



Friday 4th September

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer with your families and are excited for the start of the new school year. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back into school over the last two days. A special congratulations goes to all our new starters in Reception, Nursery and across the school, who are joining WPPS&N for the very first time, and who have had to be that little bit braver! Everyone is settling well into their new classes; school is positive and calm and children across the school are already working very hard. Well done everyone!

Meet the Teacher Drop-In Sessions

Teachers will be available after school on the following days over the next two weeks for 'Drop-In' sessions to share any important information about your child, ask any particular questions or introduce yourself. If another family is chatting to a teacher please allow them space and privacy.

Tuesday 8 th September	Year 5
Wednesday 9 th September	Year 6
Monday 14 th September	Year 1 & Year 2
Tuesday 15 th September	Nursery & Year 4
Wednesday 16 th September	Reception

*Year 3 will combine their 'Drop-In' with their Delamere residential meeting, straight after school on Wednesday 9th September.

Please wait outside classrooms/the KS2 building at the end of the day after collection and teachers will let you know when you can come into the building.

Residential Visit Meetings

Teachers will share information about the upcoming residential visits and you will have an opportunity to ask questions and share relevant information about your child.

Year Group	Residential Location	
Year 3	Fox Howl, Delamere	Wednesday 9 th September at 3.15pm
Year 6	Conway Centre, Anglesey	Wednesday 23 rd September at 3.15pm
Year 4	Petty Pool, Sandiway	Monday 5 th October at 3.15pm

Allergens and Intolerances – Benedict's Law - Is School Nut Free?

You will no doubt have heard that Benedict's Law comes into force from September 2026, providing mandatory, statutory allergy guidance for schools in England through the Department for Education. Key requirements of schools are to:

- Develop and publish a whole school allergy policy
- Provide comprehensive allergy awareness and emergency response training for all staff
- Hold emergency medication on site (AAIs)
- Pupils with severe allergies have individual care plans

Winnington Park works carefully with the families of any pupils with severe allergies to assess, manage and mitigate risk whilst they are in school. Staff receive regular allergy awareness and emergency response training. Spare AAIs are stored in the school office.

It is important for our school community to understand that there **are** pupils in school with very severe allergies to nuts, milk and other allergens. It is very important therefore that children **do not share** food and snacks with each other and **we ask that nuts and nut products are not sent into school**.

To help avoid accidental ingestion of allergens, cross contamination or indirect contact with allergens, we ask that you **no longer send sweets or other treats** into school to celebrate birthdays or other special occasions.

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please make sure you let us know. We can then work with you to ensure your child is safe and included. Please contact school if you have any questions.

PTA Annual General Meeting

Our PTA run a range of fantastic events throughout the year, raising vital funds for the school whilst providing children and families with the opportunity to have fun and socialise as a school community.

The PTA Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 29th September at 6.00pm at school. Everyone with a link to school is welcome to attend the AGM, whether you are an existing PTA member, are interested in joining, occasional volunteering, or just want to find out more information. We hope to see as many people as possible. You can also make contact with the PTA via winningtonparkpta@gmail.com or head@winningtonpark.cheshire.sch.uk if this is easier.

Mayor and Deputy Mayor Visit to WPPS&N

On Friday October 9th, Northwich Mayor Councillor Bob Cernik and Deputy Mayor Councillor Rachel Waterman will be visiting school to speak to the children about their roles. It promises to be a very interesting morning. Well done to Isabelle in Y6 who met the Deputy Mayor early in the Summer and invited her to visit school! We hope the visit will support the children with their understanding of British Values, local democracy, and provide some career aspiration for when they are older.

School Council Elections

School Councillors are voted into their role by their classmates and meet fortnightly with Mrs Hall at School Council meetings to work on making improvements to our school. Our School Council Elections will be on Friday 18th September. If your child is interested in the role, and has not been a Councillor before, they can make campaign posters at home and speak to their classmates about why they are a good candidate. Teachers will explain the process to the children this week and next.

Staffing Update

A warm welcome to Mrs Elsdon who is joining our wonderful team of midday assistants - Mrs Elsdon will be a great addition to the team.

Does your child use an inhaler?

If your child has been prescribed a blue salbutamol inhaler that they may need during the school day, please A) provide written consent at the school office (for this school year) and B) pass the inhaler onto your child's new class teacher. Inhalers have expiry dates and schools cannot administer out of date medicine to children. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Water Bottles and Healthy Snacks

Children in Years 1 to 6 should bring a named water bottle to school every day holding water only. Squash and juice damage books when accidentally spilt and do not promote healthy eating. Please do not send 2 litre bottles into school – they take up too much space and are too heavy if accidentally dropped.

Children in the Early Years and Years 1 and 2 are provided with free fruit and vegetables for snacks. Breaktime snacks for key stage 2 children should be healthy to support the children with their morning learning. Please don't send the children with crisps and chocolate bars. Healthy Snacks Unhealthy snacks provide the children with a temporary energy burst, but this does not last until lunchtime and does not help them concentrate on their learning after breaktime. The children in KS2 can also buy a slice of toast (30p), a bagel (40p, or crumpet (40p) from the kitchen.

Fire Alarm Drill and Safety Practice (Lockdown)

We shall complete these practice drills on Monday 14th September and Wednesday 16th September. The children will be taught what to do by their teachers before we complete the drills together as a whole school. Sometimes the children have questions about the drills when they get home. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Safety on the School Playground Before and After School

We encourage families to walk, cycle and scoot to school as much they can. A friendly reminder that children who cycle and scoot to school are asked to walk their bikes and scooters inside the green perimeter fence.

Please can all children stay with their families before and after school and not use the trim trail or climbing wall. We don't want anyone to have an accident – thank you for your support.

Uniform and Jewellery

The children look very smart in their uniform this week. We always have free uniform available for families who need it and the PTA run second hand sales each term. Children should not wear any jewellery to school including earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take their earrings out, we ask that they wear simple studs and you provide plasters to cover these during their PE lessons. Please do not send children into school with hoop, ring or large stud earrings. School Uniform Policy

Attendance

A reminder that all holidays should be booked outside of term time. Good attendance and punctuality at school are essential if children are to make the most of their education. All absences for holiday will be unauthorised (unless in exceptional circumstances). Unauthorised absences may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued.

We look forward to another busy and exciting year with you all. Have a lovely weekend.

Your sincerely,

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