Mon 7th & Thurs 10th Dec - Parents Evening
Thurs 10th Dec—Yr 3 Stone Age Workshop
Tues 15th Dec - Christmas Lunch
Wed 16th Dec - Nativity Assembly
Thurs 17th Dec - Christmas Party Day
Fri 18th Dec - Last Day of Term



Warren Primary School VISION AND VALUES

Our Vision:

The heart and soul of our school vision is to provide a safe, inspirational environment where children develop a life-long passion for learning and fulfil their potential. We will provide a stimulating atmosphere that we are proud to teach, work and learn in. Our excellent community of adults will encourage children to become confident, respectful and responsible global citizens.

We are building tomorrow today!

Our Values:

Willing
Ambitious
Resilient
Respectful
Enthusiastic
Never giving up



We take pride in what we do
Always aiming high
Year after year

Public Health

I must remind parents that children suffering from gastroenteritis (i.e. diarrhoea and/or vomiting) are not to return to school until 48 hours after they are symptom free. We have recently had cases where a child has been sick during the night or in the morning and has then been sent into school. This puts our school's pupils and staff at increased risk of acquiring an infection at school. Please make sure that you follow the above guidelines and the pupil does not return until 48 hours after being completely symptom free.



Thurrock Education Awards

The second annual Thurrock Education Awards will be held on 20th November 2015. It is not too late to nominate someone who you feel has had a significant and positive impact on the education of our children.

There are 15 award categories for teachers, head teachers, school teams, support staff and governing bodies that have gone the extra mile in sharing their effort, enthusiasm and talent.

- Outstanding new teacher of the year
- Outstanding early years practitioner
- Aspiring leader
- Creative learning and resources
- Education support
- Excellence in English and maths
- Enterprise and employability
- Innovation in learning and technologies
- Governing body of the year
- Teacher of the year in primary education
- Teacher of the year in secondary education
- Teacher of the year in a special school
- Head teacher of the year in primary education
- Head teacher of the year in secondary education
- Outstanding contribution to education in Thurrock

Nominations can be made until 9th October at

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/forms/education-award-nomination>

Eco School

You may have noticed some disruption to our front car park and to part of the front of the school building next to the main hall and kitchen. This area is actually the school's boiler house where over the summer and into the beginning of this term we are having a whole new heating system consisting of a very eco-friendly biomass boiler.

Biomass boilers heat in an environmentally friendly way by using sustainably sourced timber (rather than gas, oil or coal) which is provided in pellet form. The fuel is locally sourced, carbon-neutral and renewable. The pellets are cheaper to buy than gas and are not increasing in price by anywhere near the rate that fossil fuels are. The school also receives a Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) tariff and so receives money for producing heat! This could mean that over the next few years we will see a reduction in our heating bills by as much as 50%.

Also, over the summer we had a number of our light fixtures replaced with LED lighting vastly reducing the wattage used and therefore reducing our electricity bill. This along with the Solar Panels we had installed last term makes us the greenest school in Thurrock. I am fully expecting that in our next statutory energy rating assessment we will be an A or even A* rated school—one of only a very small number of schools across the country to receive such an energy efficient rating.



Helping Your Child to Feel Confident

Help your child know that they are loved and cared for...

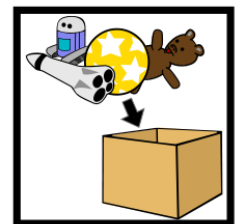
- Think about all the things you love or like about your child and **TELL THEM!**
- Try to spend 'golden time' with each child once a week—a special time just for you and your child to enjoy together. It might be reading, playing, chatting, You might watch a TV programme, do some cooking, go fishing, or to the park—all that matters is that you both enjoy it. It is not a time to bring up why they haven't done their jobs again!
- Praise your child whenever you can. Try to give more praise than criticism (not always easy). Praise doesn't need to be in words—hugs, smiles, a pat on the back, a wink, a little note, etc will all tell your child you are pleased with them.

Fascinating Fact:

On average children in the UK hear about 8 times as many negative comments as positive from their parents every day. Check out your own ratio!

Help your child to feel that they belong and have a say in things...

- Try to give them a space that is their own—part of a bedroom if they don't have their own, a little bit of garden to look after etc. Let them make it personal to them, choosing the flowers, pictures or duvet cover...
- Include your child in making family arrangements, having a say in family decisions—where to go for a day out, what colour to paint the kitchen, etc.
- Let your child make choices for themselves whenever you can e.g. what clothes to wear, who to play with, what to put in their lunch box.
- Give them responsibilities at home. These might be tidying their toys away or doing the washing up.
- Don't do anything for your child that they can do for themselves (except as a treat or when they are particularly in need of some tender loving care—which, let's face it, we all are sometimes!).
- Let them learn from their mistakes—if they choose not to wear a coat in the cold don't give them yours when they complain!



Reminders

Absence

Please remember to notified the school in writing prior to any known absence being taken . Any unexpected absence, such as sickness, should be telephoned in on the first morning and followed up by a letter when the child returns to school.

PE / Earrings

We do permit children to wear plain stud earrings to school. However earrings should ideally be removed for PE, but if the child is unable to do so please provide tape so they can cover earrings themselves before the PE lesson begins.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted onto the school site at any time.

Parking

Please can I remind parents that they should **not park** in either the front or side car park at any time and the area outside school identified by yellow zigzag lines is a no stopping zone.

Parent Mail

Please may I remind all parents that you must register with Parentmail and keep your contact details up to date if you wish to receive emails and texts from the school.

Urgent news such as school closure due to bad weather for example would be sent out through this text system.

Subscribing to receiving emails ensures you get all the latest information as soon as it comes out and are not left relying on children to remember to bring letters home! If you do not have access to a printer you can always email the reply slip back to the office at admin@warrenprimary.thurrock.sch.uk