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C of E Primary School

Issue 1

Coughton CE Primary School

Key dates



A very warm welcome back

It has been so lovely to welcome back all of our children, staff and families following the summer break. I have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled into the new term and their topics.

Welcome to all of our new families in Maple class and to those who have joined us in other year groups this year. We hope that you enjoy your time at Coughton and we look forward to being a part of your learning journey.

OFSTED

We are pleased to share our recent OFSTED inspection report with you. This has now been published on the Ofsted website and can be found [here](#).

Many thanks to the parents who submitted views on the parent view section, the staff who work extremely hard and to the children who are a joy to work with.

Dates

We have tried to compile key dates for the whole year to enable you to plan ahead, Please see further below this newsletter.

Our open evening event will be held on Thursday 10th November from 6.00pm. No booking required- arrive between 6.00pm and 7.30pm for a tour.

Monday 26 th September	School photographs- All pupils to wear school uniform to school.
Tuesday 4 th October	Birch (Year 1) information meeting- 6.30pm Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 5 th October	Ash (Year 2) information meeting- 6.30pm Microsoft Teams
Thursday 6 th October	First PTA meeting 7pm at school
Thursday 6 th October	Year 6 pupils Bellboating
Monday 10 th October	Harvest service (pupils only)
Tuesday 11 th October	Whole school nasal flu spray
Tuesday 11 th October	Acer (Year 3) information evening- 6.30pm Microsoft Teams
Thursday 13 th October	Cedar (Year 4) information evening- 6.30pm Microsoft Teams
Monday 17 th October	Wellbeing day- pupils to wear non uniform
Monday 17 th October	Willow (Year 5) information meeting- 6.30pm Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents Evening 5pm-7pm (online via Wherby platform)
Thursday 20 th October	Parents Evening 4pm-6pm (online via Wherby platform)
Friday 21 st October	INSET DAY- Children not in school
24 th to 28 th October	HALF TERM

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Head of School
Mr Alex Kolb

Important updates for Parents and Carers

Arden Forest MAT Update

We welcomed two schools into the MAT on 1st September; Harbury C of E Primary School and Tanworth-in-Arden C of E Primary School and Nursery. We look forward to working with these schools as part of our collaborative partnership. The Arden Forest MAT now has nine primary schools who are all committed to working together in the interests of the children at our schools. If you would like to learn more about the Trust, please visit the website:
<https://www.ardenforestmat.org/>

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

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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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

Support for households

The Energy Bills Support Scheme will deliver a £400 non-repayable discount to eligible households to help with energy bills from October. This is an £11.7 billion scheme which forms part of the £37 billion cost of living assistance package for consumers over winter 2022 to 2023.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/getting-the-energy-bills-support-scheme-discount>

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps our most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. The scheme provides basic and essential help in the form of emergency food parcels or credit for energy.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme>

Thrive Family sessions



As part of our ongoing mental health and wellbeing practice we would like to offer our families further support from our Designated Mental Health Lead and Family Thrive Practitioner, Emily Buxton-Woodcock. Emily will be available to deliver further Family Thrive courses over the next few months. We hope to deliver these in ways in which suit our families. With this in mind, please complete the following poll: <https://forms.office.com/r/UVVrNQySHB>

My Happy Mind

We are starting a new programme at school called my happy mind. A letter attached contains more detail about what this entails.



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Yeargroup information meetings:

As usual we will be hosting an information event for each year group. This will be delivered by me and include information about:

- Actions taken against Ofsted development areas
- Curriculum units of work and medium term plans
- National assessment expectations for your year group (Phonics Y1, SATS Y2, MTC Y4, SATS Y6)
- Ways to support learning at home
- Any questions
- **They will take place via class Teams page at 6.30pm on the following dates:**
- **Slides will be made available on the Teams page thereafter for those unable to attend.**

Birch: Tuesday 4th October

Ash: Wednesday 5th October

Acer: Tuesday 11th October

Cedar: Thursday 13th October

Willow: Monday 17th October

Oak: Tuesday 1st November

A reminder that children need to arrive at school between 8.35am and 8.55am.

The school day concludes at 3.20pm.

Student Corner

What a great start!



Alex Woods



Today students in Willow class have enjoyed a workshop from ex-pupil and now jazz musician Alex Woods. Alex has worked with classes over the last few years conducting workshops to allow all year groups to access music of all genres.



Today's workshop will form part of a broadcast for BBC Midlands Today and will be aired over the next few weeks. We will let you know when we have a broadcast date.



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Some of our pupils have designed flowers for the ***Flowers For Elizabeth*** display in Stratford High Street.



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>



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



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[Facebook.com/WellConnectedAlcester](https://www.facebook.com/WellConnectedAlcester)



PTA

Easyfundraising/Amazon Smile

One of the newer ways we are fundraising for the PTA is via easyfundraising. It is a simple website/app that parents can sign up to, then when you shop online, if you do it via the app/website, it raises money for the school!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

In a similar way, if you shop on amazon, you can use amazon smile, select Coughton Primary PTA as your preferred charity and then every time you shop the PTA receives funds.

One of our newest initiatives is the school lottery, more information on how to sign up can be found on the website www.yourschoollottery.co.uk click buy a ticket and start typing Coughton and go from there.