



**'Learning Together to Achieve'**

**High Aspirations - Creativity - Resilience - Collaboration - Inclusion and Equity**

**Newsletter July 2023**

As we head towards the end of another busy academic year, I wanted to share with you some of our children's achievements and announcements and say thank you again for your continued support.

All national assessments have now been completed by our pupils and annual reports have been sent out; we are incredibly proud of the resilience and effort our children have shown this year - thank you for supporting them too!

Our sports days went to plan on the desired days and we have been thrilled to hear all the positive comments and thanks that have been passed onto the staff - thank you to each and every one of you who attended to cheer on your child and their team. We are proud that each year we manage a balance of an inclusive sports day, where all children participate whilst maintaining the competitive element of a winner in each 'finals' race. We are aware that sports is an area many children can excel in and we will continue to celebrate this too.

### **School Visits / Visitors Consultation - June 2023**

Thank you to every family who responded to the consultation we shared last month. In total, we received 100 replies from families sharing their thoughts and opinions about our present offer.

I have summarised the responses below:

- 95% of respondents stated that our current offer is suitable and accessible
- 75% of respondents advised that they would feel that up to £30 per year would be appropriate for additional activities
- 58% of respondents advised that they would like the option of making voluntary contributions towards the costs of all visits / visitors during the year, rather than shortly prior to the visit

Some parents kindly provided comments on the questionnaires too. I have selected the popular themes and have been able to reply as below:

You said...	Our response ...
<p>F2 didn't get to go to the library even though they were told it would be re-arranged - the children still talk about this.</p>	<p>The Warmsworth Library is run by volunteers and unfortunately those who support our visits, or family members, have been affected by ill-health. We have tried to rearrange several times and are still in contact with them for future visits. We prioritise reading as a school and wish our children to have good access to libraries. If anyone would like to volunteer to help run the library, I am sure they would love to hear from you.</p>
<p>I believe ALL parents should have to make a payment towards visits/visitors so maybe the cost could be a little lower. I personally feel because it's voluntary there will be the same parents who pay v's not pay.</p>	<p>As a school, we are only able to ask for voluntary contributions for school visits that support the curriculum, we cannot make a charge.</p> <p>The costs for a school visit / visitor is calculated on the cost of providing that visit for your child - there is nothing added to subsidise other children.</p> <p>We are very grateful for everyone who makes a contribution as this means the visits can still go ahead to enrich the experience of our children.</p>
<p>Visits and visitors are important to the children's learning. I am happy to contribute however sometimes a bit more notice for payment would be appreciated as budgets are tighter than ever and if I haven't budgeted for extra school things that month it makes it tricky</p>	<p>We appreciate how difficult managing our finances are at the moment. Next year we will provide as much notice as possible for all school visits on ParentPay, to support families with this. This will mean that you are able to plan your finances and make these voluntary contributions at any time prior to the experience taking place.</p>
<p>I contribute every time, I would like more notice and I'm happy to contribute more if needed I think this visits and guests are important to our children and I'm happy to contribute more for those that can't.</p>	<p>We really appreciate that several parents have commented that they are willing to support the school and increase their voluntary contribution. There is the option to make a voluntary contribution greater than is requested on Parent Pay at any time. To do this, instead of typing in the amount of the voluntary contribution, please type in what you are willing to pay.</p>
<p>I do hope the extra and super curricular activities continue, as they are important in building experiences and knowledge for our children.</p>	<p>We do too!</p> <p>We are planning to maintain the high standard of experiences that we offer our children across school, as we place a great value and importance on these. We will continue to be mindful of the costs involved and we will endeavour to inform of you of any requests for voluntary donations towards visits as soon as we are aware of them, to enable you to plan your spending more easily.</p>

## Pupil Questionnaire - Summer 2023

Every child from FS2 to year 6 have completed a pupil questionnaire and their responses are included as an attachment.

We are incredibly proud of our children and value their voice - we are planning on developing this even further from September - keep watching this space!

## Cultural Champions

We have continued our work with other agencies to develop our children's cultural experiences, following on from our KS2 production, which was inspired by Mr Anderson's and Miss Kennedy's work with the Royal Opera House. Our year 2 children recently attended a music event at the CAST theatre and many of our year 6 children have also had the opportunity to participate in an International Photography Project and their photographs are being showcased in a private exhibition at the new Danum Library this month. We will continue to seek more arts and cultural experiences for our children next year too.

## Sporting Successes

As another academic year comes to a close, we would like to celebrate the amazing achievements of our athletes at Warmsworth Primary School.

We have attended, hosted and won events from September to July, at many different venues, from playing on our own football pitches to travelling to Rochdale to represent Doncaster in the Kids EFL Cup and accessing some South Yorkshire Finals too!

In addition to this, several specialist coaches have visited us at Warmsworth Primary school, ensuring our children can access a wide variety of activities this year, including specialist coaches from Doncaster Hockey Club, Doncaster Cricket Club and Woodfield Squash Club.

This year has been a huge success, in terms of engaging our children in becoming more active and interested in sport and physical activities, and Mr Halstead and I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the parents, grandparents and siblings who have supported our teams at sporting events, whether that is transporting the children to and from events, or helping with coaching/encouragement from the side-lines; it is always so welcome and gives our children the best chance to enjoy and succeed - thank you again!

## Primary Engineers 'If You Were An Engineer, What Would You Do? Design Competition



We are delighted to announce that not only did we have 222 children in KS2 recognised with certificates for their designs in this competition, we also had 3 children awarded a **Distinction** for their designs with a further 27 being

awarded a **Merit** in their age groups:

**Distinction:** Erin B in year 3 and Ava G and Molly B in year 6.

**Merit:** Henry L, Jaycie, Lilly F, Piper in year 3; Charlotte M, James B, Luke P and Harry G in year 4; Felicity, Filip, Isaac, Jack W, Maie T, Samuel, Travis and Wyatt in year 5; and Aaron, Ava C, Brajan, Ethan D, Isla R, Joseph G, Joshua B, Luke G, Mia, Oliver Hi and Rubee in year 6.

Miss Corrigan, as our Design and Technology leader, is exceptionally proud and already planning our participation in next year's project.

### **Warmsworth Choir Performs!**

Our school choir had the amazing opportunity to take part in another collaborative performance with others schools from Doncaster involving singing, dance and sign language at the Doncaster Dome on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023. Their performance was flawless due to the practice in after-school choir sessions and at home, and both staff and parents are incredibly proud of what they all achieved. Huge thanks to Miss Kennedy for running the KS2 choir and the staff who have supported the children to make this happen.

### **Stancee Wedd Art Award**

This year's Stancee Wedd Art Award was focussed on observational drawing across the school. The entries from all classes showed a high level of knowledge and skill and our Enterprise Councillors judged the entries and selected four winners:

Foundation Stage Winner: Rae B in FS2

Key Stage One Winner - Sophia L in Year 1

Lower Key Stage Two Winner - Luke P in Year 4

Upper Key Stage Two Winner - Ava B in Year 6

Please look at our school website to view the winning art pieces:

### **Reading Book Returns Request**

As the end of the year arrives, could you please ensure that all school reading books are returned before the end of term - thank you!

### **Looking ahead to September 2023**

We are all looking forward to starting the next academic year, and we are all busy planning ahead, I am sure some of you will be too.

### **Uniform:**

I know many of you will be thinking ahead to buying or replacing any uniform for the new academic year - you may even have benefitted from our uniform swap-shop this week too! We believe that the wearing of a school uniform helps to give a sense of pride and belonging and we are very proud of how smart all of our children look in their required uniform all year round.

- Black or grey trousers, short or long, but not sportswear
- Black or grey dress/skirt, red or pink gingham dress
- Plain maroon or burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan
- Plain white shirt or polo-shirt
- Black shoes or trainers

### **P.E. Uniform:**

It is important for health and safety that children wear the appropriate clothing for physical education. Earrings are to be removed.

- Black gym shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- During colder weather, children should wear plain black jogging trousers or black leggings and appropriate footwear - e.g. trainers

### **Opening time:**

Please could I remind everyone that the classroom doors do not open until 8.45am for FS1 (Nursery) and 8.50am for the rest of school. The school gates do not open until 8.40am, so please could we ask that children and parents do not start arriving until 8.40 am at the earliest, once the gates have been opened. We are unfortunately located on a very busy road and do not want any pavements being blocked by people waiting, resulting in anyone having to walk on the road - the safety of all is paramount to us.

Registration opens at 8.50am and closes at 9am, so as long as children arrive between these times, they will be ready and settled for the school day.

### **School Improvements:**

On the return to school you will see the results of work that is planned for over the summer holidays. Some of our carpets have suffered severely from wear this year and we are replacing the carpets in the classrooms, library and music room.

### **Attendance / Holidays in term-time**

Our current school attendance is 94.3%. We are disappointed that this remains well below our target of 97% and we are very concerned about the attendance of some individual children.

This target is being negatively affected by the number of term-time holidays being taken. As a school, we appreciate the cost differences between holidays taken in term-time compared to those in the peak holiday seasons, but we would like to encourage everyone to consider the impact of any lost learning on both the academic and social and emotional needs of the children. No child likes walking into a classroom late or sitting in a lesson when they have missed the previous learning and experiences, and this can have a significantly negative impact on any child.

As we have a duty of care to our children, any absences from school are followed up in the best interests of safeguarding the children. This is why we ask for parents to contact us every day in the case of a child's absence. Much time is spent ensuring our children are safe, when we have not received a reason for a child's absence, this sometimes results in visits to the home address to be advised by neighbours or other children (or secondary schools) that the child has been taken on a family holiday by the parents / carers. Please assist us by informing us each day if your child is absent through illness and complete a leave of absence form (available from the school office or school website) for any other absence.

To assist with the planning of any potential holidays, I have attached our school calendar for 2023-2024 with training days and school holidays clearly marked. As a Local Authority maintained school, any holidays in term-time will be unauthorised, unless they meet the strict Department of Education criteria and there are very few exceptions. As a school, we then refer your case to the Local Authority for handling, as they are responsible for all correspondence, issuing fines etc and we have no further control of the process beyond that point.

### **Contact Details:**

To support us in being able to contact you in an emergency and remain GDPR compliant, please inform the school office of any change in address and/or contact numbers asap.

### **And finally...**

We said goodbye to Mrs Church, our Office Manager last week, as she takes on a new challenge at the Local Authority and have appointed Miss Jeffery to take on the role from September 2023. This term we have also said goodbye to Mrs Bates as she has embarked on a new career path.

At the end of term we are also saying goodbye to Miss Dickson who has covered the maternity leave of Miss Spree this academic year, Mrs Everitt who has covered FS2 since Christmas, and Mrs Morris has finally made the decision to retire once and for all - although I have a feeling she could still become a regular visitor!

One of our teaching assistants will also be moving on to pastures new in September - Mrs Olley will be returning to pursue a career in teaching. I am sure you will all join me in saying a huge thank you to everyone and wish them well in their future adventures!

Our current year 6 children are also leaving us this week to start the next chapter in their journey; good luck to you all - we can't wait to hear about the young adults you become!

## **Diary Dates**

Thurs	20 July	5.30pm	Year 6	Year 6 Leavers Event
Fri	21 July	3:30pm	All Years	School Closes to pupils for the Summer Holidays
Mon	24 Jul	All Day	All Years	Training Day - School Closed
Tues	25 Jul	All Day	All Years	Training Day - School Closed
Mon	4 Sept	All Day	All Years	Training Day - School closed to pupils
Tues	5 Sept	8.50am	All Years	School Open
Mon	25 Sept	All Day	Year 4	Pedestrian Training
Tues	26 Sept	All Day	Year 4	Pedestrian Training
Weds	27 Sept	9-11 am	Year 5	Local Study
Tues	10 Oct	All Day	F2-Y6	Flu Vaccinatons
Fri	20 Oct	3.30pm	All Years	School Closed for half-term holiday

**We hope you all have a very enjoyable break with the children over the summer holidays.**

**Please remember that school will close at 3.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.**

**School will re-open on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 8.50am**





**September (20 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**October (17 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**November (22 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**December (16 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	20
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**January (18 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**February (16 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

**March (20 days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**April (12 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**May (17 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**June (20 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**July (17 Days)**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**August**

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

-  Bank Holidays
-  Closing Date for Nursery Applications
-  Closing Date for Reception Classes and Year 3 into Junior Schools
-  School Holidays
-  Closing Date for Secondary Applications
-  Warmsworth Primary School training days

**Individual Dates May Vary:** For Academies and Church Schools - please check with the School.  
**195 days:** Includes 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.  
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**Questionnaire for Pupils of Warmsworth Primary School**

**Summer 2023**

	Foundation Stage Two	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two	Whole School
	55 responses	111 responses	228 responses	394 responses
<b>1. I enjoy school.</b>				
All the time	89%	53%	36%	48%
Most of the time	5%	28%	45%	35%
Some of the time		15%	17%	14%
Almost never		5%	2%	2%
Never	5%			1%
<b>2. Teachers help me to do my best.</b>				
In every lesson	95%	57%	56%	62%
In most lessons	5%	31%	31%	27%
In some lessons		12%	12%	10%
In very few lessons		3%	1%	2%
In none of my lessons				
<b>3. My teachers give me work that challenges me.</b>				
In every lesson	96%	54%	20%	41%
In most lessons	2%	23%	49%	35%
In some lessons		20%	25%	20%
In very few lessons		3%	6%	4%
In none of my lessons	2%	3%		1%
<b>4. I enjoy learning at this school.</b>				
All the time	85%	61%	53%	60%
Most of the time	13%	24%	32%	27%
Some of the time		15%	13%	11%
Almost never	2%	4%	2%	3%
Never		1%		
<b>5. Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons</b>				
Strongly agree	95%	57%	53%	60%
Agree	5%	35%	40%	34%
Neither agree or disagree		11%	7%	7%
Disagree		2%		1%
Strongly disagree				

<b>6. There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me.</b>				
<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Neither agree or disagree</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>		<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Strongly disagree</b>		<b>2%</b>		<b>1%</b>
<b>7. The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good.</b>				
<b>All the time</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Most of the time</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Some of the time</b>		<b>31%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Almost never</b>		<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Never</b>				
<b>8. The behaviour of other pupils around school is good</b>				
<b>All the time</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Most of the time</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Some of the time</b>		<b>21%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Almost never</b>		<b>5%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Never</b>		<b>1%</b>		
<b>9. Is bullying a problem at your school?</b>				
<b>It doesn't happen</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>It happens and teachers are really good at resolving it</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>It happens and teachers are good at resolving it</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>It happens and teachers are not good at resolving it</b>		<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>It happens and teachers do nothing about it</b>			<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>10. I feel safe when I am at school.</b>				
<b>All the time</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Most of the time</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Some of the time</b>		<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Almost never</b>		<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Never</b>		<b>1%</b>		

<b>11. What makes you feel unsafe at school? (If anything does)</b>				
Anxious people / slipping up / getting bumped / other people's actions / fire alarm going off / noisy and busy on the playground.				
<b>12. My school encourages me to look after my physical health (eg. healthy eating and fitness)</b>				
Strongly agree	98%	75%	68%	74%
Agree	2%	31%	25%	23%
Neither agree or disagree		5%	6%	5%
Disagree			1%	1%
Strongly disagree				
<b>13. My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health</b>				
Strongly agree	98%	63%	65%	69%
Agree	2%	38%	29%	28%
Neither agree or disagree		11%	6%	6%
Disagree				
Strongly disagree				
<b>14. I take part in school activities outside of lessons, like clubs, sports, music and art.</b>				
Very frequently	22%	57%	35%	39%
Frequently		21%	27%	21%
Sometimes	5%	13%	20%	16%
Not very often	4%	11%	9%	9%
Never	69%	12%	9%	18%
<b>15. My school encourages me to be independent and take on responsibilities.</b>				
Strongly agree	96%	72%	62%	69%
Agree	2%	35%	35%	30%
Neither agree or disagree	2%	3%	3%	3%
Disagree		3%		1%
Strongly disagree		1%		
<b>16. My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and treat everyone equally.</b>				
Strongly agree	98%	77%	80%	82%
Agree	2%	30%	18%	19%
Neither agree or disagree		7%	1%	3%
Disagree				
Strongly disagree				

<b>17. My school provides me with information about my next steps (For example: moving year group or school)</b>				
<b>Yes, but it was too much information and not helpful</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Yes, I received the right amount of information that was helpful</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>Yes, but there wasn't enough information that was helpful</b>		<b>29%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>No, I haven't received any information</b>		<b>6%</b>		<b>2%</b>