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# COUGHTON

C of E Primary School

Issue 11

## Coughton CE Primary School

## Key dates



Tuesday  
28<sup>th</sup>  
February

Read and feed 9.30am in school hall- parents invited in to school to listen to a talk for supporting development of reading

Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup>  
March

World Book Day 2023 You are a reader Children can come to school dressed as a character from a book or wear non uniform and bring a book from home.

Wednesday  
22<sup>nd</sup>  
March

Parents Evening 5pm-7pm (online via Wherby platform)

Thursday  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
March

Parents Evening 4pm-6pm (online via Wherby platform)

Friday  
24<sup>th</sup>  
March

Parents race night at school 7pm run by PTA

Monday  
27<sup>th</sup>  
March

Wellbeing day- pupils to wear non uniform

Monday  
27<sup>th</sup>  
March

Autism awareness week

Friday  
31<sup>st</sup>  
March

Easter bake off and cake sale at end of school day

3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>  
April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Dear families,

We have reached the end of a long and busy half term. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and it has been a pleasure to see all of the brilliant work that has been created.

We have a shorter half term ahead with lots of events and activities planned in.

We start with **Read and Feed** on Tuesday morning where parents and carers are invited to join us from 9.30am in the hall to look at supporting children with reading.

World Book Day is on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. A letter has been sent and further information about the day is shared within this newsletter.

On the list of important dates I had originally recorded this date as Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March as it has been Fridays in the past but I can confirm that World Book Day will be **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**.

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**Mr Alex Kolb**

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Coughton CE Primary School

# Easter 2023- new date



This Easter we will be having two Easter services at church. These services will be conducted on the same morning.

## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Maple, Birch, Ash 9.30am-10.20am**

**Acer, Willow, Cedar, Oak 10.45am-11.45am**

**This will take place at St Peter's church. Families welcome.**

***No photography/filming permitted.***



**With Rev. Katie  
Cross**

# ART COMPETITION



Please could children draw, sketch or paint the frontage of Coughton Court on an A4 piece of paper. These will then be submitted to the National Trust for judging and the winners will be displayed in the Court as part of their grand re-opening to the public. Please submit all entries to the school office by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March ensuring that names are on the reverse of the paper. Good luck and thank you



# 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.

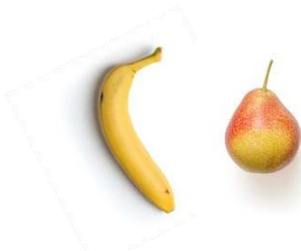
## **Snacks – Year 3-6**

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

Booking forms have been sent out Spring Term 2. Please return ASAP to avoid places filling up.

[admin3021@welearn365.com](mailto: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 cough and cold viruses in the school community.

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

# **Important updates for Parents and Carers**

## **DATE reminder**

### **INSET Day**

When: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. School Closed to pupils

### **Read and Feed**

When: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> MAY, 9.30am in the school hall  
What: Mrs Bhogal talking about supporting pupils with maths. Refreshments available.

### **Horrible Histories Day**

When: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

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

# Student Corner



Cedar enjoyed a local visit to Alcester, visiting the Roman museum and listening to Claudius.





# Sports round up

## **Cross Country**

Well done to the cross county regional finalists who competed in the second round at The Croft. Congratulations to Ben G who has progressed to the next round where he will represent South Warwickshire.

## **Sportshall athletics**

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 pupils who represented Coughton at the Sportshall Athletics tournament. In the overall standings we came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Some amazing individual performances.



## **Tag Rugby**

A great effort at the tag rugby competition. The children worked really well together and performed brilliantly.



A colorful illustration for a Junior Bake Off poster. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting hangs across the frame. Below it, the title 'JUNIOR BAKE OFF' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. To the right of the title is a simple yellow sun with rays. Underneath the title, the text '...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S BEST YOUNG BAKERS AGED 9 - 12' is written in smaller, teal capital letters. The background features a stylized landscape with green trees, a white tent-like structure in the center, and a white bird flying in the sky. The ground is a light green field with some yellow flowers. At the bottom, the website 'WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK' is written in blue capital letters, followed by 'APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023' in red capital letters. At the very bottom, the text 'Enquiries: applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk' is written in a smaller, teal font.

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

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BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

**WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:  
applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

A colorful illustration for a poster about children's holiday lunches. The background is a light pink color. At the top, there's a green outline of a shopping bag. Below it, the title 'Children's Holiday Lunches' is written in white text on an orange rounded rectangle. To the right of the title is a small illustration of a carrot. Below the title, the text 'At The Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre, St. Faiths Road, Alcester, B49 6AG' is written in red. Underneath that, 'Wednesday February 22nd 12:30- 1:30pm' is written in green. Below the date, 'Family activities available' is written in blue. Underneath that, 'Complementary fruit and vegetable boxes and snacks' is written in red. Below the text, 'Hot lunch and drinks for parents too!!' is written in green. To the right of the text is a bowl of food shaped like a cat's face, with a blue bowl, yellow food, black whiskers, and red strawberries. At the bottom, there's a cartoon illustration of a boy with brown hair, wearing a blue shirt, holding a fork and knife, standing next to a pile of vegetables including a pumpkin, a red apple, and a green leafy vegetable. A red squiggly line is drawn at the bottom right.

**Children's Holiday Lunches**

At The Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre, St. Faiths Road, Alcester, B49 6AG

Wednesday February 22nd 12:30- 1:30pm

Family activities available

Complementary fruit and vegetable boxes and snacks

Hot lunch and drinks for parents too!!

If you have any old pots, pans or kitchenware you no longer need, Forest School would be very grateful, in preparation for our new mud kitchen.



A plea for good quality toys...

If you are having a sort out after Christmas, our Wraparound club would be grateful for donations of any of the following items in clean, undamaged condition:

- Duplo
- toy cars/ car mat
- dolls / Barbies
- Snakes and Ladders / draughts
- Dobble
- small world animals
- HappyLand

Many thanks, Emma Hemming (Wraparound Care Manager)



## **WORLD BOOK DAY 2023 – FOR ALL CLASSES**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and the theme this year is 'You are a reader'. To celebrate this day, class teachers will be planning a variety of exciting literacy linked activities to highlight the importance of reading. While dressing up is a fun part of World Book Day, that's not why we celebrate it. The main aim of the day is to encourage children to explore different genres and develop a passion for reading.

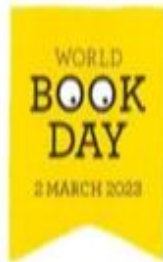
For the day, we are asking all children (teachers too!) to dress up as a character from a book of their choice. Please note that dressing up is entirely optional but we would like to encourage everyone to enter into the spirit of this event. Please note that if children do not wish to dress up then school uniform should be worn as normal. There are no limits; be as adventurous as you wish! In return, please could we ask you to take a look at our Amazon Wish List by clicking on the following link [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3FRAI7FYRVM9N?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3FRAI7FYRVM9N?ref=wl_share)

**PE will not take place on this day.**

There are many benefits to reading, such as increasing and expanding your vocabulary, heightening your empathy and improving your concentration. World Book Day provides an opportunity for children who may not have their own books at home to be able to own their very first book. It stresses the importance of reading and reminds us that we should all have the privilege of being able to read. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum at Coughton but purchasing books can be costly for a small school like ours. Last time we ran the 'Wish List' initiative, it was extremely successful. Not only did many of you support children to read across a range of genres, you supported our journey of promoting children's confidence with reading. We were extremely grateful for all the donations we received but please note, this is entirely optional.

# World Book Day

At Coughton we love reading! Your child should have come home with a World Book Day token. Details of how you can use the token can be found below or on the token itself.



## £1 Book Token

Secondary Schools (UK)

World Book Day\* changes lives through a love of books and reading. Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the chance to choose and have a book of their own. We hope you will join us in celebrating the joy of reading. Visit [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com) for reading tips, videos, activities and brilliant recommendations from your favourite authors. Your **£1 book token** is available below.

**The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers,** who fully fund the cost of the £1 book token redemptions. Check with your local bookseller what plans they have in place for World Book Day. Please note:

- Only **ONE TOKEN** can be used per transaction.
- Token is for young person's individual use.
- Offer valid **16 February 2023 – 26 March 2023** inclusive.
- The book token barcode can either be scanned from your phone/tablet screen or printed out and shown in-store. Please check with your local bookseller before visiting if they can accept the barcode on mobile devices.
- The digital £1 book token cannot be redeemed online.

Visit our FAQ page to answer all your questions:  
[worldbookday.com/about-us/frequently-asked-questions](http://worldbookday.com/about-us/frequently-asked-questions)  
To contact the World Book Day team, email [wbd@education.co.uk](mailto:wbd@education.co.uk)

**HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON  
20 YEARS**

**WIN A FIERY FAMILY ADVENTURE!**

Celebrate 20 years of Cressida Cowell's magical series with a chance to win a trip to Heide Park in Germany, the theme park that is home to an entire *How to Train Your Dragon* land. PLUS lots of extra goodies to be won.

To enter and for full terms and conditions visit [worldbookday.com/HowToTrainYourDragon](http://worldbookday.com/HowToTrainYourDragon)



**Changing lives through a love of books and reading**

World Book Day\* is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens

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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](http://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](#)



## **Connect for Health February Newsletter**

In this month's edition of the Connect for Health newsletter, there is information on LGBT+ History Month, Random Acts of Kindness Day along with useful contacts, apps and websites for families.

<https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/February-2023-Newsletter.pdf>



## **Cost of Living**

Warwickshire services are working together to help people find the information they need to manage increased household costs.

This is a difficult time for many people and finding direct support can be hard. National and local links to services are listed on the website as well as information on related topics.

<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/>



### **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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People – 1 session – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Recovery.Academy@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

Call: 0300 303 2626



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## **Car Parking**

As a continued reminder to park sensibly when collecting children and not to block any driveways. Thank you with your continued support with this.

## **Drop off**

If you would to assist with helping to open car doors on drop off in the morning, please email the PTA on [coughtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:coughtonpta@outlook.com)

# 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](http://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](http://www.ardenforestschooldirect.co.uk)

# 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)

<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](mailto: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](http://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/warm-welcome-locations)

Or scan the QR code



# PTA

## **Race Night**

The PTA are hosting a race night in the school hall. This will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. £5 per ticket and £3.50 for food.

Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

## **Loose change challenge**

A total of £342 was raised. Thank you to all of those who donated.

The winning class was...

**Maple**

Well done!

## **Golf Day**

The PTA are hosting a golf day. This will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Hollywood Golf Club. For further information please contact Sam Green via [coughtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:coughtonpta@outlook.com).

