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COUGHTON

C of E Primary School

Issue 15

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



Tuesday 20 th June	OPEN DAY – Year R September 2023
Wednesday 21 st June	New Parents meeting for September 2023
Thursday 22 nd June	SPORTS DAY- From 1pm for families. Please bring a deckchair or rug for seating
Friday 23 rd June	Active wear and bring in a bottle
Saturday 24 th June	Sambourne Fete
Tuesday 27 th June	OPEN DAY – Year R September 2023
28 th -30 th June	PGL – Willow and Oak Class
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day Pupils to new classes for the day. Year 6 - Secondary School Transition day
Friday 7 th July	PTA hosted Quiz Night 7pm at school
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 church leavers service at 9.30am
Thursday 20 th July	BBQ and Farmers market 6pm
Monday 24 th July	Wellbeing day- pupils to wear non uniform
Tuesday 25 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service – 2.15 in the hall School Closes for Summer Holidays

Dear Families,

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks following half term. We have seen some amazing work taking place across all year groups. Ash worked incredibly hard in their end of key stage assessments (SATS).

Alive 2023 was a brilliant event, Key Stage 2 children from across Coventry and Warwickshire all came together at Stoneleigh for a magnificent praise party. The children had a brilliant time and demonstrated exemplary behaviour.

Thank you for your donations of teddies last week and jarbola's this morning. Next Friday please can you bring a bottle and children can wear active wear to school. This is all for our summer fair and farmers market which take place on **Thursday 20th July**. All family and friends are welcome. You can purchase Coughton Cash [here](#)

If you are looking to plan ahead, our term dates for next year including teacher training days can be found here: <https://www.coughtonschool.org/term-dates/>

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Well done Alne

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

Student Corner

Grandparent Gardening

It was lovely to welcome grandparents to school to support the children in planting sunflower seeds and bedding plants.



Student Corner



Alive 2023

The children in Key Stage 2 have really enjoyed the Praise Party at Stoneleigh.



Student Corner

Horrible Histories Day

The children enjoyed dressing up as characters throughout history. We looked at where they could be placed on a timeline.



Sports round up

Well done to the Y5 cricket team who won the regional tournament at Warwick prep school.



Well done to the girls Y6 football team who beat Bidford 5-1.

Well done to the Y6 boys football team who played well but ran out on the losing team to Our Ladies Primary and Barford Primary.

Well done to the team that represented the school in the outdoor adventure athletics competition in Coventry, coming 4th at the event overall.



Well done to the those who represented the school in archery and bocchia at St Nicholas Primary School, you were amazing and performed really well.

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>

Fussy Eating Workshop

Change Makers are running weekly workshops throughout June and July supporting parents with children who display fussy eating behaviours. The workshop will cover the Eatwell Guide, top tips and practical advice on reducing fussy eating behaviours. The workshop will be one hour long and will be on zoom. The workshop is free to access.

If you would like to join, please contact on 03300 245 204 and whereby you can refer onto the workshop.



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>

Engaging children with nature, the environment and climate change

Have you subscribed to the Sustainable Warwickshire podcast yet? The latest episode focuses on climate change and the next generation!

Our children and young people will be amongst those most affected by climate change, so giving them opportunities to get involved with nature and the environment from an early age is critical.

So, if you want some great ideas on how to involve your own families in nature, or are simply interested to learn about some of the projects and approaches being taken to support Warwickshire children to get involved with building a sustainable future, listen now. You can find the podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Podbean by searching for Sustainable Warwickshire. Please share/subscribe/download and leave a review!

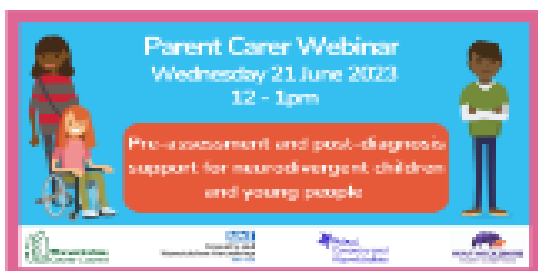
[here](#)

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 on Wednesday 5th July when all Warwickshire pupils move up to meet their new teacher in their new classroom.



Free webinar to understand the neurodevelopmental pathway for children and young people

Parents and carers are invited to register for a free webinar taking place on Wednesday 21 June, 12:00 - 13:00, to learn about the support available in Coventry and Warwickshire for neurodivergent children and young people.

The webinar, organised by Warwickshire County Council in partnership with Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust and CW Mind, will explain the pre-assessment and post-diagnosis support available through the clinical neurodevelopmental pathway and how families can access this. There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the enhanced offer from the Community Autism Support Service. The service aims to respond to local need and provide better targeted support, focusing on self-esteem, confidence, relationships and improving emotional wellbeing and mental health. The session will end with a Q&A giving parents and carers the chance to put their questions to professionals.



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.wholeschoosend.org.uk/parents-and-carers>

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BqqwiCdZu0uok4nMJxOsgjSsUxM7CR9Lle6sqd8ufgRUM1JWSFMxQU1ZNzQyMUJLUkJHWFVJRVkwUy4u>

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.

ANGUS BASKERVILLE

Magic

BYO Wine etc

Join me for a Preview of my one-man show for The Ventnor Fringe Festival 2023

“Mind Trickery”

Binton Village Hall, Binton, Stratford-upon-Avon

Saturday 1st July 2023

7:00pm – 8:30pm



Come and be amazed by some mesmerising Magic & Mind reading with Angus Baskerville Magic (Magic Circle, London) www.angusbaskerville.com

Adult: £10 per ticket

Child: £5 per ticket

Family of 4: £25

(Contact angusbask@gmail.com for purchasing)

Bag 2 School

With the weekend approaching a little reminder that this Monday 19th June is bag drop off day for Coughton PTA's fundraising event With Bag 2 School! You can drop off anytime on Monday 19th June between 8.35am and 5.30pm to the wooden hut! (Please do not use the car drop off system for dropping bags off so that we can keep the queue moving swiftly)

Bag 2 School will accept donations of...

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We'd love your support with this event so please feel free to reach out to family and friends for their support! Thank you!



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](#).

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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

Information and advice for neurodivergent people and their families.

<https://dimensions.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/News.aspx?NID=26>

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