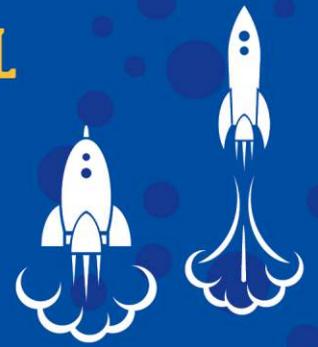
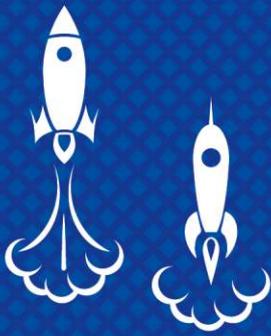


WARWICK ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dates for your diary

Y 3 Trip to Magna – Wednesday 13th January

Y 6 Magistrate visit – Tuesday 12th January

School closes on Friday 12th February at 3.15pm

School re-opens on Monday 22nd February at 8.45am

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Message from the Headteacher

I'd like to start my newsletter by wishing all our families a Happy New Year. I hope the children have had plenty of rest and are fully refreshed for the term ahead. We have lots of exciting things planned for the next term including; World Book Day and Sports Relief. The ½ termly newsletters will include full details of what the children will be learning; they will also include details of when homework is set and on which days books will be changed.

Last ½ term we purchased additional reading materials for the children in KS2. I hope parents have managed to spend some time reading with their children. We are having a big push on reading this year and have found that children are very able in reading the words but struggle with the deeper understanding of the text. It is important therefore that when parents listen to their child read they should ask questions that encourage children to read between the lines.

Last ½ term parents were asked to complete parent/carer questionnaires. I was very pleased with the feedback and would like to share a sample of the analysis with yourselves.

- The school is led and managed well: 97% of parents either agree or strongly agree
- My child is encouraged to do their best: 98% of parents either agree or strongly agree
- I know my child is progressing well: 97% of parents either agree or strongly agree

Most of the feedback received from parents scored 92% and above for agree or strongly agree. Three questions scored 89%, although this is high and most schools would find this acceptable, at Warwick Rd School, we like to Exceed Expectations and only the best will do for our children and families. The three questions were: appropriateness of homework, school dealing with bullying and children being given the chance to make a positive contribution to the community. The questionnaire also highlighted that parents did not know who the school governors were; their names and pictures will be updated on the school website and a governor newsletter will follow later in the spring term. The findings from the questionnaire will be used to improve the school further. I'd like to thank all the parents who took the time to complete the questionnaires. Whilst it is pleasing to hear what we are doing well; it is also good to hear what we can do to improve- so long as this is done in a professional and polite manner.



Attendance

Attendance last term dropped because 11 families chose to take their children on extended leave. I'd like to remind parents yet again that school will:

- Impose a fine on unauthorised absences
- Prosecute If there are any cases where parents have previously received a penalty notice and have taken further term time as it is a repeat offence
- Parents may find that their child loses their place in school upon their return; we have become a very popular school and have children on a waiting list, so places within school are filled very quickly once they become available.

Autumn term – attendance treat

A whopping 134 pupils enjoyed taking part in Warwick Road Schools cinema party. The children enjoyed popcorn and drinks whilst watching Disney's new Release 'Inside out.'

Could it be your child next term?



KS1 end of term 'Festive Performance'

It was great to hear that so many parents attended the festive assemblies at the end of last term. The children had so much fun learning the songs and performing for their parents- I think the staff had a lot of fun too!

We are a LA school and whilst the majority of our pupils are Muslim, it is important nonetheless that they are taught about the many cultures and faiths in this community and beyond. It is only with knowledge that our children will have the tools to relate to people as they grow older; it is only with this understanding that they will have the skills to have discursive dialogue.

Magistrates Visit

Last term some of the Year 6 children benefitted from a workshop delivered by two acting Magistrates. The children learnt about the rule of law and the consequences for offenders, both children and adults. The children particularly enjoyed learning about how the law has changed over the centuries and were shocked to learn about some of the harsh sentences that children served for stealing in the past. The children had the opportunity to look at real life crimes and punishments from the Victorian times! The Magistrates ended the visit with a mock trial in the classroom, where children took on roles such as defence/prosecution, witnesses, magistrates and clerks. The Magistrates will return this term to deliver the workshop to the remainder of Year 6. We hope to follow this on with a visit to the old courts in Dewsbury so that we can act out our own mock trial.

Mayor of Kirklees Visit

Last term the children in Year 5 and 6 had a very special visit from the Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor Paul Kayne. The Mayor delivered a special assembly along with the Mayoress, they informed the children about the role of the Mayor, how a Mayor is elected and the satisfaction from the job. The children also learnt about the history of the role of the Mayor and learnt about the traditional dress. Before he left, the Mayor allowed some time for the children to ask questions, he was particularly impressed with the quality of the questions he received. The children behaved excellently and really made all the teachers very proud- Well Done!

