

HENLEY IN ARDEN C OF E PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of a very short half term we have lots to celebrate. Thank you to all parents who have replied to the letter about our new school dog Blu. If you haven't already, please complete the form to explain how much contact your child would like to have with Blu. A copy of the school dog policy can be found on our school website. <https://forms.office.com/e/fVxzNaNBdmL>

The children have all been busy over the last few weeks. The whole school celebrated World Book. Year 1 and 2 visited Henley Guildhall as part of our heritage and culture theme. Year 5 and 6 had a great time at Coventry Cathedral where they took part in workshops to deepen their knowledge of the impact of WWII. Year 3 and 4 have visit Heart of England. Year 5 and some of Year 4 completed Playmakers training this week. They are now fully qualified playleaders and will be supporting play at playtime and lunchtimes by leading games.

Staffing News

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Wong will be joining us as a teaching assistant after the Easter holiday in Nursery and Reception. This is in preparation for Mrs Stokes going on Maternity leave. Mrs Wong worked in the class a few weeks ago and is very excited to get to know the children further.

Reminder

Next week is Parent's Evening on Wednesday and Thursday. The Easter Bonnet parade and Egg-arama competition take place on Thursday and the Easter service at St John's church is at 9:30 on Friday morning. We hope you can join us at the church.

Mrs Kate Adcock
Headteacher



FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024

Curriculum Enrichment 'Living Life to the Full'



Guildhall
trip



World Book
Day



Roman
Day



Forest
School



Year 5 and 6 History



Attendance

Target 96%
Whole School 94%

Rec 91%

Y1/2 95%

Y3/4 94%

Y5/6 94%

Stars of the Week



Arden



Beaudesert



Demontfort

Reporting Concerns

If you have a worry or concern, please speak to the class teacher at the end of the day. If you are not satisfied that your concern has been dealt with then please make an appointment with Mrs Griffin as our Assistant Head teacher. If you are still not happy, then you can make an appointment with myself through the main office. If you have a concern regarding your child's additional needs, please contact our SENCO Mrs Gray.

Value Champions



Collective Worship



Our new value is **Forgiveness**

How can we show others that we have forgiven them if they do wrong?
What would it be like if we didn't forgive someone?

We have been hearing different bible stories about forgiveness including
The Lost Sun.

Julia Cross joined us from St John's Church and lead a lovely Collective
Worship focussing on Palm Sunday.

Year 1 and 2 lead a beautiful Mothers Day assembly. Mrs Jones led an
assembly all about British Science Week.





Next term the whole school are taking part in an iSingPop Workshop.

For 3 days at the end of April every class will have a 1.5hour singing workshop each day learning up to 7 songs. The following week we will be performing a concert with staging, lights, screens and microphones at St Johns Church.

This will take place at 2pm on Thursday 2nd May. We will give you further details on how many tickets will be allocated per child nearer the time.

Dates for your Diary

Value: Forgiveness

20/3/24 Parents Evening

21/3/24 Parents Evening

21/3/24 Easter Bonnet Competition and Egg-arama competition

22/3/24 9:30 Easter Service (St Johns Church) parents welcome

22/3/24 Break up for the Easter Holidays at 3:15

-Easter Holiday-

Value: Compassion

8/4/24 Return to school

2/5/24 iSingPop Concert (whole school)

6/5/24 Bank Holiday School Closed

7/5/24 Tillman Lodge Training Day - closed for children

13/5/24 Year 6 SATs week



EASTER EVENTS

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

EYFS AND KS1

**Easter Bonnet Competition
and Parade**

KEY STAGE 2

Egg-arama Competition

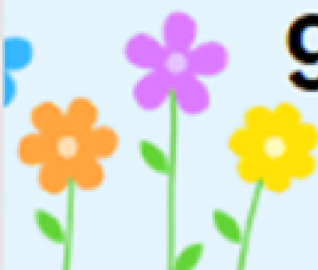


FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

WHOLE SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE

9:30 St John's Church

Families Welcome



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). 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.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers shall not grant any Leave of Absence during term time unless they consider 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. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

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.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. 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 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.