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Learning together; Achieving together.

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Dear Waverton Families,

Remembrance Day



Look at our poppy display.

Each child made a poppy, which was added to our school display, creating a powerful visual representation of collective remembrance.

We held a minute's silence across the school and shared an assembly about remembrance, providing an opportunity for our pupils to understand and respect this important national moment.

Children in Need



This Friday, we will be supporting Children in Need by having a non-uniform day. If you would like to contribute to this important charitable cause, please use the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/waverton-c-p-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Staying Safe Online



On 27th November, Andrew Kevan from Cheshire Police will be conducting workshops with our pupils. Additionally, he will run a parent session from 5pm-6pm, focusing on crucial safety information to help protect our children. To support parents attending, our school staff will provide a crèche facility.

PTA Christmas Wreath Making



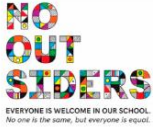
Thursday 27th November.

7pm - 9pm - see attachment for further details and how to book a place.

Sport

Our Year 3/4 girls football team and our Key Stage 2 basketball team demonstrated exceptional skill and teamwork by participating in local competitions. They had a brilliant time and performed very well. Well done.

No Outsiders



We completed our No-Outsiders training this week. Each class participated in a session and there was a staff training after school. Thank you to the parents who took the time to observe these lessons and engage with our ongoing efforts to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Attendance

The national expectation for all schools is that students should maintain at least 95% and above attendance, with attendance below 90% classed as Persistent Absenteeism (PA). This half term, we will be sending out letters to families where a child's attendance falls below 95%.

Whilst we accept children can be unwell and should not be in school, good attendance at school is vital if students are to achieve their full potential. If they are not in school, gaps appear in their learning. One half-day a week absence from school for a full year adds up to 19 days in total which is almost four school weeks.

Leave of Absence

The Department for Education (DfE) has announced important amendments to legislation surrounding holidays in term time.

As of 19th August 2024, the law ceases to include a leave of absence for a family holiday. A leave of absence should not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Head Teachers are only empowered to approve a leave of absence when it is requested in advance by the parent or guardian with whom the child resides and when circumstances of the requested leave are 'exceptional'.

The Head Teacher and the Governing Body will determine what constitutes an exceptional circumstance on an individual basis. If parents/guardians need to request Exceptional Leave of Absence, they must complete a 'Leave of Absence' form available from the school office. It should be noted that if any application is declined and absence occurs of a consecutive 5 or more unauthorised days, then school may apply to the Local Authority for a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued to each parent/guardian as outlined on the Leave of Absence Form.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the school to thank you for your full support in this matter by not taking your child out of school during term time.

This new legislation will bring about increased attendance and improving standards in our borough's schools.

A copy of the Fixed Penalty Notice Framework is attached.

Have a good week.
Mrs C Cartwright