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C of E Primary School

Issue 13

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



3 rd -14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
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Dear Families,

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks. The children have been working really hard and it has been a privilege seeing their work.

This week we are also taking part in Autism Acceptance Week and celebrating the fact that we are all different and unique.

We had two fantastic Easter church services on Wednesday. It was lovely to be able to share these with our school community.

The Easter bunny has visited us today. A handful of golden tickets have been hidden in eggs across school. Please let us know after Easter if you find one and come to the School Office to claim your prize.

I hope that you all have a fantastic Easter and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 17th April for the start of the summer term.

Head of School
Mr Alex Kolb

Team points

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Well done Avon.

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Monday 5 th June	INSET

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.

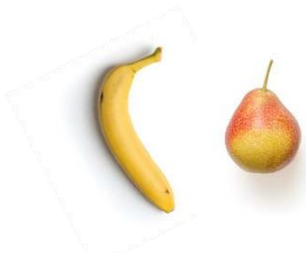
Snacks – Year 3-6

Children in Year 3-6 can bring a snack into school for break time. This snack needs to be fruit or veg please.

Suggestions: a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit.

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 for after Easter 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.)

Car Park

When dropping or collecting children from the wraparound service please

DO NOT walk through the staff car park but use the main footpath. Staff are arriving and leaving the car park at these times and it is important to avoid any incidents.

Important updates for Parents and Carers

DATE reminder

Maths and Munch

When: Thursday 4th MAY, 9.30am in the school hall
What: Mrs Bhogal talking about supporting pupils with maths. Refreshments available.

Horrible Histories Day

When: Friday 26th May
What: Children can come to school dressed as a Historical character if they wish. Will be a History themed day of learning for children.

There are also sporting fixtures arranged across the term. If your child is selected, you will be sent a letter with details of the event. Often these letters will contain a Microsoft form to be completed. This will act as the consent form for playing and also support us in arranging transport to the fixture or event.





Alive 2023

All pupils in Key Stage 2 will be attending Alive 2023. This will take place at National Agricultural and Exhibition Centre (NAEC), Stoneleigh.

The children will enjoy singing, dancing, music and a mass picnic as over 12,000 pupils from across Warwickshire gather together with a view of inspiring hope, love and unity. In a fun and imaginative way, the event will remind children of their potential to be world changers.

This will take place on Thursday 15th June.

The event will be free of charge. More details to follow closer to the time.

Student Corner

Oak had a brilliant trip to The Coventry Transport Museum and Herbert Art Gallery. They brought to life their learning about World War Two and even got to see Dippy The Dinosaur who is on tour at The Herbert from The Natural History Museum.



Student Corner



A wonderful Easter church service held at St Peter's church.



Queen's Canopy



We were delighted to be part of The Queen's Green Canopy programme. Children planted an Oak tree at The Ragley Estate.



'Caring for Coughton'

litter picking in Coughton



Well done to Willow class who have been looking after our local environment.

Sports round up

Cross Country

Well done to Ben in Willow class for reaching the Cross Country County finals.

Rowing



Well done to the rowing team who did brilliantly last week in a competition. Well done!

Handball

Our handball team finished 2nd in a local tournament held last week. This was a great result as none of them had ever played handball before.

Netball

The netball team put in an excellent performance last week as they reached the semi final of the Warwickshire tournament held at Warwick preparatory school.



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>

Warwickshire Libraries

Warwickshire libraries are running programmes across the Easter holidays.



<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4049/visit-warwickshire-libraries-this-easter-for-plenty-of-activities-for-children-and-grown-ups-to-enjoy->



Warm Hubs in Warwickshire

[Warwickshire Libraries](#) are open throughout the week, with events taking place. They also provide Warm Bags (containing a blanket, hat, scarf, hot water bottle and gloves) and Toiletry Bags (3 options available; sanitary products, hygiene products for children and hygiene products for adults), while stocks last.

[Market Hall Museum, Warwick](#), is hosting events, activities, and additional opening hours.

[Warwickshire County Records Office](#) is open every Wednesday between 16.30 – 18.30 until the end of March.

Enjoy hot drinks, warm snacks, access to WiFi and computers. You can also access online family history resources and expert advice on using them.

[Warwick Arts Centre](#) is open 09.00 – 21.00 everyday and has access to toilets, Changing Space and free sanitary products and nappies. Free activities are also available.

[Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service](#) wholetime fire stations Warm Hubs are located at Atherstone (Mondays 14.00 – 16.00), Coleshill (Fridays 10.00 – 12.00), Leamington (Thursdays 10.00 – 12.00), Nuneaton (Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.00) and Rugby (Wednesdays 10.00 – 12.00).



Period: 2022 to 2023
Courses for Parents and
those Caring for Children



Courses available online – via Zoom

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children – 1 session – Thursday 16th March 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People – 1 session – Thursday 30th March 2023, 10am to 12pm

Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety – 1 session – Monday 8th May 2023, 10am to 12pm

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children – 1 session – Saturday 13th May 2023, 9am to 11pm
(Saturday course)

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People – 1 session – Saturday 13th May 2023, 12pm to 2pm
(Saturday course)

Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People – 1 session – Saturday 13th May 2023, 2:30pm to 4:30pm
(Saturday course)

Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years with Anxiety – 1 session – Thursday 18th May 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Understanding Emotional Regulation in School Aged Children – 1 session – Wednesday 24th May 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

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/>

Local things to do over Easter

<https://www.adventuresinwarwickshire.co.uk/things-to-do-for-easter>

Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance – 1 session – Friday 9th June 2023, 10am to 12pm

Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People – 1 session – Monday 12th June 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm – 1 session – Thursday 22nd June 2023, 10am to 12pm

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children – 1 session – Friday 30th June 2023, 10am to 12pm

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People – 1 session – Monday 3rd July 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Our Academy is not a School, College or Academy in the traditional sense of the word, you don't need to be academically minded to attend and there are no tests, exams or assessments. The Academy delivers a learning approach to personal recovery and wellbeing that is offered by a partnership of organisations across Coventry and Warwickshire. We offer a wide range of FREE courses and workshops designed to empower you to become an expert in your own recovery and wellbeing.

For course descriptions and to enrol, please see website below:



Online registration:

Visit: <https://www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/>

Email: Recovery.Academy@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Call: 0300 303 2626

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A reminder for parents about free school meals

Increased food and energy costs mean more parents are finding the cost of the weekly shop a challenge.

As we approach school holidays, it might be a good time for parents and guardians to check eligibility for free school meals. As one of the biggest school meal providers in Warwickshire, Educaterers wants to ensure that all school children are fed and happy when in school.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

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.



Thinking of a career in teaching?

You could train at
The Arden Forest Teaching School!

Welford on Avon Primary School is committed to supporting the training of new teachers coming into the profession.

Welford on Avon Primary School lead the Arden Forest School Direct programme in partnership with local primary schools and the University of Worcester. We provide placements and training opportunities within our community of schools for those training to teach through the School Direct teacher programme.

School Direct is a school-based teacher training programme that offers a great opportunity to train, qualify and gain employment as a teacher.

If you want to find out more about life as a teacher before you apply, please contact us to arrange a 'taster day' or some voluntary experience in school.

We are recruiting now to find out about the recruitment process please call to speak to us or visit our Arden Forest Teacher Training link on our school website:

www.welfordonavonschool.co.uk

"As a partnership of schools, we are fully committed to offering the best possible support and training to grow the next generation of teachers. We have a wealth of experience and expertise in supporting those new to the profession and feel that our School Direct programme will give teachers the best possible start in their career."

**Julie Leeman - Headteacher
(Welford on Avon Primary School)**



www.ardenforestschooldirect.co.uk

Girls tennis



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There is a brand New Girls INTRO to tennis at Henley in Arden Tennis club for 4 -10yrs (who are new to tennis). The 6 week programme aims to make tennis fun and relaxed so girls can develop their skills in a supportive environment.

Details

6 week programme Starts Friday 28th April 5.15pm – 6.15pm.
Includes a Tennis bundle set (a racket, ball set & branded t-shirt)
Only available for Girls who haven't done tennis with us before
Book now at <https://bit.ly/3KkM6pL> or if you cant attend the Girls session but want to try out tennis come along to our Free Open Day on Sun 16th April at <https://bit.ly/426xnp4>. Please contact Neil on 07912 664426, neil@coolsportz.co.uk for further info

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EASTER HOLIDAY
Clubs

AGES 5-12

MULTI ACTIVITY ①
Mon 3rd to Thur 6th APRIL

FOOTBALL ②
Tue 11th to Fri 14th APRIL

TIMES 8.30am - 3.30pm

£20 Per Day or 4 DAYS for only £72

① St Benedict's High School

Kinwarton Road
Alcester
B49 6PX

② Alcester Town FC

Stratford Road
Alcester
B49 6LN

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To book for OnSide coaching after school clubs in the Summer term.

<https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/select-team>

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.

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

Community News

THE REPAIR CAFÉ



Every fourth Thursday of the month



2pm until 5:30pm at The Depot



Eric Payne Community Centre, St Faiths Road, Alcester, B49 6AG



Come along and bring your broken items



[Courses for families to support children:](#)

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



WELL CONNECTED



Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month



10am to 12 midday at Alcester Unionist Club



46 High St, London House, Alcester, B49 5AB



Come and learn how to stay connected safely on your computer

Email Wendy: info@alcester-rc.gov.uk
Telephone: 01789 766084
Mobile: 07434 664435
Facebook: [Facebook.com/RepairCafeAlcester](https://www.facebook.com/RepairCafeAlcester),
[Facebook.com/WellConnectedAlcester](https://www.facebook.com/WellConnectedAlcester)

Information and advice for neurodivergent people and their families.

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

@Warwickshire Libraries



Free warm bags and toiletry bags

Warm bags contain:

- Blanket
- Hat
- Scarf
- Hot water bottle
- Gloves

Three different toiletry bags are available:

- *Bag 1* - Sanitary towels
- *Bag 2* - Toiletry products for children - toothpaste (3 - 8 years), toothbrush (6+ years), shampoo and bubble bath
- *Bag 3* - Toiletry products for adults - toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shower gel and soap

Bags are available, for free, while stocks last. Customers collecting a bag do not need to speak to a member of staff.

Find your nearest Warm Welcome location:
www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/warm-welcome-locations

Or scan the QR code



PTA

Golf Day

The PTA are hosting a golf day. This will take place on 25th May at Hollywood Golf Club. For further information please contact the PTA via coughtonpta@outlook.com.



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



THE COUGHTON QUIZ NIGHT

Hosted by Quiz Master Kolb!



Friday 21st April
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