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C of E Primary School

Issue 10

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



Dear families,

It has been another wonderful week. Lots of amazing learning has been taking place across the whole school community.

It has been great to see the progress that the children have made with their learning.

Thank you for all of your support at home with reading and completing tasks.

Our virtue this term is perseverance and we have enjoyed sharing bible stories and modern day examples of perseverance in our collective worships.

Also congratulations to Mrs Buxton-Woodcock on the safe arrival of baby Chester Phoenix Woodcock, who arrived on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

Head of School
Mr Alex Kolb

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Monday 13 th February	Wellbeing day-Children can wear comfortable clothes to school
Tuesday 14 th February	Safer Internet Day- normal uniform, children will engage in workshops to promote being safe online
Friday 17 th February	INSET DAY- Children not in school
Tuesday 28 th February	Read and feed 9.30am in school hall- parents invited in to school to listen to a talk for supporting development of reading
Friday 3 rd 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 nd March	Parents Evening 5pm-7pm (online via Wherby platform)
Thursday 23 rd March	Parents Evening 4pm-6pm (online via Wherby platform)
Friday 24 th March	Parents race night at school 7pm run by PTA
Monday 27 th March	Wellbeing day- pupils to wear non uniform
Monday 27 th March	Autism awareness week
Friday 31 st March	Easter bake off and cake sale at end of school day
3 rd -14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS



Coughton CE Primary School

Important updates for Parents and Carers



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.

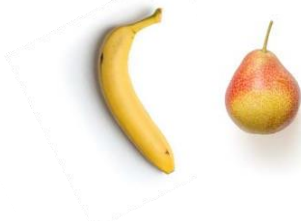
Snacks – Year 3-6

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



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

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

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DATE reminder

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

INSET Day

When: Friday 17th February. School Closed to pupils

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.

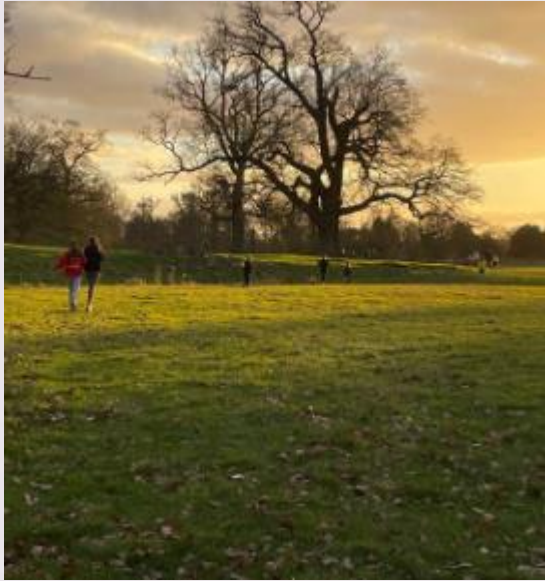
Horrible Histories Day

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.

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.



Student Corner



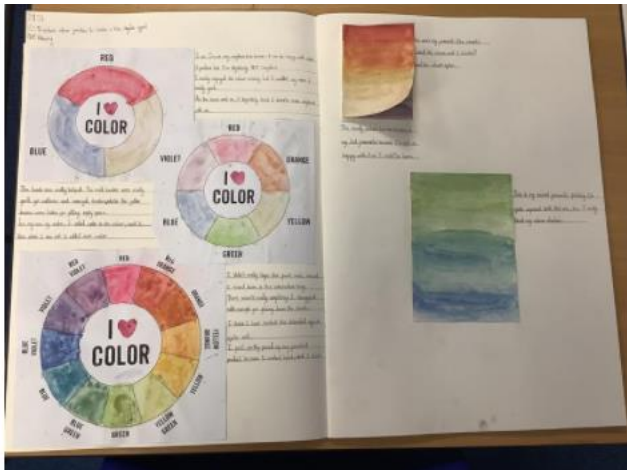
Well done to those pupils who competed in the cross country competition this week. Good luck to those who qualified for the regional finals at The Croft in two weeks time.



Well done to the team representing Coughton at the archery event. You showed great skill and performed really well!

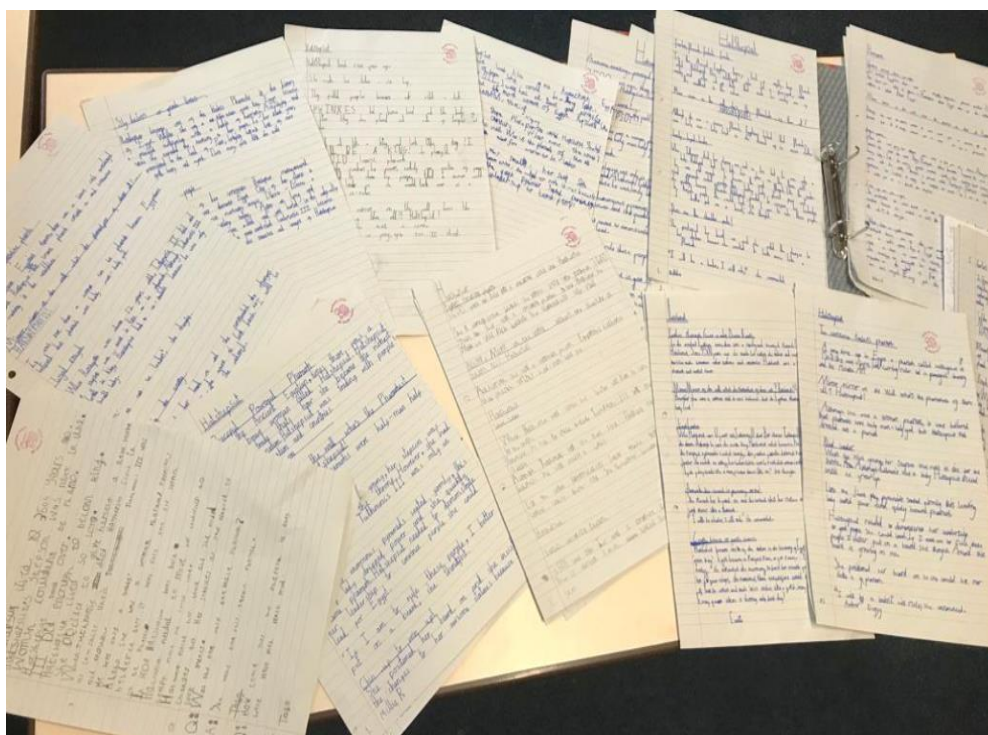


Year 6 have really enjoyed their art lessons exploring colour mixing.





The children have enjoyed worships from the 'Open The Book' church team.



Year 3 have enjoyed creating amazing biographies about an Egyptian pharaoh.



Super History work from Ash class. Well done! You have enjoyed learning about Mary Seacole.



What a brilliant number day! We enjoyed celebrating mathematics.

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.

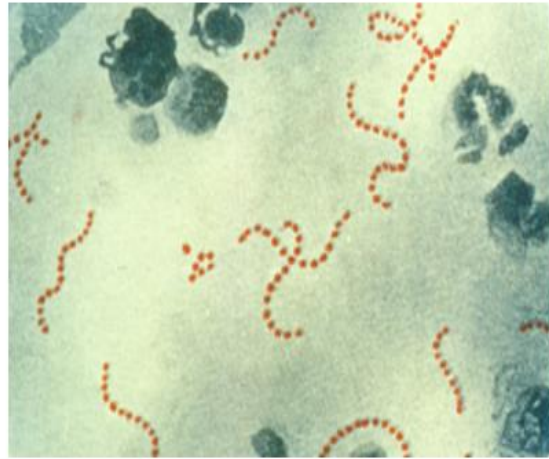
Call on 0800 988 2881 or visit the website www.actonenergy.org.uk.

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](#)



Compass Newsletter

In the January edition of the Compass newsletter, there is a focus on Strep A and Scarlet Fever and some healthy eating facts.

<https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/January-newsletter-V2.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 Emotional Regulation in School Aged Children – 1 session – Saturday 4th February 2023, 2:30pm to 4:30pm (Saturday course)

Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People – 1 session – Thursday 9th February 2023, 10am to 12pm

Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm – 1 session – Monday 13th February 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

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

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.

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 School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.

Car Parking

We have received several calls from residents about parents parking in front of their drives and preventing access. We have also had reports of people driving too quickly up Coughton Lane and Coughton Fields Lane at pick up and drop off times. I appreciate that parking is limited around our school site, however, I continue to request that people are safe around our children on the roads and respect the access to drives of residents.

Many thanks with your support with this.

Uniform

The overwhelming majority of our students continue to be smartly presented at all times, however we have started to see some pupils in trainers instead of school shoes and some girls are wearing large platform heels. Neither of these fall within our uniform policy.

There are medical reasons for some pupils to wear adaptive clothing and this has been established through the SENDCO. We acknowledge the current cost of living crisis and if this is preventing a further purchase then please talk to us as you may be eligible for further financial support through national grants.

Parent Governor Election

Please remember to return your voting slips by 9am on Monday 6th February.

Numbers Day

If you haven't already done so please donate using the following link. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/coughton-cofe-primary-school-1675329499268>



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

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)

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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

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[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





Next week is children's mental health week.

One Goal have created a mental health challenge. See the link if you want to get involved.

<https://www.onegoal.co.uk/10dayMHCC?fbclid=IwAR3jsXtN6vbBzfmvO-8Z6tJV3xFv8KuJomr7bTqdFVKox4wwr7av1Y2Xw>

The BBC have also produced some resources to support this theme.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/moodboosters>

There are also some podcasts available from the brilliant 'My Happy Mind' programme that the children have responded really well to since we launched in 2022.

<https://myhappymind.org/all-podcasts/>



Parents and carers invited to online secondary school offer webinar

If you are the parent or carer of a child in Year 6 and submitted your application for your child to start secondary school in September 2023, then you'll receive your secondary school offer on National Offer Day, which is 1 March.

To help you know what to expect, and to learn more about how to respond to the offer you've been made, you are invited to join our school admissions team at an online webinar on Tuesday 28 February at 7pm.

At the event, called "Getting your Secondary School Offer: Guidance for Parents and Carers", the admissions team will share advice and guidance on the decision you will need to make to accept or decline your school offer and explain what happens next. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions during the event.

If you'd like to join the webinar, please book your place online at:

[here](#)

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Coughton PTA are
pleased to present...



"THE LOOSE CHANGE CHALLENGE"



**Each class will have pot to fill with loose change...
the class with the most (total value) at the end of
the 2 weeks will win a prize!**

**The challenge will start Friday 20th January
and will run until Friday 10th February**

NOT LONG TO GO!!!!

**Send any spare loose change you have at home (every
little counts!) in with your child (during the dates
above) and they will be able to add it to their class jar.**

Thank you as always for your support for the PTA. All money raised will go
back to the children and school to provide new equipment, fantastic
experiences and more!