Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Like us, I imagine you are all relieved to have the children back in school. I hope you have all been able to enjoy a cup of tea and some well-earned respite over the course of this week. Thank you again to all of you who supported with home learning. We can really see what a difference the home support has made to children's progress. Your support has ensured children have maintained their stamina for the learning and helped them retain their skills. This has helped them adjust to the routine and demands of the classroom more easily than is the case for those who were not as engaged. Teachers are hard at work assessing children's current skills, planning the necessary intervention and classroom-based learning to ensure that all children make rapid progress from their current starting points.

We have set homework for the remainder of this half-term. As stated in the Return to School Arrangements document, the homework for this half term will focus on English and Maths. This is to ensure the parent support given at home continues to help the progress of children in the core subjects. The teachers have identified activities based on the Key Performance Indicators/ learning priorities for their year group.

Like normal homework within any normal half-term, the children are only expected to complete one activity a week in their green 'Home Learning Journal'. There are 10 activities on the grids which has been designed to give children a choice, as always. Each column focuses on different aspects of Maths or English which means you can do the tasks in any order. There is more than enough for one column per week which means children can leave the ones you don't like/want to practise. Each column is split into challenges - Mild, Medium and Spicy - which mirror the challenges we use in the classroom. We encourage children to choose the challenge they think they can complete. Children can always change to the easier/harder challenge at any point. The work will be up on the school website on Monday for access and Homework Journals have been sent today for use from next week.
I have had a number of phone calls and emails from residents/parents this week expressing concern about parents parking on dropped curbs, particularly on Brunswick Street. This can cause great inconvenience for residents needing to get to their driveways. Please could I ask you all to be mindful about where you park, so not to cause disruption and upset to families in our community.

I have also had emails from parents concerned about children mixing in the playground, rendering the school efforts with social distancing between bubbles futile. Some emails have also raised concern about parents gathering in groups at pick up and drop off and not social distancing. It appears that for some there is a degree of lockdown fatigue setting in, which is leading to many feeling that they no longer need to follow the guidance. I understand this is such a difficult time for us all. However, the virus is still rising in our local vicinity.

Whilst schools are deemed safe to open, this is because we have strict guidance to help keep you all safe. If the rules are not followed outside the gates, we fear that the progress made during lockdown to control the situation will be impacted. Our aim is to keep the school open, minimise the risk of bubble/class closure and keep us/you safe. Local schools have already had bubble closures, highlighting that we all must continue to work together for the best interests of the children and community.

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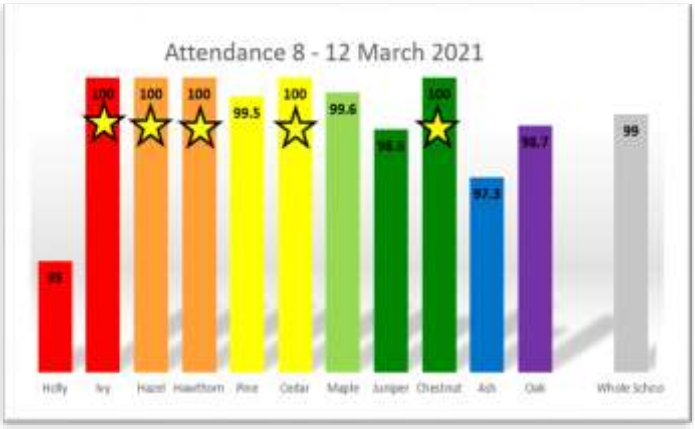

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Another way that parents could really help is to think about Goldilocks Timing at the start and end of the day: not too early, not too late but just right! This is so important to prevent social mixing at the school gates.

I also want to remind parents not to send children to school who are unwell. If your child is off poorly, for any reason (even if this is not for the top 3 symptoms) you need to report it to us before 9:00am each day. Where symptoms relate to the wider advice from Public Health England, the school will be requesting parents take their children for PCR tests to rule out the virus. This is what the heads in Warwickshire have been advised by Public Health England. This same approach is being adopted in our other local schools. It is felt that this minor inconvenience for families will prevent whole-class disruption and ensure that we are sensibly ruling out the virus, and ensure we are quickly on top of it where it might rear its head! This is in everyone's best interests.

We want to congratulate our amazing children on their amazing return to school. We could not have wished it to go better and are so impressed by their resilience and positive attitude to the school return!

Well done everyone! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ellison - Headteacher

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Andriana	Kaelan Roman Olivia	Charlie Frankie	Troy

Achievements this Week

Holly - Alfie
After reading 'The Barnabus Project' Alfie chose to make his own pet in our creative workshop. He worked independently to select all the materials he wanted to use and securely joined them together to make a wonderful model!

Ivy - George
For returning to school with a new found confidence. You have settled back into school brilliantly and it has been a joy to listen to you chatting with peers and adults and sharing your amazing knowledge of different animals.

Hazel – Alfie
For engaging well with his learning since the other children have returned to school.

Hawthorn – Phoebe
Phoebe has been a superstar in PE this week. Listening to all the new instructions and trying so hard with the new skills. She has also had a fantastic week in the classroom with all the her work. Well done Phoebe!

Pine – Denis
Denis has tried so hard this week. He is doing so well with his phonics and we are really impressed with his eagerness to learn. Well done Denis, keep up the hard work!

Cedar - Charlie
For outstanding effort in all his learning but especially his maths and his times tables and dividing. You have certainly blown my socks off this week!

Maple – Darcie
For settling down to her work quickly and for the high standard of presentation in her books. Darcie's work is always a pleasure to mark. Well done!

Juniper – Connor
For his hard work all week including a big improvement in his attitude towards schoolwork and other people. An incredible week - keep it going!

Chestnut – Mckenzie
For overcoming first day nerves and settling back in so well. I am proud of the way you have dealt with your worries and have started trying so hard once again.

Ash – David
David has returned to school with a positive attitude to his work and has worked with good focus this week. It's great to have you back David - keep it up!

Oak – Sandeep
Well done on a fabulous first week in Year 6! You have worked really hard and tried your best!

Class	TOTAL	Words read
Hazel	86,883	166
Hawthorn	74,584	7,969
Pine	430,493	14,261
Cedar	165,453	5,804
Maple	687,270	18,343
Juniper	5,279,587	302,440
Chestnut	4,084,735	385,860
Ash	6,701,257	101,329
Oak	5,296,098	51,873
TOTAL	22,806,360	888,045

So, the winners are.....
CHESTNUT!!

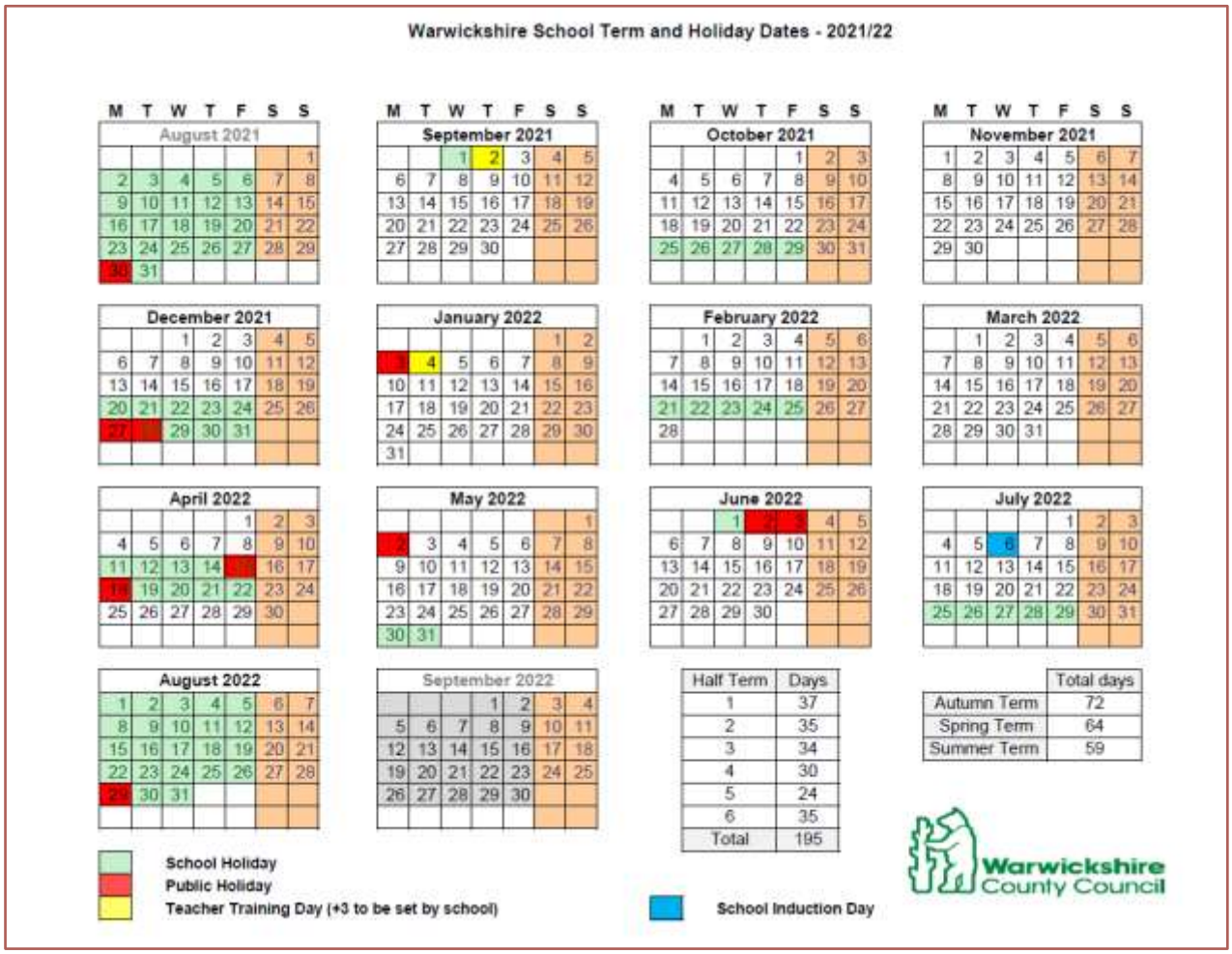
CHESTNUT have achieved their 4 Million words and Juniper have also achieved their 5 million words: Well done to both classes!

We also have another personal Millionaire - well done to Joseph in year 5 - Fantastic! Certificate is on its way!

Keep reading!

Term and Holiday dates 2021/22

Below are the holiday dates for next academic year. INSET days will be:
2nd September 2021
22nd October 2021
4th January 2022
28th February 2022
22nd July 2022



Lunch Menu - Week 01 - 15 March 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fishy Friday
Tuna Mayo Sandwich	Turkey Soft Bap	(v) Cheese Soft Bap	Cheese Sandwich	(v) Pizza
Hot Dog	(v) Margarita Pizza	Beef burger in a Bap	Quorn Nuggets with Wedges	Fish Fillet Finger Bap
(v) Veggie Hot Dog (for vegetarians only)	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese	Criss Cross Potatoes & Veg Sticks
(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese	Iced Mandarin Sponge Milkshake	Ice Cream Tub Juice Carton	(v) Veggie Fingers (for vegetarians only)	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese
Cheese, Crackers and Apple Juice Carton			Homemade Crunch Cookie Fresh Fruit Milkshake	Sticky Ginger Cake Fresh Fruit

All deli bags are served with either vegetable sticks or salad. Ketchup is offered with the hot bap of the day.

Please note that the colour of meal is the colour that is ordered with the kitchen.
Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)