



# Wistaston Weekly

Week 8

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Next week our theme will be Remembrance and we will be creating our own field of poppies within the school. All the children will have the opportunity to add a flower to this during the week and we would also like to ask you to get involved in our project by making a poppy together as a family, this can be any size and made out of any material you have available.

If you make a family poppy and would like to add it to our field please bring your completed poppy to the front office ready for our remembrance assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Many thanks

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>

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| <b>Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Crewe Alexandra FC Kids Cup Competition (Year 6 by invitation)</b>                        |
| <b>Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>      | Smart Uniform Click & Collect – 3pm  |
|  | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | Year 5 Tatton Park   |
|  | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>     | Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition at Shavington Academy 15:30-17:30                             |
| <b>Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> |                               |  |
| <b>Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> | Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>       | Year 1 Arctic Explorers and Polar Regions Workshop   |
|  | Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>     | Year 3 Sea Life Manchester   |
|  | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>        | Non Uniform Day in exchange for a tombola item   |
|  | Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | Friends of WCLA Winter Fair  |
| <b>Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | Y2B Nantwich Museum  |
|  | Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | Years 3 & Years 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Heat 7 at Shavington Academy 2-5pm (By invitation) |
|  | Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>      | Y2H Nantwich Museum  |
|  | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>        | Christmas Choir Performance at 5 Wistaston Church Hall 18:30-20:30                           |
| <b>Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> | Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>       | Reception Nativity 13:30-14:30   |
|  | Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>      | Reception Nativity 9:30-10:30  |
|  | Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Flu Nasal Spray  |
|  | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>       | Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner (Pupils and Staff)                                   |

## Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November will be WEEK 2 for lunches

### Friday Special Menu for 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ( Gluten free and Dairy free available )

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| <b>YELLOW</b>  | Cheese Burger (Bun Optional) with Chips and Peas    |
| <b>PINK</b>    | Vegetable Burger (Bun Optional) with Chips and Peas |
| <b>BLUE</b>    | Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Beans or Tuna     |
| <b>Dessert</b> | Rice Pudding  |

### What's new!

#### Years 1 & 2 Singing and Little Hands Clubs

Unfortunately, Years 1 & 2 Singing and Little Hands Clubs will no longer run from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We apologise for the short notice but the cancellation has been necessary to allow our exciting new Christmas Choir to be set up. Members of these clubs will be welcome to sign up for the Christmas Choir whether or not they are able to attend the two performances.

#### Christmas Choir

Our new Christmas Choir will take place every Tuesday after school (3.15-4:15) until 15<sup>th</sup> December. All pupils are invited to take part but must be able to attend the following two performances:

- Wistaston Church Hall – 18:30-20:30 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Shavington Academy – Approximately 5pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

If you would like your child to take part, please confirm your consent via the *Clubs* section of Arbor by end of play on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

#### KS2 Snack – Autumn 2

Snack payments are listed under the **trips** section on Arbor. If you wish for your junior child to have a snack this half term, please make payment via Arbor. The charge for each half term is £5 per child.

#### Co-op Local Community Fund

The Friends of Wistaston Church Lane Academy's year of funding has now come to an end and are delighted to have raised £1518.62 thanks to Co-op members selecting us. This money will go towards helping to improve the children's outdoor provision. Thanks once again to all involved.

#### Winter Fair

The Friends of Wistaston Church Lane Academy will be holding a Winter Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There will be a non uniform day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in exchange for donations of tombola prizes.

Friends of Wistaston Church Lane

SAVE THE DATE

*Saturday 2nd December*

**WCLA  
Winter Fair**



## Christmas Card Competition

We have received an invitation for Children to design a Christmas card for our local MP. Please see below for more details if this is something you would like to do with your child:



**Dr Kieran Mullan MP**  
Member of Parliament for Crewe and Nantwich  
House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Friday, 20 October 2023

Dear Headteacher,

### Re: Christmas Card Competition 2023

I would like to invite your students to take part in this year's competition to design a Christmas card that would be used as my official Christmas card as Crewe & Nantwich MP. The card is sent to a host of constituents, organisations and dignitaries over the festive period.

Last year's competition was a great success, with many wonderful entries from across Crewe and Nantwich from a range of age groups. I got some great feedback from both schools and parents, so I am excited to be able to be able to run the competition again. The winning design was showcased by the Prime Minister, and we had lots of people voting in the competition. I cannot wait to see the creative abilities of your students this year, so please encourage as many of your students and classes to participate!

The deadline for entries is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at midday**. A winner and runners up will be decided by a competition on my website and Facebook page, with a winner being announced by the end of November. We will strictly manage any Facebook comments to ensure this is a safe and positive activity that the children themselves can view and take part in. Every entrant will also receive a certificate.

Please send your entries on A4 plain paper, with the entrant's name, age, year group and school written on the back, to my constituency office at 249 Edleston Road, Crewe, CW2 7EA or email them back to us at [kieran.mullan.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kieran.mullan.mp@parliament.uk)

If you have any questions, please feel free to telephone my office on 01270 583 432 or email me at [kieran.mullan.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kieran.mullan.mp@parliament.uk).

I look forward to seeing the entries and I hope everyone has fun showing off their talents!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kieran Mullan'.

Dr Kieran Mullan MP

## Consents on Arbor

If you have not done so already, please log onto your child's Arbor account to confirm consents for the following for this academic year:

- Local Area Visits
- Photo Permissions
- Mobile Phone (Y5 and Y6 only)
- Walking Home Alone (Y5 and Y6 Only)
- Arbor Update (To confirm that you have checked all information shown on Arbor is correct)

Please note that new consents are required for each academic year. Thank you.

### **Asthma Forms**

If your child suffers with asthma and you have not yet done so this academic year, please return completed asthma forms to the School Office at your earliest possible opportunity. Paper copies are available from the Office if required. Thank you.

### **Upcoming Sports Competitions**

There are a number of upcoming sports competitions as follow:

- Crewe Alexandra FC Kids Cup – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 09:45-12:45 (By invitation only)
- Year 5/6 Dodgeball at Shavington Academy – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 15:30-17:30 (First come, first served)
- Year 3&4 and Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics Heat 7 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 14:00-17:30 (By invitation only) – There will also be practice sessions in school during Wednesday lunchtimes on 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Reception Places September 2024**

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, applications are now open for Reception places in September 2024. Please see below for more details or visit

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>.

# Apply online for a school place

It's quick and easy

If you are a parent resident in Cheshire East, with a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, your child will be due to start primary school in September 2024.

If you do not have web access  
**call 0300 123 5012**

You can apply from  
1st September 2023 at  
[www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/  
schooladmissions](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Applications should be submitted by

31st October 2023 for secondary

15th January 2024 for primary

Late applications may be disadvantaged



**Cheshire East**  
Council

## 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](http://www.wcla.co.uk/99/attendance)

- Cheshire East School Attendance: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/attendance-and-children-out-of-education.aspx](http://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 Clifford if you have any queries about attendance.

## **Payment Due Dates**

**KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Overdue**

**Year 5 Tatton Park – Payment due 03/11/23**

**Year 3 Sea Life Manchester – 10/11/23**

**Year 3 Delamere Residential – Deposit due by 12/11/23**

**Year 2 Nantwich Museum – Payment due by 13/11/23**

**Year 1 Arctic Explorers Workshop – Payment due by 17/11/23**

**Year 3 Delamere Residential – Final Balance due by 17/12/23**