

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to the Summer Term!

We have had a very busy few weeks which included a 2 day inspection from Ofsted during the 1st week back. We were visited by 2 inspectors who spent the time reviewing all aspects of school life. The staff and children were able to show what makes our school brilliant and the final report will be available in a few weeks.



The children spent the beginning of this week rehearsing the songs in preparation for the iSingPop concert that is happening at St John's Church next Thursday. We are really excited to see you there. Please return any tickets to the office that won't be used so we can offer them to other families.

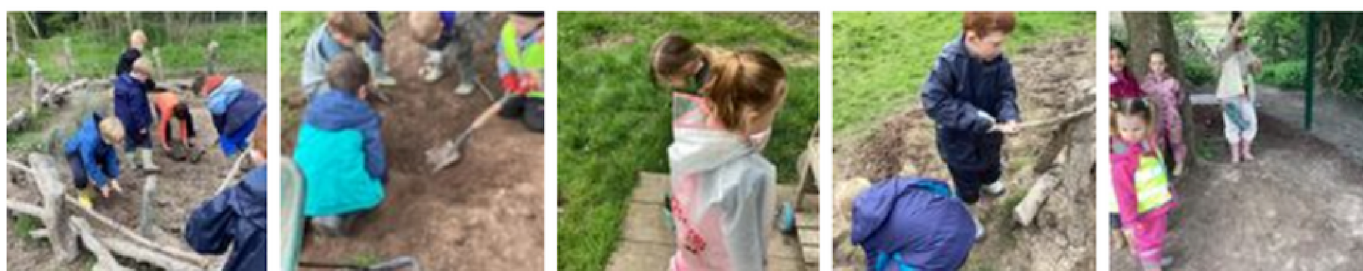
In the coming week's many children will be undertaking statutory assessments. Year 6 SATS week is week beginning 13th May and Year 2 will be completing their SATS in small groups during May. Please ensure your child is in school every day particularly during these times.

Please take a note of key dates that have been shared and add these to your diary.

Mrs Kate Adcock
Headteacher




Curriculum Enrichment 'Living Life to the Full'





Attendance

Target 96%
Whole School 94%
w/b 15th April 2024
Rec 98%
Y1/2 100% 
Y3/4 97%
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.

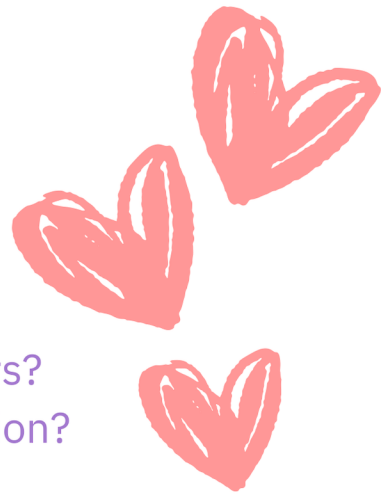
Value Champions



Collective Worship

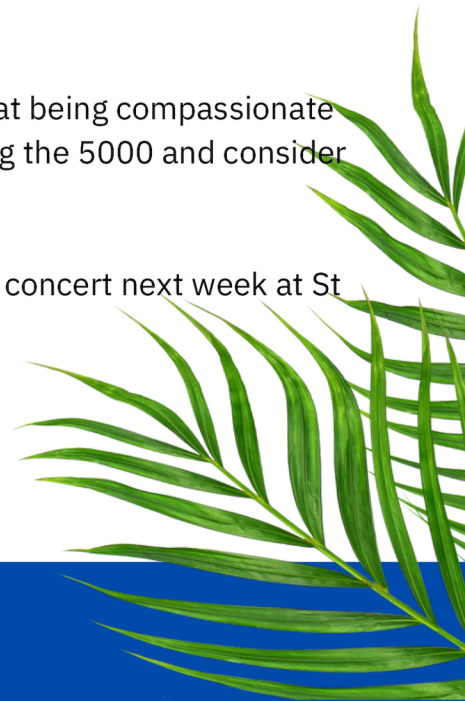
Our value is Compassion

How do we show compassion towards others?
What does the bible teach us about Compassion?
Who is compassionate towards you?



We have been hearing different bible stories to help us understand what being compassionate means through the example Jesus shows. We heard the story of Feeding the 5000 and consider who might need our help if they are hungry.

This week we had our iSingPop singing workshop in preparation for our concert next week at St John's Church.



Key Dates

26.4.24	EYFS trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm
2.5.24	iSing Pop Concert 2pm St Johns Church
6.5.24	Bank Holiday (school closed)
7.5.24	Tillman Lodge INSET day
Wb 13.5.24	Year 6 SATS week
24.5.24	Y5/6 Heart of England Trip
Wb 27.5.24	Half Term holiday (school closed)
3.6.24	INSET Day (school closed)
4.6.24	School re-opens
6.6.24	Class Photographs
14.6.24	Y3/4 Heart of England Forest Trip
21.6.24	Sports Day Whole School (time tbc)
26.6.24	Y5/6 Boundless Residential (3 days)
3.7.24	Transition Day
5.7.24	Back Up Sports Day
11.7.24	Year 6 Production (time tbc)
12.7.24	Y5/6 Heart of England Trip
18.7.24	End of Year Awards/Celebration Assembly 9am
19.7.24	End of Term



Thursday 2nd May
St John's Church
Entry with ticket only.

Doors open at 1:45.
All children will return to school
at the end of the concert and be
dismissed from their usual
location.

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.