



HENLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30th September 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd October:

Individual and sibling photos

Thursday Mornings

every week: Jolly Tots in the hall

Wednesday 19th

October (4.00-7.00pm),

and Thursday 20th

October (4.00-7.00pm).

Parent's Evenings in person in the hall. See Sign up information via Study Bugs.

Thursday 20th October:

Harvest festival in church, led by Year 2/3. Parents of this are welcome to attend.

Friday 21st October:

Wellbeing Day.

Break up for Half Term.

Monday 31st October:

Children return to school.

Wednesday 2nd

November: Thrive Parent

workshops start weekly.

Please sign up for these

to reserve a place.

Thursday 10th

November: Y6

Remembrance Service in

school at 2.45pm.

Parents of Y6 are

welcome to attend.

Friday 11th November:

Y6 to attend Remem-

brance Service and

Parade in Henley.

Monday 21st

November: Assessment

week for all classes.

Wednesday 7th

December (1.30pm) and

Thursday 8th December

(6pm): School Christmas

Productions

Wednesday 14th

December: Y4/5

Christingle Service in

Church at 1.30pm. Par-

ents of Y4/5 are wel-

come to attend. Friday

16th December:

(1.30pm) Carol Service in

school.

Break up for Christmas

Holidays

Tuesday 3rd January

2023: Staff Training Day

Monday 4th January:

Children return to school

Thursday 16th February:

Break up for Half Term.

Friday 17th February:

Staff Training Day-

Monday 27th February:

Children return to school.

At the end of a very busy first month in school, we have seen some amazing work and positive learning attitudes from the children. What a great start!

MAT (Multi Academy Trust) updates: We welcomed two schools into the MAT this term - 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/>

Studybugs: All information from school is sent via Studybugs. Please make sure you sign up to Studybugs and check your messages regularly.

Book of Condolences: In the last few weeks, we learnt of the sad death of Queen Elizabeth II. In school, all of the children wrote messages and produced work for the book of condolences. There is still chance to sign this if you wish to. Please ask for the book in the office.

Adoption and Children Looked After: Please contact the school if your child is adopted or looked after as we can support you in school with this.

New certificate in Celebration Assembly: This year we are having a drive on learning behaviours and how to be a better learner. The focus for each half term will change for this. This half term, we are watching for children who show excellent 'Self-manager' skills. As in previous years, if your child is going to receive a teacher certificate you will receive a Study Bugs message the week before so that you can attend the Celebration Assembly the next Friday at 9.10am. We do like you to keep this a secret from your child until the actual assembly.

Values Home Learning: Thank you for supporting your children with their 'Respect' Values Homework. They look amazing! These will be displayed in school for all to see.

Half Term Activities: Booking is now open for our Ofsted Registered Activity Club over Oct Half Term in Henley in Arden for 4 - 13yr olds. The club is held during each school holiday and booking is open for October (Mon 24th Oct to Fri 28th Oct). The club is delivered by the Coolsportz Team some of which you may already know from school - activities include football, dodge ball, tennis, dance and much more. They accept Childcare vouchers. All details, timings and booking can be found at www.coolsportz.co.uk/henley or please contact Neil on 07912664426, neil@coolsportz.co.uk (Book early to receive the Early booking price).

Parents Evening: This will be held in person in the school hall. It will be one appointment per child. These will be held on Wednesday 19th October (4.00-7.00pm), and Thursday 20th October (4.00-7.00pm) Parent's Evenings in person in the hall. The sign up information will be sent out via Study Bugs this week.

PE Kit and Jewellery: A reminder that PE kit is navy blue shorts, navy-blue school T-Shirt and trainers. Now the weather is getting colder, a plain navy blue track suit can be worn. Our school fleeces are ideal for this. Children are asked not to wear jewellery, apart from simple studs in pierced ears. These will be covered or removed for P.E. On swimming days they will need to be removed as tape does not work in the water.

Debating and Discussing: Each week the classes will be det a debating title to discuss in class. To develop oracy and listening skills. This week we will start with '*Should we improve transport to prevent overpopulation in cities?*'

Attendance: Each week we are now promoting our class percentages in celebration assembly with a class trophy to the class with the highest percentage for the week. Our aim is to reach 96% in each class each week.

Our 'Certificate of Achievements' have recently been awarded to the following children:

- Year 6—Ethan, Bobby, Scarlett
- Year 4/5 –Callum, Aaron, Georgia
- Year 2/3 – James, Emily, Anona
- Year 1—Noah, Joshua, Aoife
- R/N— Jessie, Molly, Rory

Our 'Caught being kind' children been awarded to:

- Year 6— Lawson, Ava, Sophie B
- Year 4/5—Noah, Rosie, Eva
- Year 2/3 –Milly, Isla, Josh J
- Year 1– Annabelle, Eli, Alex
- R/N—Rose, Joe, Lillie

Our Learning Behaviours—Self Manager certificates have been awarded to:

- Y6— Eden, Mckenzie, Grace
- Y4/5 –Poppy, Jenson, Lucy
- Y2/3—Amelia, Carter, Robyn
- Y1—Georgia, Eliza, Rimika
- R/N—Arthur, Gabby, Jack

Reader leaders have been: Y4/5 and Y6.

Attendance Tophy has been awarded to: Year 6 for 3 weeks in a row.

Housepoints so far are:

Arden	Beaudesert	DeMontfort
680	655	671

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Jill Allen and Mrs Elaine Field

Heads of School



Term Dates for 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

- *Inset Days: Monday 5th September 2022 and Tuesday 6th September 2022*
- *Term starts – Wednesday 7th September 2022*
- *Half-term – Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022*
- *Term ends – Friday 16th December 2022*

Spring Term 2023

- *Term starts – Wednesday 4th January 2023*
- *Inset Day: Friday 17th February 2023*
- *Half-term – Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023*
- *Term ends – Friday 31st March 2023*

Summer Term 2023

- *Term starts – Monday 17th April 2023*
- *Half-term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023*
- *Inset Day – Monday 5th June 2023*
- *Term ends – Tuesday 25th July 2023*



ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

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).

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 School pupils recorded 31,196 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn term 2020.