



Warren Park School

Newsletter

September 2017



Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to the new school year. The children have settled in brilliantly and have been enjoying getting to know their new teachers as well as catching up with friends after the holiday. Our new Reception children have done especially well and already seem to be mastering the routines of school splendidly. All of the children across the school have returned looking very smart indeed so thank you very much for your support in making sure that the children are wearing appropriate school uniform.

It has been lovely to see so many parents coming in to see teachers during our open evenings and to be able to catch up over a cup of tea with many of you. We know that the children are always so proud of their classrooms and incredibly keen for teachers to meet their parents. Parents' sessions for Reception children will take place later in the term once they have had a chance to settle in. A separate letter will be sent to parents with children in Reception nearer to the time.

Next Friday, 22nd September, there will be a non-uniform day in support of the national 'jeans for genes' day. We will ask for donations to support the charity who work with children with life-altering genetic disorders.

We would like to support an appeal from one of our parents to collect wool for a local community group who knit hats, booties and blankets for premature babies and also blankets for the homeless. If you have any balls of wool that you are able to donate or knitted garments that could be unpicked so that the wool can be reused, then please bring them into the school office. Many thanks to anyone who can support this local group.

On Thursday 5th October we will be having a special dressing up day and celebration school lunch. Further details will come out shortly.

We are able to confirm the dates of four of our five Inset days for this academic year and we hope to be able to provide the final date very soon, once our staff training has been agreed. The last date will not take place this term so that we can make sure that you have plenty of notice.



**A child is like a butterfly in the wind.
Some can fly higher than others, but
each one flies the best it can.**

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES

Thursday 4th January (These dates will extend the Christmas holiday so that
Friday 5th January we return to school on Monday 8th January)

Friday 9th February (This becomes the first day of the half term holiday)

Monday 23rd July (The last day of term will therefore be Friday 20th July)

Plus another date to be confirmed at a later time.

Only for emergency purposes, we politely remind parents to keep the school office informed of any changes to family contacts and telephone numbers.

Online applications for children starting the **Reception year, September 2018** opens on 1st November, accessible at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Year R application forms will also become available from the school office on the same day. The closing date for applications is midnight 15th January 2018. School places notification date is the 16th April 2018.

Secondary school online applications opens on **Monday 18th September**, accessible at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Paper applications will also become available from the school office on the same day. The closing date for applications is midnight 31st October 2017. Secondary school notification date is the 1st March 2018.

Our amazing Warren Park staff have been planning lots of really exciting learning activities and trips for your children so I am absolutely confident that they will have a great year ahead of them!

Kind regards

Elizabeth Cooper

Headteacher



DATES FOR THE TERM

Monday 18th September - Secondary school applications becomes live

Wednesday 20th September - Year 6 to Park Community

Friday 22nd September - Jeans for Genes day

Thursday 5th October - Special lunch and dressing up day

Thursday 19th October - Film night

HALF TERM 23RD - 27TH OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st November - 2018 reception applications becomes live

Monday 6th - Friday 10th November - Year 6 Calshot

Tuesday 7th November - Flu vaccine years R - 4

Wednesday 8th November - Year 2 to the cinema

Thursday 9th November - Year 4 to the cinema

Tuesday 14th November - Year 5 to the cinema

Wednesday 15th November - Year 1 to the cinema

Friday 17th November - Children in Need day

Wednesday 22nd November - Year 3 to the cinema

Thursday 30th November - School nurses - Reception and
Year 6

Friday 1st December - Xmas shop

Thursday 7th December - Infants to the Kings Theatre

Wednesday 13th December - Xmas lunch and jumper day

Thursday 14th December - Disco

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th - Xmas concerts

Thursday 21st December - Last day of term

XMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 8th January - Spring term starts