



Be our best selves

COUGHTON

C of E Primary School

Issue 15

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



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| Wednesday 5 th July | Transition Day Pupils to new classes for the morning. |
| Friday 7 th July | PTA hosted Quiz Night 7pm at school |
| Wednesday 19 th July | Y6 church leavers service |
| Thursday 20 th July | Farmers market 6pm |
| Saturday 22 nd July | Coughton village summer fete at Coughton Court. Choir will be singing at 12.30pm. |
| Monday 24 th July | Wellbeing day- pupils to wear non uniform |
| Tuesday 25 th July | Last day of school term |
| Tuesday 5 th September | 2023.24 New school year begins |
| Friday 27 th October | Inset Day |
| 30 th October-3 rd November | Half term |
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Dear Families,

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and we are starting to support the children in transitioning to their next phase of learning.

I was proud to release the staffing structure for next year as I know that each class will benefit from a high quality of education.

July is always a busy month in schools with lots of events and activities taking place. We have our school farmers market at 6pm on 20th July which I hope that you will be able to attend. Coughton cash can be purchased from: <https://coughton-school-pta.sumupstore.com/product/coughton-cash>

I would like to thank you for all of your help and support this year in supporting your children to develop their reading and maths skills as well as retaining knowledge that they have been taught across the curriculum.

Head of School
Mr Alex Kolb

Term dates for next year can be found [here](#)

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Well done Arrow



Coughton CE Primary School

Important updates for Parents and Carers

Uniform

A reminder that children should not be wearing trainers to school on the days that they do not have PE or forest school. Outdoor PE kits are dark tracksuit bottoms, red or dark jumper and trainers.

The second hand uniform shop is located in the parent gazebo with items for sale for £1.

Holiday / Leave of Absence Requests

All holiday requests will be unauthorised unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional by the Head of School. Should you wish to request leave of absence for your child(ren) please collect a form from the office.

As the weather gets warmer, please don't forget to pack a sunhat and a drink. Sunscreen can be applied before children start school.



Please don't provide food containing nuts.

Fruit is provided for Maple, Birch and Ash



We also have additional fruit available for pupils in Key Stage 2 should this be required.

Wraparound

If you would like to book please contact the office:

admin3021@welearn365.com

Morning slots run from 7.30am from Reception up to year 6. After school slots are up until 6pm (5.30pm on Fridays.)

Hygiene

We have seen a rise in the number of bugs and viruses within school.

Please encourage good hygiene practices such as washing hands before mealtimes, coughing into elbows and blowing noses, discarding tissues in the bin.

Coughton C of E PTA are
proud to present....



THE COUGHTON QUIZ NIGHT... 2!

Hosted by Quiz Master Kolb!



Friday 7th July
7pm, School Hall

Teams of 6 for £30
or 4 for £20
(both inc pizza)

Bar and other
refreshments
available

Tickets at: <https://coughton-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>
or message coughtonpta@outlook.com for more info

**Coughton C of E
Primary School PTA**



are excited to
invite you to...

**The 2023 Summer
Fair and BBQ**

**When:
Thursday
20th July...
6pm
onwards**



**Where:
Coughton School
Playground and
Playing Fields**

**Lucky
Dip**

BAR

Tombolas

**GLITTER
TATTOOS**

**Ice Cream
Van**

CRAFT STALLS

**Egg Shell
Game**

BBQ

**Choir
performance**

**Release the
teddy**

CLASS STALLS

PONY RIDES

**GOALIE
CHALLENGE**

Splat a Rat

Pimms

**Mega Prize
Raffle**

HOOK A DUCK

Pet Corner

**Play Your
Cards
Right**

**AND... MR KOLB IN
THE STOCKS!!**

The Big Help Out

Sunday 9th July 2023

12-4pm



Parents, carers, grandparents and staff are invited to help us to clear and refresh some of our outdoor areas at school. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Teachers for 2022/23

We are pleased to share the teaching staff for next year with you.

Head teacher: Mr. Kolb

Assistant Head teacher: Miss Richardson*

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| Reception- Maple | Miss Woodhouse |
| Year One - Birch | Mrs Blackwell/Mrs Walsh |
| Year Two- Ash | Miss Richardson* |
| Year Three- Acer | Mrs Stephens |
| Year Four- Cedar | Miss Wallace |
| Year Five - Willow | Mrs Moss |
| Year Six- Oak | Mrs Bhogal |

Learning support assistants:

Mrs Thomas

Miss Blundell

Mrs Ward

Mrs Blackwell

Mrs Wheway

Mrs Salkeld

Mrs Hemming

Miss Dean

Staff changes

Mrs Kershaw is retiring at the end of the year. She has been brilliant in supporting the Birch pupils and has become a central part of our team. I would like to wish Mrs Kershaw a happy retirement- we will miss you.

*Mrs Jovanovic will be returning to her former maiden name of Richardson in future correspondence.

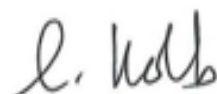
Mrs Blackwell has been appointed as class teacher in Birch on a Monday and Tuesday as maternity cover until Mrs Buxton-Woodcock returns. Mrs Blackwell is well known to the school community having been working in school last year as a teaching assistant in Oak. Mrs Blackwell is a fully trained teacher, forest school leader and SENDCo and we are pleased that she has accepted the post in Year 1.

Transition day

On **Wednesday 5th July** it is Warwickshire 'Moving up day' where children will spend the morning in their new classes with their new teacher. Some schools have moved this date due to proposed strike days but we can confirm that we will be keeping this original date.

Additional transition arrangements will take place in school for pupils with SEND.

Kind regards,



Mr Kolb

Head of School

Student Corner

Sports Day

Thank you to those that were able to come and support in enabling sports day to be great success.



Congratulations to this years winners...

Alne



Student Corner

PGL



Student Corner

Sports round up



Well done to the Key Stage One athletics group who performed really well at this weeks festival.

Good luck to the Year 4 girls who are representing Coughton at a football tournament tonight at Alcester Town.

A great performance from the quad kids team who demonstrated some great team and individual skills at the tournament



Y3 Batsford Trip



Acer class enjoyed investigating and comparing plants found at Batsford Arboretum, to the plants found at Coughton Court and the Amazon Rainforest. They observed the giant Redwood Trees and produced some amazing field sketches of the landscape. You should have heard the children's delights of 'wow' when driving up Fish Hill, admiring the view of Evesham Valley. Such an 'Awe and Wonder' moment!

SEND events



SEND Parents Warwickshire

A website for parents of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities to explore clubs, groups and activities.

<https://www.sendparentswarwickshire.com/newpage>

 mind Coventry and Warwickshire



<https://cwmind.org.uk/cass-children-and-young-people/>

Information and Advice for Neurodivergent People and their Families

An e-booklet, aiming to improve the information and support available for neurodivergent people and their families, has been published and is available on the **news page of the Dimensions of Health and Wellbeing website**.

This e-booklet has been co-produced with neurodivergent people, their families and professionals across Coventry and Warwickshire. It provides a wealth of information all in one place about services and support available for those who are diagnosed or who self-identify as neurodivergent, and those who care for and support them.



Scan the QR code or visit
<https://dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/News.aspx?NID=26>

Feedback is welcomed to enable improvements to this first version of the e-booklet. Please share any comments with disabilitiescommissioning@warwickshire.gov.uk





Eligible families are encouraged to unlock the benefits of free school meals

Warwickshire County Council is urging benefits eligible parents and carers in the county to take advantage of the free school meals and enjoy the numerous benefits on offer.

If your family receives financial support, such as jobseeker's allowance, income support, child tax credit, or universal credit, your child may be eligible for free school meals. Making a successful application not only saves time and money but also provides your child's school with additional funding to enhance educational resources and opportunities.

Eligible families could save around £400 per year so Warwickshire County Council wants to ensure that families are aware of how to apply in order to take this opportunity to support their child's education and well-being.

[here](#)



Connect for Health's June health and well-being update

Check out Connect for Health's June newsletter to find out about Learning Disability Week.

The newsletter includes links to support children and young people with learning disabilities, and information on how you can also get involved with Child Safety Week.

<https://mailchi.mp/10813f56f12b/your-c4h-april-health-and-well-being-update-13553536?e=01d6463923>

Information about applying for the 11+ if your child is in year 5

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grammar-schools-11-test/register-11-test/1>



BanktheFood App

BanktheFood is a free app which links food banks to donors when they are at the supermarket.

BanktheFood is simple to use; download the app and follow the instructions to get started. You can follow your local food bank and the app will send you a reminder of your food bank's needs when you are shopping in your local supermarket. You can then choose exactly what you would like to donate and leave your donation in your food bank's collection box at the end of your shopping trip.

Your local food bank will then be alerted via the app of your (anonymous) donation making it easier for your food bank to track and locate items they really need.

<https://www.bankthefood.org/>

Celebration assembly

This is now on a Friday afternoon at 2.45pm rather than during the morning. As always parents will be invited to celebrate the children's success and any certificates/awards/medals achieved outside of school can be brought in and shared

Transition Day

Moving up day will take place next week on Wednesday 5th July when all Warwickshire pupils move up to meet their new teacher in their new classroom.

Working Families helpline

The Working Families helpline provides free advice and information about employment rights and in-work benefits for working parents and carers.

Working Families advise on a range of topics affecting parents and carers at work. Some common examples are:

- Pregnancy and maternity rights
- Discrimination as a parent/carer
- Adoption, paternity and shared parental leave
- Flexible working and imposed change
- Emergency and parental leave
- In-work benefits and Tax Credits
- Free childcare and help with childcare costs

Call the team on 0300 012 0312 (Monday - Friday, 11:00 - 14:00). You can also use their online form to request advice.

<https://workingfamilies.org.uk/>



June 2023

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/send-june23-1214104?e=7a95476d4b>



New resources available to support parents and carers with SEND

Parents and carers of children or young people with a special educational need and/or disability (SEND) can now access a host of useful free resources through the Whole School SEND website.

The information is aimed at helping to develop successful partnerships between families and education settings and although aimed at education professionals, the guidance is also useful for parents and carers. There are a series of 'Ask, Listen, Do' leaflets including subjects such as 'Understanding SEN support', 'Making conversations count' and 'Returning to school after a period of absence', as well as webinars and handbooks.

<https://www.wholeschoolsend.org.uk/parents-and-carers>

Understanding ADHD- Free workshops for parents and guardians:

[Here](#)

Search out Warwickshire- links to clubs, courses and activities across Warwickshire:

<https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

Sleep better programme:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

If anyone has any twine or rope, we are looking for donations in forest school. Thank you.



Mrs Ward.



Pupil feedback shows that our whole school programme of 'My Happy Mind' is supporting children to understand their feelings and emotions, having a positive impact on their mental health.

<https://myhappymind.org/>

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent i.e. the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.]

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Spotlight on parenting support

Nurture Programme

The 10-week Nurture Programme gives parents and carers practical tools and information to support them to raise happy, confident and emotionally resilient children. This programme is suitable for parents and carers of children up to 12-years-old.

The programme will cover many of the common parenting issues and offer advice that will help parents and carers gain confidence and develop insight by understanding why children behave as they do, recognising the feelings behind behaviour, exploring different positive parenting strategies to help guide behaviours, finding different ways to develop co-operation and emotional regulation in children and learning the importance of looking after yourselves as parents and carers.

The program is highly effective in improving the mental health outcomes for children and their parents.

On average 8/10 parents attending groups report a significant improvement in their child's behaviour and family life.

Read what parents have to say about the workshop...

"I've got more insight into my children's needs and have learnt to be more patient and listen more. My expectations of them are more realistic now than before."

"I learned how to change the way I communicate with my son to better support his understanding, and this has improved my relationship with him."

"I think about how I talk to my son now more, I take a breath before reacting, I'm not flying off the handle and shouting as much, I have learnt that his behaviour is communicating something to me and I need to look beyond what he's doing and more to why is he doing it."

To check availability and book a workshop or programme in your area please go to [Eventbrite](#). [here](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Sleep Better programme

If you have a child with additional needs and sleep issues, bedtime can be tricky. Whether they struggle to communicate how they're feeling, have increased anxiety, sensory issues, or social cueing problems, sleeping well may be difficult.

The Sleep Better programme is suitable for parents and carers of children who are one year old and over who are struggling with bedtime routines, their child's sleeping patterns or bedtime as a whole.

The Sleep Better programme can support you to:

- Establish why your child isn't sleeping
- Learn about gentle methods to encourage better sleep habits
- Consider an improved bedtime routine
- Meet other parents/carers in the same situation
- Explore useful resources to aid sleep

The Sleep Better programme is delivered over 5 weeks and covers:

- Understanding sleep cycles
- Common sleep issues and strategies to manage these
- Establishing appropriate routines
- Keeping sleep diaries and interpreting the data
- Environments

To check availability and book a workshop or programme in your area please go to [Eventbrite](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the team by emailing ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk.

For information on the sleep better course and other courses see the link below.

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Community News



Coventry and Warwickshire Community Support for Neurodivergent People and their Families

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