



Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way

Head of School: Mrs H Bancroft

NEWSLETTER 1 Friday 8th September 2023

Welcome back to the new school year, and it is an absolute pleasure to welcome our new families into school. The children have had a super first few days settling in and getting to know their new classes. We pay special attention and make every effort to ensure the children feel settled, happy and ready to learn. No doubt there will be some tired people at the end of the day today though!

This week we have shared our holiday news and celebrated all of the new experiences we had over the summer break. Plenty of our values in action – plenty of courage, resilience and kindness! You will be receiving our learning theme details for this half term next week, reading books will start to come home for our KS1 and KS2 children, plus a library book. We have been lucky enough to spend some of the PTA fundraised money from last year to increase our library stock. There are many new and exciting books on offer!

Each week you will receive a newsletter that aims to keep our families fully informed about what is happening in school and what is coming up. Please do have a read each week. We do also from time to time send separate emails or texts with important information. This week's newsletter is lengthy!

By now you will have had chance to say hello to your child's class teacher. If you have any worries or questions do catch them on the gate and they can help you or arrange to meet with you at a convenient time. Or please send an email via the school office hello@warbstow.org.uk.

I hope you all have a lovely sunny and very restful weekend!
Kind regards, Mrs Bancroft

PTA Welcome Cup of Tea! Monday 11th September 2:30pm

We are so grateful to the willing parents that came forward last year to form a PTA, and would love to continue with a successful PTA this year. There are no set roles or a huge time commitment but we do need a willing core group of people that will organise, run and support events. Please do come along on Monday for a cup of tea and a chat with other parents, myself and Mrs Shute. You will see below that we have our first event planned... we are wasting no time in getting cracking and do need some help. Thank you.

ParentPay and Arbor

By now you should all have had received login details for ParentPay and Arbor.

Parent Pay is used for ordering school lunch, this needs to be completed by midnight on Sunday for the week ahead, gaining consent and payment for trips and activities and ordering PE or book bags.

Arbor is used for booking parents consultations, signing your child up to after school clubs and viewing your child's profile.

If you are having difficulty accessing either platform please see Mrs Shute.

Family Fun Fiesta – Friday 22nd September 2023 3:30-6pm

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding a family fun evening as a way of starting the year with some fun and friendship. Our evening will take place on the school field (it will be sunny!) with a BBQ, tombola, games, face paints, goalie shoot out. We will finish the evening with a Colour Run! The inspiration for a Colour Run comes from the Hindu Festival of Holi – a festival that brings people together for fun and friendship. The children (and adults) will complete our 1km run around our school field while getting beautifully covered in coloured paint. The idea is for all participants to wear a white t-shirt that will then become a lasting memory of a fun evening.

Tickets will go on sale next week - £5 per person or £20 for a family. We would like to ask for donations of tombola goods in exchange for the children being able to wear their own clothes to school next Friday 15th September. We are asking for donations of bottles (drinks, smellies etc) and chocolate (chocolate bars, little boxes of chocolates etc)

We hope you will be excited to support our first fundraising event whilst enjoying a fun evening.



Things you need to know for next week...

Monday 11th – PTA cup of tea, 2.30pm at the main school.

Tuesday 12th – The school office will be unmanned, please email hello@warbstow.org.uk if you have any queries.

Wednesday 13th – Attenborough Wild Tribe – long trousers and long sleeve tops required.

Thursday 14th – Year 5 Junior Life Skills Workshop, arrive promptly at 8.40am.

Friday 15th – Non-uniform day in exchange for a tombola donation

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Campaign

Warbstow Primary Academy is working with the NSPCC to promote their Speak Out Stay Safe campaign *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a child friendly programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. Assemblies will take place over the coming weeks and our Year 5 and 6 children will participate in a workshop led by an NSPCC volunteer.

Please see the letter attached to the newsletter email that provides parents with more information.

Lunches and Snack

All pupils from Reception to Year 2 are offered a piece of fruit or vegetable at morning break as part of the Schools Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Children in Year 3-6 are welcome to bring in their own piece of fruit, veg or healthy snack to eat at morning break. Please be reminded we are a NUT FREE school.

Hot school lunches are free for pupils in Reception – Year 2, we encourage all pupils to try them. Pupils in Year 3-6 can purchase a hot meal for £2.65 and Nursery pupils for £2. All orders for hot meals must be placed on ParentPay by midnight on Sunday for the week ahead. A copy of the new menu is attached with the newsletter. Note, tomato pasta is available every day this year.

After School Clubs

Clubs start the week commencing 18th September, both clubs finish at 4.15pm and collection is from the front gate.

Tuesday – Plymouth Argyle Football – Year 1-6 - Sign up using the link below

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/ecnd1-football-after-school-club-warbstow-primary-school.html>

Thursday – Craft Club – Year 1-6 – Sign up using via Arbor

Reading books and Times Table Rockstars (TTRS)

Children in KS1 and KS2 (Years 1-6) will be bringing home their library and reading books over the coming days. Please let's get back into marvellous reading habits of reading every day and recording in the reading diaries. The children also have their new log ins to TTRS, do have a look – log in and have a go. The older children are already professionals at using it, the younger children will be trained in school on how to use it.

Uniform

It is fantastic to see everyone back to school in their smart school uniforms. Please can we remind you that earrings must be small stud style earrings. PE kits must be kept in school, we often use the trainers during the week. They will come home at the end of the half term for a wash!

Dates

11.9.23 – PTA Cup of Tea
14.9.23 – Y5 Junior Life Skills Workshop
15.9.23 – Non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize
19.9.23 – Y3 and Y4 start swimming
22.9.23 – FAMILY FUN FIESTA
2.10.23-6.10.23 – Bikeability for Reception, Y4 and Y6
4.10.23 – Flu immunization
5.10.23 – Tempest school photos
13.10.23 – Opening morning
19.10.23 – Harvest Festival
20.10.23 – Inset Day
23.10.23-27.10.23- Half Term
20.12.23-3.1.24 – Christmas Break
9.2.24 – Inset Day
12.2.24-16.2.24 – Half Term
29.3.24-12.4.24 – Easter Break
15.4.23 – Inset Day
27.5.24-31.5.24 – Half Term
7.6.24 – Community Cohesion Day, school closed for pupils
24.7.24 – Last day of term