



Be our best selves

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C of E Primary School

Issue 9

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



Happy New Year.

It has brilliant seeing the children back in school and working so hard.

There is a positive buzz around the school as children enjoy their new learning opportunities. We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

There is lots going on this term so keep the key dates page close to hand as we endeavour to provide lots of opportunities for our students and families.

Head of School
Mr Alex Kolb

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Friday 20 th January	Loose change challenge begins
Tuesday 24 th January	Maple and Oak height and weight check in school
Friday 3 rd February	NSPCC numbers day- own clothes and suggested £1 donation to NSPCC. Maths activities completed for the day.
Monday 13 th February	Wellbeing day- pupils to wear non uniform
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



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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



Wraparound

- There are still spaces available for wraparound in the spring term:

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. See below 'Is my child too ill for school?' from the NHS.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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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 and an INSET day that was omitted, in error, from the original published list.

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 an historical character if they wish. This will be a History themed day of learning for the 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.

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.

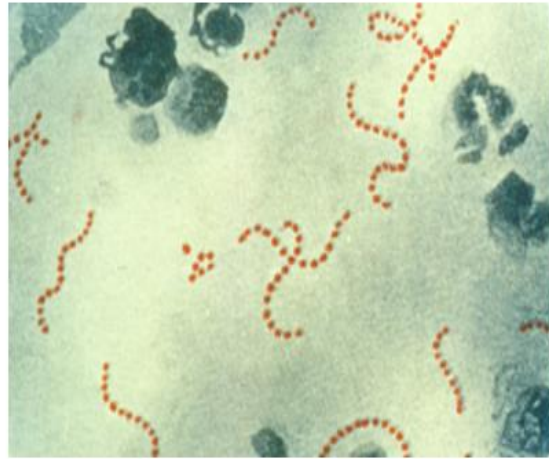
Call on 0800 988 2881 or visit the website www.actonenergy.org.uk.

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/>

Courses available online – via Zoom

Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety – 1 session – Thursday 12 th January 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years with Anxiety – 1 session – Friday 20 th January 2023, 10am to 12pm
Understanding Emotional Regulation in School Aged Children – 1 session – Monday 23 rd January 2023, 10am to 12pm
Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance – 1 session – Monday 30 th January 2023, 10am to 12pm
Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance – 1 session – Saturday 4 th February 2023, 9am to 11am (Saturday course)
Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years with Anxiety – 1 session – Saturday 4 th February 2023, 12pm to 2pm (Saturday course)
Understanding Emotional Regulation in School Aged Children – 1 session – Saturday 4 th February 2023, 2:30pm to 4:30pm (Saturday course)
Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People – 1 session – Thursday 9 th February 2023, 10am to 12pm
Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm – 1 session – Monday 13 th February 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children – 1 session – Thursday 16 th March 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People – 1 session – Thursday 30 th March 2023, 10am to 12pm
Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety – 1 session – Monday 8 th May 2023, 10am to 12pm
Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children – 1 session – Saturday 13 th May 2023, 9am to 11pm (Saturday course)
Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People – 1 session – Saturday 13 th May 2023, 12pm to 2pm (Saturday course)
Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People – 1 session – Saturday 13 th May 2023, 2:30pm to 4:30pm (Saturday course)
Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years with Anxiety – 1 session – Thursday 18 th May 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm
Understanding Emotional Regulation in School Aged Children – 1 session – Wednesday 24 th May 2023, 12:30pm to 2:30pm

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

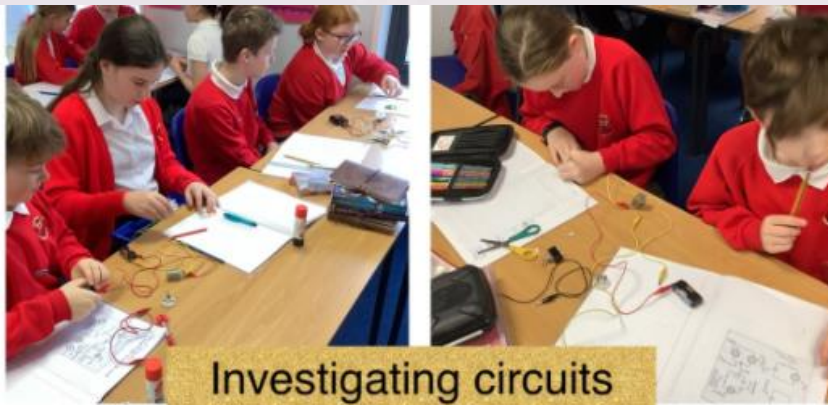
"As a partnership of schools, we are fully committed to offering the best possible support and training to grow the next generation of teachers. We have a wealth of experience and expertise in supporting those new to the profession and feel that our School Direct programme will give teachers the best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

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

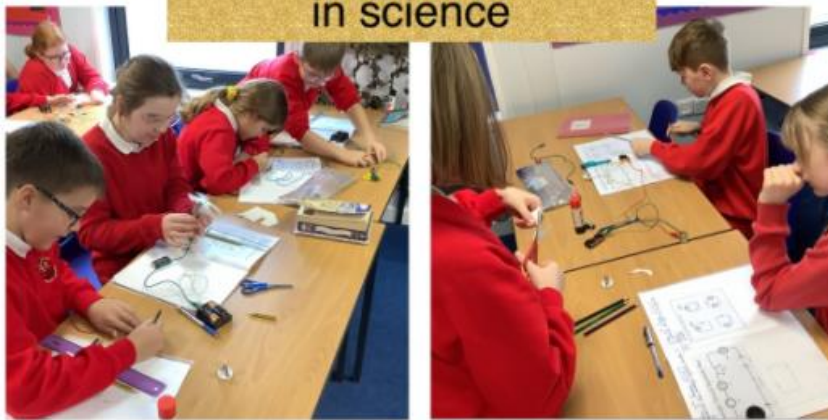


www.ardenforestschooldirect.co.uk

Student Corner



Investigating circuits
in science



The children have enjoyed reflecting on this half term's virtue.

Perseverance



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

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Telephone: 01789 766084
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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>

SLEEP
WELLBEING DAY 12.12.2022

See the link from Mrs Buxton about supporting sleep.

<https://fb.watch/i49HVAs9FP/>

A reminder to be considerate when parking around the school site. Some of the neighbours have reported that they have had their driveways blocked.



PTA

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Support Coughton School Parent Teacher Association

Shop at **smile.amazon.co.uk** and we'll donate to your favourite charitable organisation, at **no cost to you**.

Shop on Amazon? If you shop through this link you can help to raise money for the PTA at no extra cost.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1028670-0>

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**

**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!