

Washacre Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th September

3:15pm – 4:00pm – Meet the teacher for Y1/2 & Y3

Wednesday 11th September

Pm – Class 8 Horse Riding Sessions

Thursday 14th September

3:15pm – 4:00pm – Meet the teacher for Y4, Y5 & Y6

3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y3 & Y4 Mixed Football

Friday 13th September

International Day of Democracy

3:15pm – 4:15pm – Y5 & Y6 Mixed Football

Tuesday 17th September

1:00pm – 3:00pm - Understanding Your Child – Solihull Approach

Wednesday 18th September

Am – Y3 Stone Age workshop

Pm – Y4 Roman workshop

Monday 23rd September

Am – Y5 Money Management

Pm – Y6 Money Management

Monday 30th September

All Day – Y5 Learn to Ride Bikeability



Message from the Head Teacher

What a fantastic start to the new school year we've had! It's been wonderful to see all our pupils back in school, looking incredibly smart in their uniforms. I must say, the sight of our children presenting themselves so well fills us all with pride. A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for ensuring the children are so well turned out – your effort and support really do make a difference.

As we settle into the new term, I wanted to update you about a few things happening in and around our school. In my last newsletter of the 23/24 academic year, I mentioned that we were expecting to have joined the Quill Trust on 1st September. Unfortunately, there's been a slight delay due to certain deadlines not being met. However, the trust is working diligently to move this forward and we will keep you updated as things progress.

We were also disappointed to have been unable to open, as planned, the out of hours before and after school club. This is solely due to a recruitment issue whereby we have been unable to recruit suitably qualified staff. The vast majority of parents were contacted well in advance of Tuesday, and we certainly apologise for any inconvenience caused.

On the technology front, we've recently transferred our IT systems. As with any big change, we've encountered a few teething problems. One of these is that we're currently unable to access Facebook in school. We're working on resolving these issues and appreciate your patience during this transition period.

Looking ahead to next week, we're excited to host our 'Meet the Teacher' class information evenings. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher and learn more about what's in store for the year ahead. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Lastly, you should have received our Home School Agreements today. These are important documents that help us work together to support your child's education. If you haven't already, please take a moment to read through, sign, and return these to school.

As always, I'm incredibly grateful for your ongoing support and partnership. It's this strong sense of community that makes Washacre Primary such a special place. Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, growth, and plenty of fun along the way!

Enjoy your weekend! Mr Howarth

Attendance

Alongside the newsletter is a leaflet from the Local Authority outlining the changes to attendance. A summary of the changes are below:

- Fines increased to £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 within 21 days
- Any second penalty notices will be issued at the rate of £160
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to parent for the same child within a rolling 3 year period. An alternative course of action will need to be considered e.g. prosecution

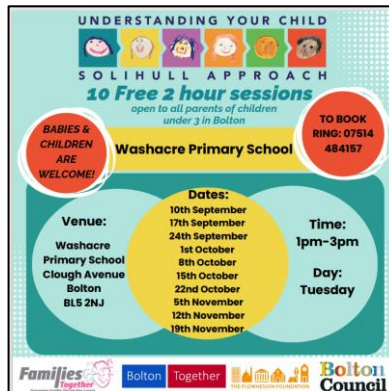
We have also sent out the attendance leaflet, which includes a section outlining why attendance matters. Taken from there we begin to understand that:

- **98 %** attendance means **4** school days missed
- **95 %** attendance means **10** school days missed
- **90 %** attendance means **19** school days missed
- **80 %** attendance means **38** school days missed
- **Five minutes** late each day means 3 school days missed each year.

Attendance Matters



Undertsanding Your Child - Solihull Programme



Washacre Primary School will be hosting a series of Understanding Your Child – Solihull Approach workshops, free of charge, for all those parents of children under 3.

If you would like to take part or know anybody that would please book on using the number on the flyer.

Assembly Awards

Stars of the Week

Class 8

Maximo-Day Thompson

Year 1 / 2

Charlie Cheetham

Year 2 / 3

Jayden Hogan

Year 4

Abigail Simms

Year 5

No publicity

Year 6

Mia Nicholson

Our Positive Education, Maths Ninja, Author of the Week, Attendance and Lunchtime awards will all return next week

Class 8 Horse Riding



Your child, Your Community, Your School