



This half term's value is:



Dear Newbold and Tredington families,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you all have had a relaxing break and are ready to start the new term. We have lots of activities in store and new topics for the children to learn about.

Across the school we will be learning about:

Ruby Class - Bears

Sapphire Class - Extreme Survival: Life in the Antarctic

Amber Class - Out of this World

Emerald Class - Eco Warriors

Topic overviews for each class, will be sent out on Monday 13th January 2020.

Mrs Welsby

Acknowledging Improving Attendance

Good attendance is important

- to make progress in their learning
- to build and sustain friendships
- to develop new skills
- to build confidence and self esteem
- to feel a part of the class and know the routines

Children need to be present for an entire sequence of lessons to gain the most from them.

20 days off per school year = 90% attendance

90% attendance = 4 whole weeks off school

90% attendance for your child throughout Primary and Secondary School means they will have missed a whole year of school in their education.

Did you know? 10
minutes late
every day = 33
hours lost
learning each
year!

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As a school we want to acknowledge and recognise those children who have a good attendance. As a staff, we have discussed how we can do this and ensure that all children are able to strive to achieve a good level of attendance.

This year we will be identifying those children who have maintained or improved their attendance during the year from Autumn half term to Christmas, Christmas to Easter and Easter to the end of the Summer term. If your child has maintained their level of attendance or improved it, they will be awarded a "great attendance" badge that they can wear. There will be three different badges to collect throughout the year.

We aim to give children the opportunity to improve their attendance even if they have had a period of illness early in the term.

Have you got a child due to start school in September 2020?

Don't forget to register your child and school preference before 16th January 2020 on the Warwickshire Education Service Website. This year any late applications will not be considered until after the first offers have gone out. Therefore, you won't get an offer letter on National Offer Day on 16th April 2020 if you miss the deadline.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that

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period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 22,593 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 4,612 on the previous year.

DIARY DATES:	
Monday 6th January	Back to school and Nursery
Monday 13th January	Topic Webs out
Tuesday 14th January	Year 1 IMPaCT workshop for parents
Friday 17th January	Shining Star Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 21st January	Sapphire IMPaCT workshop for parents
Tuesday 28th January	Emerald IMPaCT Workshop for parents
Friday 31st January	Emerald Class Assembly Ruby class supply the cakes for School Council Cake Sale
Tuesday 4th February	Amber IMPaCT workshop for parents
Friday 7th February	Sapphire Class Assembly Amber class supply the cakes for the School Council Cake Sale
Monday 10th February	Sporthall athletics for Year 6 (am)
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	Staff Training Day - Nursery closed
Monday 24th February	Staff Training Day - Nursery closed
Wednesday 26th February	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 6pm
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day Link Day
Monday 9th March	Taking Care project -week 1

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Tuesday 10th March	Discover an Artist day
Friday 13th March	Shining Star Celebration Assembly
Monday 16th March	Taking Care project -week 2
Friday 20th March	Mothers' Day tea Party
Monday 23rd March	Taking Care project -week 3 "Book Look" - school open 3.30-4.30pm so that you can come in and see your children's work.
Tuesday 24th March	"Book Look" - school open 3.30-4.30pm so that you can come in and see your children's work.
Friday 27th March	Amber Class Assembly Sapphire class supply the cakes for School Council Cake Sale
Monday 29th March	Taking Care project -week 4
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Service 2pm
Friday 3rd April	End of term- school finishes normal time. Newbold children stay at Newbold
Monday 20th April	Back to school and Nursery
Monday 20th July	Staff Training Day - Nursery closed

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