



Wistaston Weekly

Week 22

Friday 1st March 2024

Next Friday we are holding the first of our Parent open morning sessions. The focus for this session will be on reading and all parents are welcome to come into school with their children at the start of school (8:40-8:50 am) to do some 1:1 reading with them up until registration. After the register, the teachers will do a guided reading lesson which parents can observe (or join in as appropriate). The guided reading should last no more than 20 minutes and the session for parents is expected to be finished no later than 9:30am. We will be holding these sessions each month so if you have a number of children within the school please don't worry, there will be the opportunity to also visit their class.

Next week we will also be releasing our first 'Spotlight' which will focus on how to support children's behaviour at home and at school. The link to access this will be sent out and will also be available on the school website..

Kind regards
Mrs Elsley
Principal

Useful Dates for Diary

Further details are shared nearer to the time.

Any new dates added to this will be highlighted in green.

Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at: <https://www.wcla.co.uk/108/school-calendar>

Week Beginning 4th March	Wednesday 6th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind 13:30-15:00
	Thursday 7 th	World Book Day – Non-Fiction Book Dress-Up Day
	Thursday 7 th	Infant (KS1) Football Festival at Crewe Alexandra Soccer Centre (12:30-3pm)
	Thursday 7 th	Cygnets Stay & Play Session 2-3pm
	Friday 8 th	Open Morning Sessions - Reading
	Friday 8 th	Year 3-6 Girls Football Festival (9:30am-12)
Week Beginning 11th March	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	British Science Week
	Mon 11 th - Tues 12 th	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
	Tuesday 12 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect 3-3:30pm
	Wednesday 13 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind 13:30-15:00
	Thursday 14 th	Year 6 Edinburgh Residential Information Evening 15:30 in Y6W classroom
	Friday 15 th (Change of date – was originally 22 nd)	Friends of WCLA Easter Bingo (18:00) & Non-Uniform Day (Donations of chocolate items for the tombola would be appreciated)
Week Beginning 18th March	Wednesday 20 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind 13:30-15:00
	Thursday 21 st	Nantwich Library Visitor (Cygnets 10:30am)
	Friday 22 nd	World Water Day
Week Beginning 25th March	Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th	No After-School Clubs this week (Swan Stars is open as normal)

	Monday 25 th	Year 4 Bikeability Level 1
	Wednesday 27 th	Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind 13:30-15:00
	Wed 27 th – Thurs 28 th	KS2 Parents' Evenings
	Thursday 28 th	Last day of term
	Friday 29 th	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Week Beginning 1st April	Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th	Easter Holidays
Week Beginning 8th April	Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th	Easter Holidays
Week Beginning 15th April	Mon 15 th	1 st day of Summer Term
	Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	Art Exhibition for 150 Year Celebrations
	Friday 8 th	Open Morning Sessions - Reading

Week Commencing 4th March will be WEEK 2 for lunches

Friday Special Menu for 8th March 2024
(Gluten free and Dairy free available)

YELLOW	Chicken Goujons served with Rice, Sweetcorn and Sweet and Sour Sauce (optional)
PINK	Vegetable Fingers served with Rice, Sweetcorn and Sweet and Sour Sauce (optional)
BLUE	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
GREEN	Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Mousse

What's New!

Sports Events

There are also a number of new events coming up this half term:

- Thursday 7th March (12:30-3pm) – Infant (KS1) Football Festival at Crewe Alexandra Soccer Centre (By invitation on a first come, first served basis as places are limited)
- Friday 8th March (9am-3pm) – Year 1-6 Girls Football Festival (By invitation on a first come, first served basis as places are limited)

World Book Day & Non-Fiction Book Dress Up Day – Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is coming up.....**THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024**

Put the date in your diary.

We have a few things planned for the day in school but we would really like it if the children and yourselves could get involved. We are having a dress up day, with the theme of Non-fiction books: people in non-fiction books (David Attenborough, Florence Nightingale), things non-fiction books are about (animals, dinosaurs, rocks, volcanoes!) as long as the children can bring the book their costume was inspired by so they can recommend it, anything goes!

The children will also be receiving their annual World Book Day voucher.

Reading Morning – Friday 8th March

On Friday 8th March, parents are invited to come into school with their children at the start of school (8:40-8:50 am) to do some 1:1 reading with them up until registration. After the register, the teachers will do a guided reading lesson which parents can observe (or join in as appropriate). The guided reading should last no more than 20 minutes and the session for parents is expected to be finished no later than 9:30am.

Easter Bingo & Non Uniform Day

On Friday 15th March the Friends of WCLA will be holding their Easter Bingo. We will be holding a non-uniform day and any donations of chocolate items for the tombola would be appreciated.



JOIN US FOR

Easter Bingo

Friday March 15th

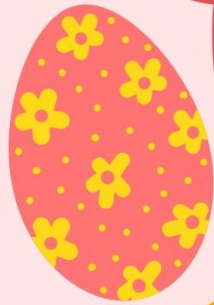
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Attendance & Fines for Unauthorised Absence

We are working closely with our Education Welfare Office to improve our attendance and prevent children's attendance from falling below 95%. Children with attendance below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. We are contacting parents by letter if we are worried that a child's attendance is becoming close to 90%. Please be assured that this is just a process and that we are here to support families as much as we can to improve attendance.

If you wish to find out more, you may refer to the following:

- School's Attendance Policy: www.wcla.co.uk/99/attendance
- Cheshire East School Attendance: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx
- Department for Education: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>

If you intend to take your child out of school during term time, please complete a Leave of Absence Form and return this to the office. You should be aware that if your child is taken out of school and the reasons are not classed as exceptional, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. The school must then inform the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice may be issued if your child is absent for 5 days or more. Please note that letters confirming receipt of your Leave of Absence Request will only be issued if the Principal has been unable to authorise absences of 5 days or more.

We have to advise you that the Penalty Notice states that there is a Penalty to be paid of £60 per parent/carer per child to be paid within 21 days. If not paid within 21 days then the Penalty rises to £120 per parent/carer per child, up to the twenty eighth day. If full payment is not received by the twenty eighth day, then the Local Authority will prepare paperwork for a Prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

The law requires all children between the ages of 5 and 16 to be in full time education. Under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 it is the duty of the parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that they attend school regularly.

Please contact Mrs Watson if you have any queries about attendance.

Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind

There is still time to sign up for Mrs Clifford's 4-session x 1hr weekly programme in conjunction with www.griefrecoverymethod.com to help children deal with losses of any kind - from friendship issues, to the absence, separation or death of a pet, divorce, loss of grandparents right through to everyday experiences such as moving class/school, losing a prized possession or loss of academic hopes, dreams and expectations. This brilliant course delivers top tips and support strategies, designed to give you a helpful toolkit of language choices – including what **not** to say! Loss is an unavoidable part of life and validating emotions, not comparing losses and active listening are just some of the tools that Mrs Clifford will explore with you. For full details and to book a free place please email Nicky Clifford – nclifford@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk.

Location – Wistaston Church Lane Academy

Dates:

6th March 2024 – 1:30-3pm

13th March 2024 – 1:30 -3pm

20th March 2024 – 1:30 -3pm

27th March 2024 – 1:30 – 3pm

Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Spring 2 – Overdue

Year 1 Legoland Discovery & Nantwich Museum Workshop – Payment by 25/03/24