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# COUGHTON

C of E Primary School

Issue 3

## Coughton CE Primary School

## Key dates



### A very warm welcome back

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. It has been a busy first week back with children settling quickly back into their routines.

We now head towards Christmas and there are lots of events and activities coming up as detailed further into the newsletter.

We also have our adult only barn dance next Friday. There are still tickets available for the event. Details and ticket purchasing can be found here:

<https://coughton-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>

### Open Evening

**This will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm. Any prospective families for Reception intake September.**

**No need to book an appointment.**

Head of School  
**Mr Alex Kolb**

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening for prospective families 6pm-7.30pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Pantomime at school
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and Maple Nativity show to families at school 1.45pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and Maple Nativity show to families at school 10am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Wellbeing Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas service 9.30am St Peter's church, families welcome

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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.

## 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 September and October. To book please contact the office on [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

## After school clubs

There are still spaces available at multi sports for KS1 Mondays and KS2 Tuesdays. To book-visit-

<https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/sign-in>

## 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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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 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.**

# 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](#)

[Home](#) > [Social care and health](#) > [Health and wellbeing](#) > [Wellness](#)



## Cost of living support for victims of domestic abuse

Support signposts for those affected by domestic abuse can be found [here](#)

# Important updates for Parents and Carers

We had a great turnout at the parent information evenings, if you were unable to attend you can find the slides on your child's Teams page. Please email the office if you have any queries.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm

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

Where: In Maple classroom.

### **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.

### **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: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am in the school hall

What: Mrs Bhogal talking about supporting pupils with maths. Refreshments available.

# Student Corner

## Harvest



Thank you for your donations of food, these have been sent to the Arden Foodbank.



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Our Year Six pupils have enjoyed working with their reading buddies in Maple class.



# 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



46 High St, London House, Alcester, B49 5AB



Come and learn how to stay connected safely on your computer



Email Wendy: [info@alcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@alcester-tc.gov.uk)  
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[Facebook.com/WellConnectedAlcester](https://www.facebook.com/WellConnectedAlcester)



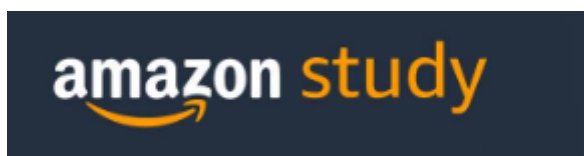
Emotion coaching to support when a child is upset.

[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>





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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> November-** donations of Chocolate. Again, please NO NUTS. In exchange for this donation, children may come in with **SILLY HAIR** on this day.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:coughtonpta@outlook.com).

### **Travelling Christmas Panto**

This ~~years~~ Christmas panto will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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>

Lottery link

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

And select play- then type Coughton.