



Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way

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Good afternoon. Much excitement ensued in school this week with our first dusting of snow of 2024! We even managed some baby snow balls and snow angels! Thank you for taking care when arriving at school on our icy mornings.

This week we welcomed Aspire MAT's Deputy CEO, Rachel Warwick, and our Trust Strategic Partner, Sue Cox, to school. They visited the classrooms, talked to children about their learning and peeked in books to see how children are progressing. She gave us much positive feedback, our culture of learning continues to move forwards, this is evident in our clarity of expectations and objectives so that learning is purposeful, children are enabled to become independent learners. As I have communicated before, our aim is to make the learning experiences the best they can possibly be for the children, this is an ongoing improvement journey for any school, including ours. Leaders visit classrooms regularly to do this and it is always focusing on the positives as well as areas for development.

Our classrooms are wonderfully calm and purposeful places to learn. We celebrate the children's efforts and use our working walls to support the learning. It is of paramount importance that we have consistent learning systems across the school, this creates a learning environment filled with security, stability and understanding. You may hear your children talking about the 'silent signals' – this is how we can quickly and calmly manage transition times in class eg move to the tables, I'd like your attention please. Do also ask your child about the 5Bs...



I'm stuck... what can I do?

We teach the children that it is okay to be stuck, learning is challenging and we want our children to be challenged but also know how they can help themselves. Independent learning at its most effective!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Bancroft

Homework

- We are continuing with our spelling program this term, you will have noticed we have made a change in the practice task. We would like the children to put the words for the week in a sentence and record in their spelling books (Years1-3) and in their homework books (Years 4-6).
- Reading, reading, reading! Please continue to read each night and record in the reading records. We are checking these once a week to encourage our children to keep up their efforts.
- Maths – Children in Years 3-6 should practice their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS), children in Year 2 can also have a go at using TTRS focusing on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Children in Year 1 and also Year 2 we urge to use the 'One Minute Maths' app (White Rose) as a way of consolidating and practising their maths skills.
- Earhart Class – you will see that a new homework book is coming home, do have a look at the KS2 activities in there. Mr Cornish has given guidance on the inside cover of the book.

PTA Jumble Sale – Friday 26th January

The PTA are resurrecting the bring and buy with a new year jumble sale next Friday at 3.20pm in the Community Hall.

We would gratefully receive good quality clothes, books, toys, games etc for the jumble. Donations can be left in the hall porch all next week.

There will also preloved uniform and refreshments available to purchase.

Open Morning

This half terms open morning will be held on Thursday 8th February, 8.40-9.00am. This is a great opportunity to see your child's work on their current topics and speak to their class teacher.

Dates

7th Feb – Aladdin at TRP

8th Feb – Open morning

9th Feb - INSET

12th-16th Feb– Half Term

7th Mar – World Book Day

12th & 14th Mar – Parents Consultations

28th Mar – Rescheduled – Earhart Class visit to Bude Golf Club

29th Mar-12th Apr – Easter Break

15th Apr – INSET Day

27th -31st May – Half Term

7th June – Community Cohesion Day, school closed for pupils

26th -28th June – Y5/6 residential trip to YHA Okehampton

24th July – Last day of term