

Date : Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a fun week at Warren School. It was lovely to welcome parents in from Flamingo class for their cake sale - they were delicious! We have had groups enjoying horse riding and our weekly visit to Waveney Gym continues to be a success. Today has been a sea of red with pupils and staff supporting Red Nose Day thank you to everyone who took part.

This week saw our first Student Council meeting take place (it was very well attended) and we look forward to seeing this grow. Pupil voice is integral and how pupils feel in their school so we look forward to hearing their views, suggestions and improvements.

We also welcomed friends from Challenge Partners this week who supported the School Leadership Team with curriculum developments and helped to provide support on the future plans for the school as we continue to improve.

Have a lovely weekend - Gary Corbett.

Investment in our School

I am really excited to advise parents that following on from the £250,000 of investment Consortium secured from Suffolk County Council to improve the facilities at Warren School. The new Trust has now received confirmation of a £1.5 million grant from the Department for Education this will allow us to press ahead with a major renovation project that we hope will transform the school. This all adds up to the largest investment in the school since it was built!

The first major project is almost complete with Barn owl class having a total makeover, extending the room, new bathrooms, new soft sensory spaces, new flooring and a bright new learning environment. We have also invested in new equipment including achieve-beds and a hoist system. We will be moving onto Turtles class next to extend both the opportunities for inside and outside learning for our youngest pupils.

The Consortium Trust management team will now press ahead with a huge project of improvement, that will include the renovation and reopening of the swimming pool within the next 12 months. I will update parents on the progress of all our plans regularly.

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Horse Riding



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Bake Sale

Flamingos Class held a cake sale in school this week to raise money towards the class Enterprise scheme encouraging money management.

In total we raised £163.97 - This money will go towards Flamingos class trips with the first being to Oulton Broad mini zoo.



Transfer Delayed

Due to circumstances beyond the control of Consortium Trust or Warren School, the transfer of the school from BEST to Consortium has been delayed for a month and is now scheduled to take place on the 1st May. This will not have an impact on the school improvement work or building work at Warren. But will delay the transfer of our staff to the new employer. I will keep parents updated on progress.

Mumternity Leave

My name is Jenny Sandmann and I work in Elephants Class, Post 16. From Easter I will be taking some time away from school so I can look after my mum who is living in Kent 'mumternity leave'. I look forward to seeing how pupils in Elephants Class continue to learn and develop whilst being taught by Caroline Sheppard who will be with the class during my absence. Caroline is a highly experienced educator who knows the pupils in the class. A transition programme is in place to support the pupils with the change.

Elephants Class

Elephants Class have been learning how to make pitta bread pizza. The pupils worked hard to open packets, prepare, put different foods on to plates and then to make pizzas, making choices of what they would like to put on them. Pupils shared responsibility in turning on the ovens, safely putting pizzas into the oven and then safely taking pizzas out when they were cooked. We make sure that when we had finished we turned the ovens off and did all of the washing up.



Jolly Phonics Workshop

Reminder - We are excited to invite all Parents & Carers along to a 'Phonics Introduction workshop' on Wednesday 22nd March 6pm-7pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated for Red Nose Day, it was lovely to see so many happy faces and we raised a total of £40.73 for Comic Relief.



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World Book Day 2023 was a huge success!

All of the pupils had lots of fun. There were awesome costumes, fabulous art work and great reading taking place across the school.

Here are some photos of some very happy and excited faces.



Our helpers Freddie and Lydia exchanged books for World Book Day tokens all morning.

Everyone had an opportunity to select a book of their choice.

Lots of book related activities happened in classes across the school including Storytime, writing book reviews and designing book covers.



Our friend Joanne Perry from Waterstones came in and read stories to groups of pupils.

Upper school said they especially liked the story 'The Smeds and the Smoos' by Julia Donaldson.

Some classes even got to keep their favourite book!

Thank you Jo and Waterstones.



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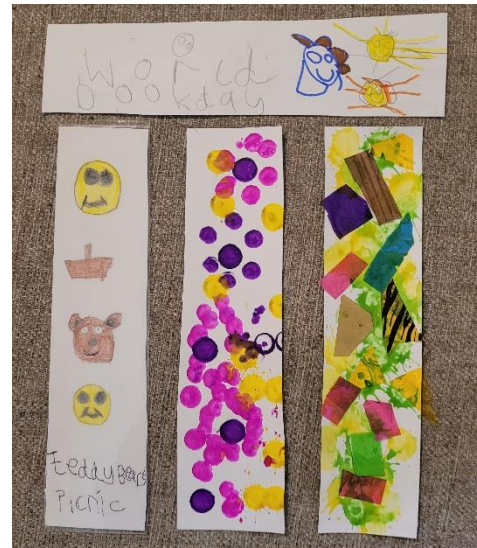
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Part of the day was spent designing and making book marks for our book mark competition.

There were some fabulous designs using different materials and ideas. Everyone worked really hard.

It was really difficult to choose just 4 winners across the school as they were all so good!

The winning book marks can be seen in the photos on the right. Below are photos of our lucky winners.



Congratulations to Ria in EYFS who won a £10 book voucher!



Congratulations to Harrison in Secondary who won a fantastic art set!



Congratulations to Ryan in 6th Form who won a fantastic art set!



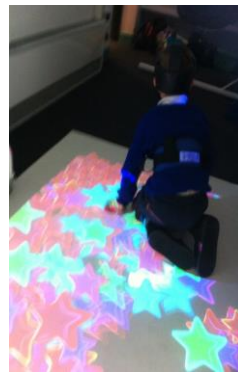
Congratulations to Acheron in Primary who won a £10 book voucher!

Attendance Matters

The school and children within the school are recognised, understood and treated as a SEND provision. But, the DfE guidance and legislation around attendance is clear that it applies to all children in education no matter what the sector is. We have a legal duty to apply the same rules to all families. BUT, of course we recognise the nature and circumstances for many pupils at Warren and that needs to be considered as part of the context. Unfortunately, our attendance policy has trigger points, in line with the law, and the actions in response to those trigger points must be followed. This means that some pupils may receive attendance letters when their attendance has fallen. - If you have any concerns please contact Gemma Arlow.

Barn Owls

Barn Owl class has been out in the community for the last couple of weeks while work has been happening on our classroom. We have been exploring the sensory room at the Hamlet Centre Norwich, Adventure Island, where we had a craft session making pirate handprints and time out of our chairs on the soft play equipment. We have been to the Cinema to watch Puss in Boots 2 having the whole cinema to ourselves and everyone loved the experience of the cinema. We have been 10 pin bowling. We learnt how to push the bowling balls down the ramps and the excitement of getting a strike! Last week we spent a chilly day at Africa Alive, all the children were excited to see the animals especially the giraffes!



Dates for your diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>
Friday 17 th March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day	All Pupils
Tuesday 21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day (Odd sock day)	All Pupils
Sunday 26 th March	Epilepsy Awareness Day (purple day)	All Pupils
Wednesday 22 nd March	Phonics Parent Workshop (6pm-7pm)	All Parents/ Carers
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term	Everyone
Tuesday 18 th April	Pupils return to school	All pupils & staff
Tuesday 25 th April	Parental Engagement Session (6pm - 7pm)	All Parents/ Carers
Tuesday 13 th June	Parent & Teacher Meeting	All Parents/ Carers

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