



# Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024



## Attendance

This week, the government announced that penalty notices for unauthorised absence will increase to **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**.

Unauthorised absences can be in the form of term time holidays, but can also be triggered if children are late to school, after 9:15am, as this counts as one unauthorised absence. If 10 unauthorised absences (5 days) are recorded within one term, or 14 absences (7 days) across two terms, then school is required to process penalty notices.

The government have also asked schools to share weekly attendance figures with them, so that good attendance can be reached for all children.

We monitor children's attendance each half term. When we identify low attendance and punctuality, our first action is to offer support.

If you are struggling to meet good attendance, or arrive at school on time, and you require support, please speak to someone at school. We are here to help.

## World Book Day

Next week, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will celebrate World Book Day. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book or story character and will be immersed in the magic of books throughout the school day.

We would like to invite you to enter a photography competition by taking a photograph of your child reading their favourite book in an interesting or inventive way. This could be in a special or unusual place, with a reading buddy, or even using the magic of photography to create illusion!

Photographs can be emailed to the school office or brought into school on World Book Day, where they will be added to our class reading areas to celebrate the joy that books bring.

Those pupils who have booked a school lunch on ParentPay will also enjoy a special World Book Day themed lunch!

## Star Authors

We have launched the Star Author Recognition Award in school. This is for children who have produced a superb piece of writing. The adults in school can nominate a piece of work to be put forward for Star Author. If their work is chosen, they will be awarded Star Author status!! This means their work will be shared in assembly, displayed in school and they will be given a very special Star Author pen or pencil!

In assembly, this week, we announced our first ever winners. Well done to Olivia Wane (Elm) and Max Naylor (Ash). They showed off their writing talents in a piece of persuasive writing (Max) and a non-chronological report (Olivia).

Keep a look out for our next set of Star Authors!

## Curriculum Medium Term Plans

Our curriculum medium term plans will give you some information about the skills and knowledge your children will be learning, this half term, and can be used to help you to support your child at home.

To view our medium term plans for this half term, please visit our school website, choose the curriculum tab and select medium term plans, or simply follow this link:

<https://coupegreen.co.uk/curriculum/curriculum-overviews>

## Yoga and Mindfulness Day

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, we look forward to enjoying a yoga and mindfulness day in our school hall. All classes from Acorn Class through to Elder Class will spend some time relaxing both their body and mind during a yoga session. Therefore, please can all pupils come to school in their PE kits, next Friday.

Also, on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 5 pupils look forward to enjoying a taster morning at Brownedge St Mary's High School, where they will experience an exciting taste of what life at high school will be like!

## Parents Evening

This term's parents evening will take place on Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you to all those parents who have already booked their appointment using our online booking system. We look forward to sharing and celebrating your child's progress with you.

If you have not yet booked your appointment, please check your emails and texts for a link to take you to Teachers2Parents, which will show you the available appointment times.

If you cannot attend parents evening on either 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> March, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

## Kids Club and ParentPay

As you know, our happy Kids Club is very busy, with After School Club often being fully booked. Please do book as far in advance as possible, when booking your Kids Club places. We are now taking bookings for Summer Term, so please consider whether you would like to continue with the same days or different weekly sessions and please let our office staff know any changes, as soon as possible, to guarantee your place.

Our Kids Club contracts do state that all Kids Club accounts must always be kept in credit on ParentPay, with payments made two weeks in advance, please. Despite this, some accounts regularly go into debt and we often send out reminders asking for payments or vouchers. Please can ALL accounts be brought back into credit, as soon as possible, and kept in credit at all times in the future. Where Kids Club places are limited, priority will be given to those whose accounts are in credit, as this supports the smooth running of our school. Thank you for your cooperation.

## FOCG Rainbow Raffle

This week, your child should have brought home five raffle tickets. Each ticket costs £1 to buy for yourselves, family or friends for a chance of winning one of six amazing rainbow hampers at our FOCG annual Easter Bingo Event.

Please return all completed stubs and monies, in an envelope, to the school office by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, at the latest. The happy buyer can keep the rabbit raffle ticket!

If you require any more tickets, please contact the School Office. Please return any unsold tickets, so they can be sold on the night of the Easter Bingo Event. Thank you.



## Friends of Coupe Green News

### Easter Bingo and Rainbow Raffle Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

There are only a handful of places left for this fun event. The cost is £2 per person. Bingo cards and raffle tickets are to be purchased separately. Please book your place by popping in to The Oak.

### Easter Egg Decorating Competition Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, children are invited to bring in their entries for our annual egg decorating competition. Last year, the standard was unbelievable and we are looking forward to seeing this year's creations! More information will follow soon and prizes will be given out during the last week of term.

### Bags2School Collection Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Please ask all your family and friends to help us to collect unwanted clothes and textiles to raise money for our charity. You can find a list of suitable items on your email.

### Family Paddle and Picnic Event Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Friends of Coupe Green will have exclusive use of the lake at Rock & River for our Paddle & Picnic Event. Links for booking can be found on the FOCG Facebook page or on the event email you received last week.

Rock and River have kindly let us add on a few extra places. There are now only seven places left across all options. Two person kayaks and eight person mega paddle boards are now full.

For all event information, please follow the FOCG Facebook Page:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/focgps/?ref=share\\_group\\_link](https://www.facebook.com/groups/focgps/?ref=share_group_link)

Diary Dates	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Parents Evening (1)
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Yoga and Mindfulness Day Year 5 Taster Day at Brownedge St Mary's
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Parents Evening (2)
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Easter Bingo and Rainbow Raffle
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Class Groups and Leavers' Photos
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Egg Decorating Competition
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Golden Merit Assembly End Of Term