

Newsletter



June 2020



Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It's been absolutely wonderful to see more our children coming in for their re-grouping days over the last week and the staff have loved having their classes back and the children look really happy too!

The Government have made it clear that we do not need to open for the summer holidays to provide child care for key workers and therefore the official end of school term will still be Friday 17th July @1:30pm. After School Club will be open on that day until 4.00pm for Key Worker Children.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all the team at Warden Hill for working with me and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team in providing this very important facility to our key worker children since Monday 23rd March.

Summer Camp

Move More is currently awaiting government's guidance of how summer holiday provision should operate and under what constraints. Therefore bookings are not currently open, however, we are currently gathering insight to identify need and expectations from parents. If you are in need of holiday summer provision, please could you fill in the survey below to help with planning of the camps.

<https://www.move-more.org/summer-camps-consultation/>



Online Learning Provision

I have asked my teaching team to continue with the Tapestry and Google Classroom provision up to Friday 10th July. In the last week, Monday 13th July, there will be a task set that will require one final submission on Thursday 16th July and this will see the end of the online learning for the summer term.

During this week I will be holding meetings with my teaching team in school and therefore they will not be 'online'.

If you should require any other additional activities please use the Oak National website <https://www.thenational.academy/> and the BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesizewebsites> as per the Government's organised online learning.

I know I've said it before but, I'm saying it again, a huge thank you for your support in facilitating the planned learning at home for our children. I know that our children will return in September in a really good place, both academically and mentally, due to our team effort on this.

The New Academic Year

At this moment the only information that we have been given from the Government is that all children will return in September, there is no other guidance linked to this at the moment.

What I do know though is that when our children return in September, we will do what we do best and teach them and support their well-being and we are very much looking forward to it.

I will obviously update you if more information comes through – but you will hear it at the same time as me.

Staff update



We are delighted to be able to share with you Mrs Andrews' baby news: Arabella Grace arrived safely in May and the whole family are doing really well.

In other exciting baby news, Mrs Harrison is expecting another baby due in September and Mr Williams' wife is also expecting another baby due in September.



We are also delighted to welcome Miss Jones to our teaching team and she is very much looking forward to meeting her new class on transition day.

Warden Hill Art Gallery

The Arts Team are working on Warden Hill's first online Art Gallery, documenting the incredible range of artistic talent and creativity possessed by our pupils. We should be ready to launch it soon. watch this space!



Gloucestershire County Council published a Statutory Notice in 2018 proposing to expand Warden Hill Primary School from 420 places to 630 places from September 2020. The expansion was proposed to accommodate growth in the number of primary pupils from anticipated additional housing across the west Cheltenham area. Following publication of the Statutory Notice, GCC received updated GP registration and birth data. A review of this data indicated that the increase in demand for places had moved back by at least 12 months and that there would be sufficient capacity in schools across the locality in September 2020. This was in part, as a result of the Cheltenham Local Plan being challenged and the house building programme being temporarily delayed, impacting on the immediate planned growth for the area.

Consequently, when the post-consultation report for the Statutory Notice was presented in May 2019 it was noted that providing additional places at Warden Hill Primary in September 2020 would have a short term negative impact on other local schools; and the decision on future expansion of Warden Hill Primary School was deferred until further information became available from the updated pupil forecasts in March 2020 to inform the decision.

The number of primary places in the local area has been expanded in recent years at Lakeside, Leckhampton and Shurdington primary schools. The latest 2020 pupil forecasts indicate that there will be sufficient capacity until at least 2023/24. GCC will therefore not progress with any further primary school expansions in the area, until such time as demand from new or additional housing development requires it. So to confirm the proposed expansion for Warden Hill Primary School will not proceed at this time.

Lockdown Achievements



Florence has read 27 books during the period of home learning and is currently on her 28th book!

Lucas Cliffe's Charity Bike Ride

If you would like to donate please do so to the just giving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucas-cliffe>
 or email me at lucasmarathonbikeride@gmail.com for other options.
 My goal is to raise £100 for the children at Winston's Wish

WINSTON'S WISH
 Giving hope to grieving children

I will be training to attempt a marathon (26.2 miles) in one go on a bike, on a dry day in August. I will be giving all of the money donated, to Winston's Wish. A charity that helps bereaved children. During lockdown I have been doing more bike riding than ever before. I decided that it would be a good idea to set myself a challenge to cycle a marathon and hopefully, raise some money for a great charity in the process.

Lucas started cycling more during lockdown and it seems he can't stop. Visit his [Just Giving](#) page and support his marathon ride in aid of Winston's Wish.



Dates for Your Diary

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| Monday 29 June | Regroup 4W |
| Tuesday 30 June | Regroup 2W |
| Wednesday 1 July | Regroup 2H |
| Thursday 2 July | Regroup 3H |
| Friday 3 July | Regroup 3W |
| Monday 6 July | Transition 5S |
| Tuesday 7 July | Transition 5W, 1H, 1W |
| Wednesday 8 July | Transition 5H |
| Thursday 9 July | Transition 4W, RB, RR |
| Thursday 9 July | Year 6 Fun Day |
| Friday 10 July | Transition 4H |
| Monday 13 July | Transition 3H |
| Tuesday 14 July | Transition 3W |
| Wednesday 15 July | Transition 2H |
| Wednesday 15 July | Reception Superhero Day |
| Thursday 16 July | Transition 2W |
| Friday 17 July, 1.30pm | End of Summer Term |

For information regarding Regroup and Transition Days please go to our website: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Regroup-and-Transition-Letter-to-Parents.pdf>



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