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C of E Primary School

Issue 7

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



Congratulations to Mrs Jovanovic who was a finalist in the category of Primary School Teacher of The Year 2022 at the National Teaching awards. Despite not winning the gold, we are really proud of her and the positive impact that she has on our whole school community.

Christmas!

We have stepped up our Christmas play rehearsals, with the songs filling the corridors and the glitter decorating the carpets! The children have enjoyed a pantomime this morning and we look forward to welcoming families to our Christmas fair today after school.

Look at the calendar for details of events on the run up to Christmas as there is lots going on.

On Tuesday 13th December, Key Stage 2 pupils should come to school wearing school uniform for the trip to church. Those doing sports that day should bring PE clothes to change into.

Head of School
Mr Alex Kolb

Friday 25 th November	Pyjama/onesie day- children can wear appropriate pyjamas/onesie for the day- To bring in a bottle for the Christmas fete.
Friday 2 nd December	Pantomime at school, Christmas Fair at school.
Wednesday 7 th December	KS1 and Maple Nativity show to families at school 1.45pm- SOLD OUT
Thursday 8 th December	KS1 and Maple Nativity show to families at school 10am- SOLD OUT
Monday 12 th December	Wellbeing Day- Non-uniform
Tuesday 13 th December	KS2 Christmas service 9.30am St Peter's church, families welcome
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas party day. Christmas lunch and in school disco- party clothes and Christmas jumpers can be worn
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas room
19 th December to 3rd January 2023	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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Important updates for Parents and Carers

Weather

It is noticeably colder this week! Children should bring a named coat into school. Named hats and gloves may also be required as we head further into winter.



Children need to have a named water bottle in school everyday.

This can be sent in pre-filled with water from home or the children can fill it when they arrive at school.

We ask that children do not bring in squash to refill their bottles or fizzy drinks.

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



Wraparound

There are still limited spaces available for wraparound in December. Please return your Spring term 1 booking forms ASAP on:

wraparound3021@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 cough and cold viruses in the school community. Please continue to encourage and promote good hygiene practices.

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NEW DATES!

I am sorry to mess up the list of key dates sent at the start of term but we have new dates to add..

Read and Feed

When: Tuesday 28th February, 9.30am in the school hall
What: Miss Woodhouse and Mrs Jovanovic talking with parents/families about supporting children with reading. Refreshments available.

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.

**NOTE- MATHS and MUNCH is 4th May
not 4th April as mentioned in the last
newsletter**

Christmas Dates



Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 2nd December 2022**, straight after school in the hall.

Christmas Room

The Christmas room is a chance for all of the children to be able to purchase **3 items** for their loved ones at Christmas. They will then wrap these presents with the help of our amazing Year 6 pupils, ready to give as a surprise to 3 people at Christmas. This will be done during the school day and will be on the new date of **Thursday 15th December**. Please could we ask each child to bring at least **one carrier bag** on this day to take their presents home in. The cost of the Christmas Room will be combined with the Christmas Parties for this year and will be suggested donations of **£5 per child**.

Please could you send payment via BACS transfer with your child's Surname to:

Coughton CE Primary PTA

Account no: 01012070

Sort code: 30-98-26

Party Day

Wednesday 14th December

Non uniform (Children can wear Christmas jumpers if they wish), will enjoy party games, Christmas events and a Christmas dinner.

Act on Energy have been helping people with free energy advice for more than 20 years.

Whether it's helping to navigate energy efficiency advice or helping those in fuel poverty, we're here to support you.

If you're worried about your energy bill don't worry alone. Contact us to see how we can help. We have extensive knowledge of funding streams and grants which may be able to help.

Call on 0800 988 2881 or visit the website www.actonenergy.org.uk.

Energy saving tips: Checklist to save £100s

Even after the Government intervened in the energy market and introduced the energy price guarantee, many will still struggle to pay their bills, and cutting energy use is a key way to save.

Money Saving Expert has rounded up a full list of tips on how to cut your energy usage, including simple changes to your boiler and appliance settings you can make to save large, mixed in with some thrifty crowd-sourced tips.

Energy saving tips [here](#)

[Applications are open for Reception 2023.](#)

[To apply for a reception place see the link:](#)

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace.](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryplace)



The MoneySkills app

The MoneySkills app was created by researchers from the Centre for Business in Society (CBiS) at Coventry University.

The Money Skills app supports you to manage your money by providing practical tips and step by step guides. Small manageable changes can have a huge impact on finances. Set goals, budget, learn and save.

Money skills [app](#)

Information for families

We have seen a significant rise in the number of online safety concerns raised in school. Inappropriate use of social media in upper KS2 and children viewing inappropriate content across other year groups.

Please continue to be vigilant with your children's online viewing/playing content.

Help for Households

The Government has started a Help for Households campaign which offers support and advice on cost of living payments, household costs, childcare costs, income support, help finding work and energy saving advice.

The campaign also provides information on businesses who are offering discounts to help with the cost of living.

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>



Winter Wellness

The seasons are turning and we're heading into the winter months. With festivities ahead, this can be an exciting time, but it can also be a difficult for many.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/winterwellness>

Free courses for parents/carers to support children being safe online

[here](#)



UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. 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.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless 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. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

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

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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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).

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Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 29,703 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2017/18. This is an increase of 6,256 on the previous year.



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)**



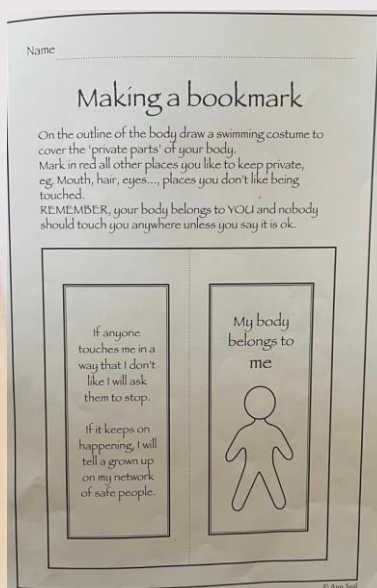
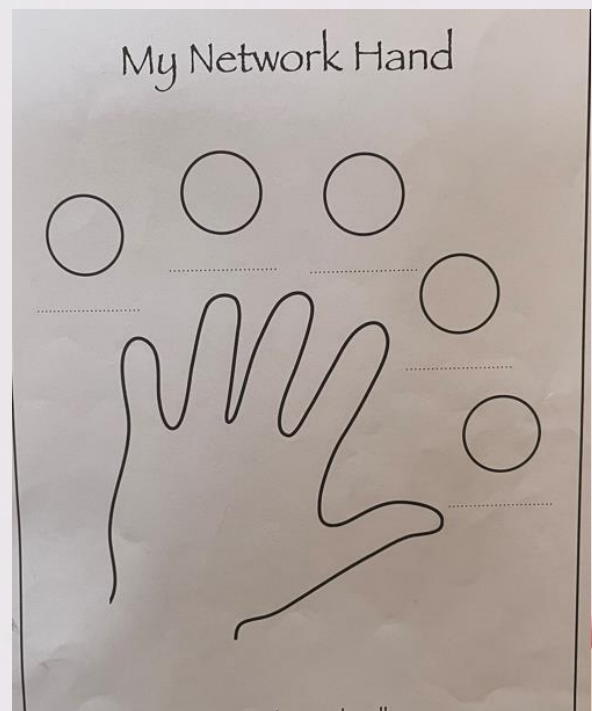
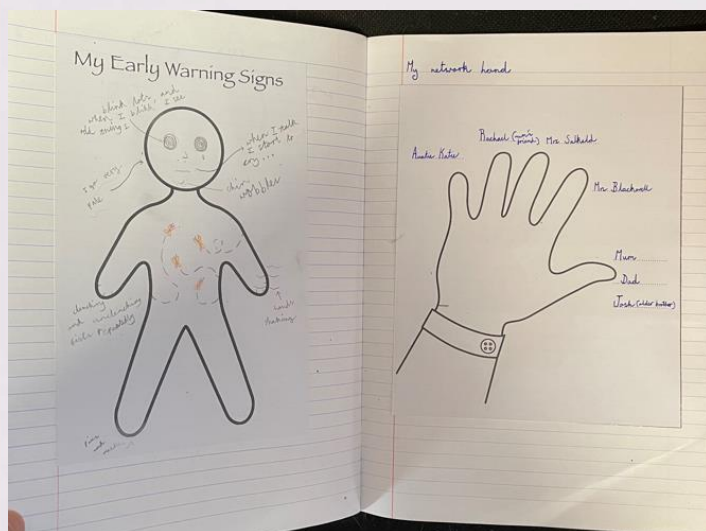
www.ardenforestschooldirect.co.uk

Student Corner

Christmas cards- The postbox is back outside my office for children to post Christmas cards to other pupils. Please write surname initials and class on the envelope so that our elves can identify the correct person.

Protective behaviours

The children have been engaging in learning from the protective behaviours programme. This is encouraging children to identify trusted adults on their network hand, to recognise their early warning signs and to share their feelings about situations.



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Thank you for your kind donations and support.

We raised **£181.47** for The Royal British Legion.



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 run by the local authority to support families around a range of concepts.

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

Information and advice for neurodivergent people and their families.

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

WELL CONNECTED



Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month



10am to 12 midday at Alcester Unionist Club



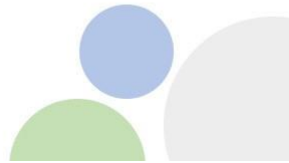
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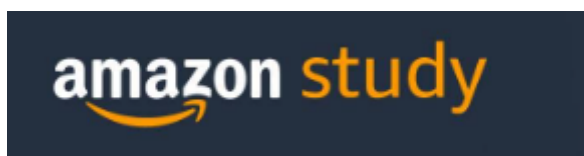
Emotion coaching to support when a child is upset.

[Here](#)

12 powerful phrases that make talking to children easier link [here](#)

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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Amazon-Study/b?ie=UTF8&node=26595897031>



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Christmas Holiday Club

4 days of
Christmas Fun



COURSE DATES

Mon 19th December to
Thurs 22nd December

COURSE TIMES

Drop off 8.30am
Pick up 3.30 - 4pm

4 DAYS
for only **£72**

Come along and join us at St Benedicts High School for 4 days of Christmas fun and games. All the usual activities and plenty of Festive fun to keep your children entertained.

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