



Tanworth-in-Arden C of E Primary School & Nursery

In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best

12th January 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had lovely Christmases and enjoyed spending time with your families and loved ones. Although we broke up so late for Christmas, it was really lovely to have such a long rest after the busy Christmas period, before returning to school. The teachers, support staff and I would like to say thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts we received. As always it is never expected but very much appreciated, so thank you.

Whilst saying thank you, I'd also like to thank Mr Pete Warman of P & A Secure Solutions who very kindly helped us out before Christmas when our door system decided to go on a 'break'. Thank you Mr Warman for stepping in last minute to help us, it was very much appreciated.

I need to also start the New Year by sharing with you that Mr Nicholls will be leaving Tanworth at the end of January. Mr Nicholls joined Tanworth in September 2018 and has done a marvellous job of promoting not only sport and a wide variety of sports, but also encouraging both children and staff to engage in physical activities and develop healthy lifestyles. Over the next three weeks I will be working with Mr Nicholls to see how we can continue the great work he has done so that the children not only continue to have access to a wide variety of sports but also the promotion of leading active lives continues at Tanworth. There will of course be some changes in the interim period (change of PE days, PPA, clubs offered) until a long term plan has been created. Although we are sad that Mr Nicholls is leaving, we are also very pleased for him as he takes up his new role, that will allow him to develop his own professional growth. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing Mr Nicholls all the best for the future.

I am sure many of the children have received electronic devices, I-Pads, laptops and some may have even received a mobile phone for Christmas. As parents it is important that we support our children in staying safe online. Attached to this newsletter is a new resource that we have subscribed to which helps teachers and parents help children stay safe online. Each month you will receive an 'Online Safety Newsletter' which gives tips, advice and information about keeping children safe online. This month's newsletter includes advice on setting up parental controls, the use of Whatsapp and You Tube and also information about Lego Fortnite. There will also be parental sessions that you can join which will provide further information and advice, details will be on future newsletters.

On Tuesday I introduced the children to our half-term value which is 'forgiveness'. In the assembly we spoke about forgiveness and how sometimes it can be difficult to forgive, but also then discussed how it makes us feel when someone forgives us. Attached is the 'Forgiveness' newsletter with ideas and activities to share at home around the value of forgiveness.

You may have seen a lot in the news this week about the importance of attendance at school. Attendance at Tanworth at the Christmas point was 95.4% and although this is inline with national data, it is below our school target of 97%. We of course do not expect children to attend school if they are genuinely unwell, and we do ask that parents follow the 48 hour rule for children that have sickness/diarrhoea bug, but please remember that children can attend with coughs and colds, as long as they do not have a high temperature. A polite reminder also that as of 1st January 2024 all matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service (part of Warwickshire County Council). This means that all unauthorised leave of absence requests will be referred to Warwickshire, and as a result Warwickshire may issue a fine. Please note that this also includes Leave of Absences which are not made in advance and cannot be authorised in line with legislation. A copy of our Absence Policy can be found on the website which gives full details and information.

Finally, don't forget that there will be a meeting on Thursday 18th January 7pm at school with the hope of creating a school PTA. We have parents who are willing to take up the roles of Chair and Secretary/Treasurer so please do come along to see what being part of a PTA will mean. It would be lovely to see parent representatives across all year groups there and remember you are under no obligation to join.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

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NURSERY NEWS WEEK ENDING 12th JANUARY 2024


It has been lovely to welcome back our Nursery children this week . They have thoroughly enjoyed telling us all about their Christmas break and all the exciting things they have got up to.

We have welcomed 6 new children this week; Grayson, Oscar, Jack D, Ellie, Wilfred and Bobby. They have all started to settle into the Nursery family beautifully and it has been a delight to see how our existing children have excitedly welcomed them and assisted them in finding their feet and feeling at home. We can already see some lovely new friendships blossoming.



DIIVERSITY

I have shared before that one of our areas for school improvement this academic year is: **To promote a culture of deep engagement and a sense of belonging for all within a community that places diversity, equity and wellbeing at its core.** We are using a resource called LYFTA which helps us transport the children to different countries around the world and experience different cultures, languages, jobs, roles and perspectives. Each half-term we will be doing our own LYFTA challenges where children can deepen their learning and understanding further. Here is our first LYFTA challenge.



LYFTA NEW YEAR CHALLENGE



On 6th or 7th December the children took part in a live LYFTA lesson, learning about the festival of Hanukkah. During the lesson the children also had opportunities to share their knowledge of Christmas and New Year traditions from around the world.

Our first Tanworth LYFTA challenge is:

Can you find out about different New Year traditions from around the world? You can present your information in any way you choose i.e. poster, PowerPoint, non-chronological report, fact file, piece of art etc.

The deadline for submitting your challenge is Monday 12th January. Electronic entries can be emailed to head3311@welearn365.com using LYFTA in the subject line.

There will be one overall winner, who will win not only a prize for themselves but also a class prize.



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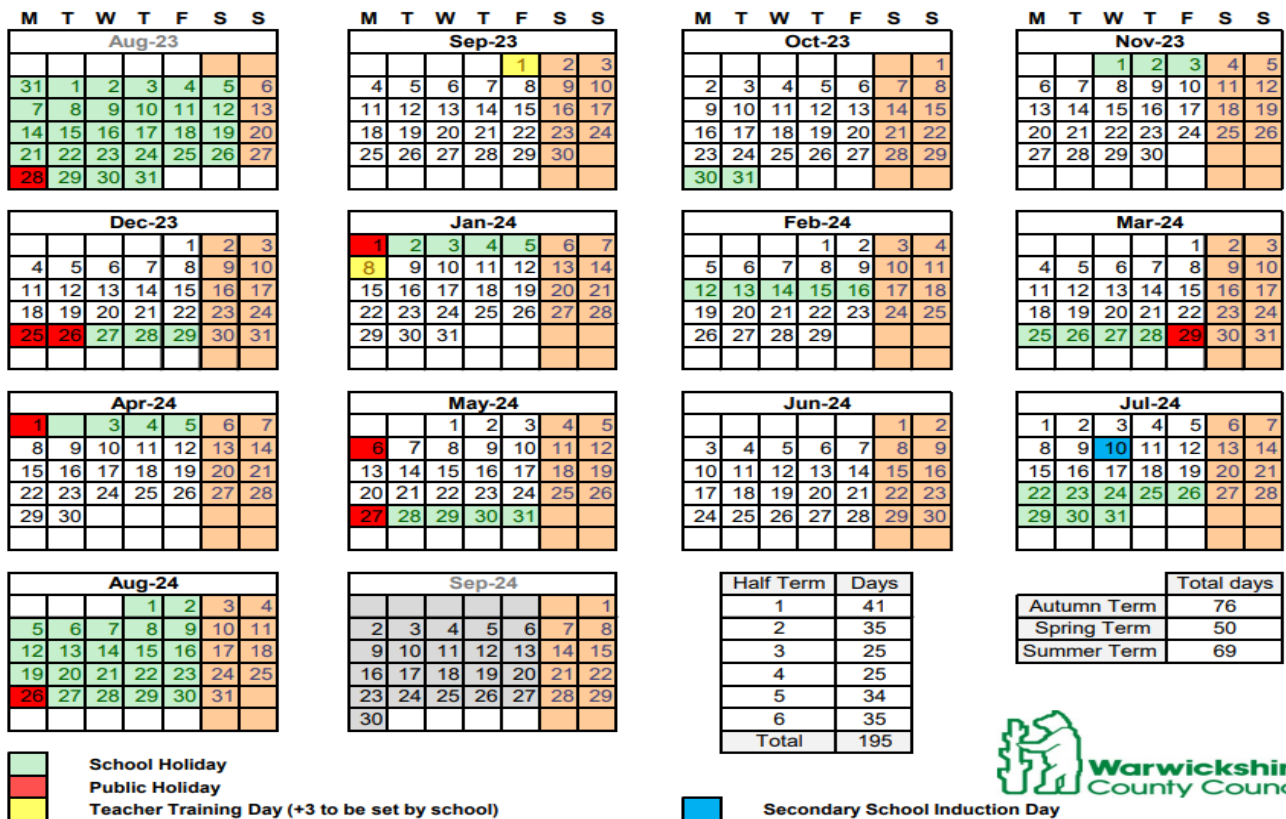
SPRING TERM

SUMMER TERM

Monday 15th January Last day for LYFTA entries
 Monday 15th January No Ark after school club (First Aid Training Staff)
 Thursday 18th January PTA meeting 7pm at school
 Tuesday 6th February Year 3 Botanical Gardens
 Friday 9th February School and Nursery break up for half-term
 Monday 19th February School and Nursery reopens
 Thursday 22nd February Young Voices
 Friday 1st March Non-school uniform donations for Mother's Day Shop
 Thursday 7th March World Book Day dress as your favourite book character
 Friday 8th March Mother's Day Shop
 Friday 15th March Home Learning in
 Monday 18th March Home Learning Gallery 3.15
 Tuesday 19th March Home Learning Gallery 8.30am
 Tuesday 19th March Parents Evening
 Wednesday 20th March Year 6 WW2 Workshop
 Thursday 21st March Year 4 Ancient Egypt Workshop
 Thursday 21st March Parents Evening
 Friday 22nd March Easter Service in Church Year 5
 Friday 22nd March School and Nursery close for Easter 6.15pm

Monday 8th April School and Nursery reopen for summer
 Monday 8th April Shakespeare Week in school
 Monday 6th May Bank Holiday May Day School and Nursery closed
 Monday 13th – Friday 17th May KS2 SATS week
 Friday 24th May Break up for half-term 3.15pm
 Monday 3rd June Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed
 Tuesday 4th June School open for all Summer 2
 Wednesday 5th-Sunday 9th June Year 6 Residential to Malvern
 Friday 7th June Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day Shop
 Monday 17th June Sports Week in School
 Friday 21st June Sports Day/Summer Fete
 Wednesday 26th June Y5 Ancient Greek workshop
 Friday 28th June Sports Day/Summer Fete (back up day)
 Wednesday 10th July Secondary Induction Day
 Friday 12th July School Discos
 Friday 19th July Year 6 Leavers Service in Church
 Friday 19th July School Breaks up for Summer Holiday
 Monday 2nd September Teacher Training Day School and Nursery closed
 Tuesday 3rd September School and Nursery open for Autumn Term

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24



School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 3rd June 2024 for Teacher Training.

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