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C of E Primary School

Issue 3

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



I have seen lots of fantastic work produced from a range of curriculum areas this week.

Anti Bullying

This week we have been talking about bullying as part of the national anti-bullying week [programme](#).



Christmas events

We now start the run up to Christmas with lots of events taking place. See the diary dates for updates and what to bring/wear.

Well done to Avon this week!



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
Thursday 8 th December	KS1 and Maple Nativity show to families at school 10am
Monday 12 th December	Wellbeing Day
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

The weather has been very mild for this time of year but it is starting to get colder so children will need to bring their (named) coats into school.



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.

Sickness

Whilst it is important that children should be in school please consider carefully before sending your child into school if they are displaying any signs of being unwell. We have a large number of bugs circulating and children are returning to school before they are fully recovered. We actively encourage children to gel their hands, use tissues and put their hands in front of their mouths when coughing. Unfortunately, as you might expect, this is beginning to impact on staff health. To protect all pupils and staff, especially those who are vulnerable in our community, please do not send children into school if they are still unwell. If staff feel children are struggling in school we will be sending them home.

Thank you for your consideration

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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..

Maple class phonics information

When: Thursday 24th November 5.30pm

What: Information for Maple parents about phonics and early reading.

Where: In Maple classroom.

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**

Important updates for Parents and Carers

Free school meals

All pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals under the universal infant free school meal programme.

However you should still apply for benefit related free school meals if you feel that you may be eligible. To check your eligibility see this link:

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

Winter Wellness

Warwickshire have produced a 'Winter Wellness' guide that can be accessed [here](#)

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](#)



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



<https://www.brake.org.uk/> have put some resources together for road safety week 2022.



Enough campaign to challenge the abuse faced by women and girls. Resources and information [here](#)

Join the Warwickshire conversation on the cost of living



Warwickshire County Council is inviting residents to share their ideas for coping with the rising cost of living.

The steep rise in living costs is having a devastating impact on household budgets for many, and people are making some tough decisions about what to prioritise. Warwickshire County Council has already announced up to £4.5million in additional support for those struggling to keep up with household bills. [here](#)

Warwickshire produce a monthly newsletter aimed at families with pupils who have special educational needs/disabilities.

November's newsletter can be found [here](#)

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

[here](#)





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

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

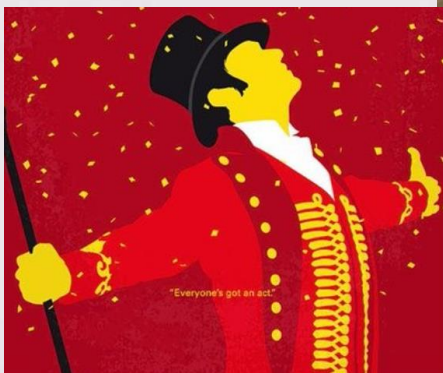
Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 29,703 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2017/18. This is an increase of 6,256 on the previous year.

Student Corner

Trips



Ash had a wonderful time at Atwell farm



Willow enjoyed watching The Greatest Showman at Alcester Academy



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Over the last few weeks, students have been reflecting on those who have been affected by conflicts.

The whole school observed a minutes silence on November 11th and reflected on the lives of The Fallen.



Several of our students were involved in parades and church services over the weekend.



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



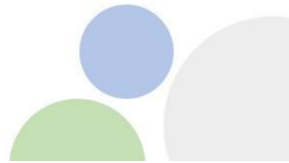
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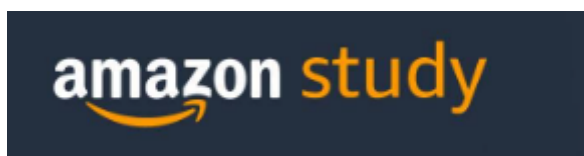
Emotion coaching to support when a child is upset.

[Here](#)

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

FREE EDUCATION LEARNING BOOKS CAN BE FOUND HERE THROUGH AMAZON STUDY

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



BBC Children In Need



Children enjoyed wearing spots for BBC Children In Need today. They took part in a spotathon, bear pong and thinking of how to support others.



If you wish to donate,
please follow the link
below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9526>

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AGES
5-12

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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CHRISTMAS!

Dear Families,

The PTA are busily organising lots of festive fun in the run up to Christmas!

Christmas Fair

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

As always, we do need support to ensure a successful event, that is fun for all the family and raises much needed funds for the school. If you are able to volunteer to run a stall, please let one of the PTA know, or email coughtonpta@outlook.com.

We will be asking for items to be brought in over the next few weeks on the below dates. There will be several green crates outside the school office for the donations to be placed into on these days.

Friday 11th November- donations of jars filled with sweets/hair accessories/toys etc. Please make sure sweets are wrapped and NO NUTS. In exchange for this donation, children may wear **SILLY SOCKS** on this day.

Friday 18th November- donations of Chocolate. Again, please NO NUTS. In exchange for this donation, children may come in with **SILLY HAIR** on this day.

Friday 25th November- donations of bottles. In exchange for this donation, children may come in wearing **PYJAMAS OR ONESIES**. Please note that these must be suitable to wear in school and anyone wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase very shortly with some fantastic prizes to be won! If you know of any companies or individuals who would like to donate a prize, please email coughtonpta@outlook.com.

Travelling Christmas Panto

This ~~years~~ Christmas panto will take place on Friday 2nd December during the school day. This is fully funded by the PTA and is a great opportunity for all children to be able to watch and get in the Christmas spirit.

Hamper lists

Each year we make several hampers to include as raffle prizes at the fair. To be able to do this we will put up a list of items we require outside the office and anyone wishing to donate can write their ~~childs~~ name next to the item. Please could all donations be in by **Friday 25th November**.

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

Christmas Parties

This years Christmas Parties will be on **Wednesday 14th December**. All parties will be held within the school day and children may come to school wearing **party clothes** on this day.

Christmas jumpers

This year with the cost of living rising, we have had a suggestion to sell Christmas jumpers on our Second-hand uniform stand. If you have any Christmas jumpers that your children have grown out of, we are asking if you could kindly donate them to the school, where we re-sell them for £1 per item. Hopefully this means you can have a clear out of any items that no longer fit and purchase a second-hand jumper for just £1. Any donations can be left next to the second-hand uniform stall (away from the clothes recycling bin) where they will be added to the clothes rack daily.

Other fundraising

Don't forget you can also help with our fundraising by doing the following:

Clothes bank donations to our clothes bank in the wooden hut

Ink cartridge recycling (box will be put by the office)

Purchasing second-hand uniform

Taking part in our school lottery

Using the link for amazon smile

Purchase through the Easyfundraising site

If you are unsure about how to use any of the sites, more information about these will follow shortly in the PTA newsletter.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Lisa Collett

Chair of Coughton C of E Primary PTA

[Amazon smile](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1028670-0)

[link:](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1028670-0)

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

Lottery link

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/play>

And select play- then type Coughton.