



# NEWSLETTER

21ST OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

How quickly time goes! We have already reached half-term.

Just to remind parents, the teachers do not set any homework over the half-term. However, they would like the children to continue to read regularly. They can also continue to practice recalling number facts using TT Rockstars or using some of the great maths programmes on PurpleMash.

## OPEN AFTERNOON

Last Thursday we held our first Open Afternoon and had a number of prospective parents visit our school. I was particularly proud of the children from Sycamore class who acted as guides. Everyone commented on their excellent behavior and their enthusiasm to share information about the school and their learning.

A further Open Afternoon is planned for Thursday 10th November. Your support in spreading the word would be appreciated.



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## WILLOW CLASS VISIT TO KENILWORTH CASTLE

The sun shone down on Willow class when they visited Kenilworth Castle on Monday. They impressed the site staff with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. Nyla told me about some of the things the class did.

“First, we went on a walk the castle is big. We saw the gatehouse where there were murder holes and gaps where the portcullis would be. A kind lady from the castle told us about knights and we saw some armour. It was heavy. We found out about jobs other people did and saw the dining room. I would have liked to be a lady if I had lived then. It was a great day.”



Thank you to Miss Bains for organising the visit and to Mrs Ellard, Mrs Hogg, Mrs Jones, Mrs Folkes and Mrs Upton.

## WILLOW CLASS MEETING ABOUT READING and SPELLING SHED

Following our Teacher Day, where the staff updated their Read, Write, Inc training, we have decided to make some changes to the way in which we organize home reading. We would like to invite parents in Year 1 and 2 to a short meeting after school on Thursday 3rd November to share these changes. There will also be a opportunity to learn more about how to use our new spelling scheme, Spelling Shed, at home.



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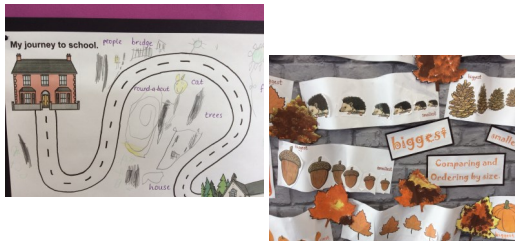




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## NEWS FROM THE OAK CLASS ROOM

For the next few newsletters we will be showcasing some of the wonderful work being completed in each class. This week our focus is on Oak class. The children have been very busy learning their initial letter sounds in their daily phonics lessons and using these to read and write simple words. In maths they have been focusing on numbers to 10 and the vocabulary used for measures.



In their topic the children have created maps of their journey to school and completed some wonderful self-portraits.

It is incredible to think that the children have only been in school since September.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



**Friday 14th October**

Theme: Art, Music or Drama

Well done to: Spencer, Zac, Henry, Bella, Ava, Myla, Eli, Caitlin and Kacper.

**Friday 21st October**

Theme: Teacher's Choice

Congratulations to: Darcey, Anna, Arthur, Henry, Alys, Tracey, Annabelle, Katie, Sophie And Nicola.

## TT Rockstars Update

All of our children in KS 2 are able to use TTRS both at home and in school.

We currently have three children with Rock Hero status: Lola, Henry and Jacob. All these children are able to answer times tables questions online in under one second. Lola continues to be our school champion with an average speed of 0.68 seconds—an incredible achievement.

We also have five Rock Legends who answer questions in under two seconds.

A special mention must go to Caitlin who has been practising almost daily and has improved her time by over 10

seconds.

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## REMEMBRANCE



We will once again be selling remembrance items on behalf of the Royal British Legion. We have poppies, snap bracelets, sharpeners and wrist bands.

A suggested donation is £1 for poppies and £2 for other items. Our Worship Leaders will be selling these after half-term.

## PARENTS EVENING

There has been a very positive response to our first face-to-face parent consultation meetings held this week.

If you were unable to attend, class teachers will be in touch after half-term to arrange a suitable time to discuss your child's progress.

## PARENTS FORUM

We are keen to re-establish Parents Forum. This is a meeting which takes place once a term between the head of school, a parent governor and one parent representative from each year group/class. Although it has no statutory responsibilities, it is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. If you would like to get involved please speak to Mrs Gair.



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## ONLINE SAFETY



It has come to our attention that some children in school have been playing a game called Kick the Buddy. This is a 13+ game and contains content that is not suitable for primary school aged children. Can I remind parents that information about the suitability of online games and apps can be found at [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org).

Attached to the end of this newsletter is a useful guide for parents about the Amazon Fire Tablet. In it you will find tips on potential risks

## WINTER CLOTHING

Please ensure that children bring a coat to school each day. On PE days it is advisable for them to wear tracksuit or jogging trousers with their school sweatshirt.

## COVID-19

Please see the following link for guidance if you are worried your child may have COVID.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

### ADMISSIONS

A reminder to parents of our Year 6 pupils. The deadline to submit your 2022 entry secondary school application is 31st October. Families will need to submit their application through their home authority (who they pay their council tax to). Warwickshire residents can find further information, as well as the link to submit their application through the online parent portal, at: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/422/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place>

### ATTENDANCE

At a recent Governors Meetings, it was decided that our attendance target for the next academic year will be 96%.

Last week our overall attendance was 95% with Chestnut winning our attendance cup with 98.4%.

**A reminder that we are unable to authorise requests for leave of absence for a family holiday.**

Have a lovely half-term break. The next newsletter will be Friday 11th November.

## DATES for the next half-term

Half-term from Monday 24th—Friday 28th October.

31/10/22—Return to school and closing date for Year 6 applications to secondary school.

3/11/22—FOWS Bonfire Bake Off

10/11/22—Open Afternoon 1.30–3pm

11/11/22—Chestnut Class Assembly at 2.40pm

15/11/21—Anti-bullying Week

17/11/22—Dog's Trust assembly and KS 2 workshop

18/1/22—Children in Need

1/12/21—Governors Meeting

2/12/22—FOWS Christmas Break the Rules

6/12/22—KS 1 Christmas Play at 2.30pm

7/12/22—KS 1 Christmas Play at 2.30pm

9/12/22—KS 1 visit to Birmingham Rep to see Nativity! The Musical.

13/12/22—Oak class visit to Hatton

14/12/22—Celebration assembly at 2.40pm

15/12/22—Christmas Service at St Peter's Church led by Oak and Willow. Christmas Lunch

16/12/22—FOWS Afternoon Tea with Santa.

End of term

4/01/23—Children return to school



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**Bonfire  
Bake Off**

Cakes to be submitted to  
school Thursday 3rd Nov  
All entries to be sold after school  
3rd and 4th Nov

The poster features a dark blue background with colorful fireworks in shades of yellow, orange, and purple. In the center, three cupcakes with white frosting are displayed on a white tray. At the bottom, two bonfires with bright yellow and orange flames are shown, each resting on a pile of logs. The overall theme is festive and autumnal.





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## Message from Warwickshire Library Service

**Jump into an immersive storytelling adventure and learn the secrets of our beautiful planet.**

Explore the library and make new discoveries about our world, from the oceans and seas to the forests and trees. Highly Sprung's pledge to make a greener future is shared through a funny but thought-provoking piece of children's theatre.

When a Shakespearean performance of *The Tempest* is cancelled after a 'would you believe it?' storm, an investigation begins. Where better to start than in a library packed with exciting books and resources?

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Leamington Library

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Stratford Library

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Nuneaton Library

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Rugby Library

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Bedworth Library

Repeat performances at 10am 12 noon and 2pm. Ideal for families and children aged 4-11 years. Drop in, no need to book.

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# Storm

An immersive storytelling adventure touring  
Warwickshire Libraries this October Half Term



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMAZON FIRE TABLETS

The Amazon Fire Tablet is a popular choice: not only are Amazon's own-brand devices more affordable than most other tablets on the market, but some models are designed specifically for youngsters (the Fire 7 Kids, Fire 8 HD and Fire HD 10 are aimed at ages 3-7, for example, while the 'Pro' range is geared toward 6 to 12-year-olds). Fires come with access to a wealth of entertaining content, from child-friendly TV shows and videos to age-appropriate games and ebooks.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STORAGE ISSUES

Many parents have bemoaned the Amazon Fire's relative lack of storage space. Fires ship with either 16GB or 32GB of memory, so if your child gets busy downloading books, games and videos, they'll quickly run out of room. You could invest in an SD card for extra storage (especially if multiple youngsters are sharing the device), so it's worth factoring in this possible additional expense.

### GETTING LOCKED OUT

If your child unsuccessfully attempts to bypass your security PIN code (to access the Fire's parental controls settings, for instance) too many times, this could easily result in them being locked out of their device – and, arguably even worse, you being locked out of your Amazon or Kindle account. If this happens, the Amazon support team will be able to help you regain access.

### POTENTIAL ADDICTION

Like most digital technology, Amazon Fires and their child-friendly content tend to be highly engaging to young users. You might find your child often spending hours staring at their tablet, leading to irritability when asked to put it down. It may be a wise move to adjust the built-in screen time settings so you can control exactly how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

### 'ASSISTANCE' FROM ALEXA

Though the Amazon Fire's parental controls are comprehensive and allow you to limit access to age-inappropriate content, your child could still potentially bypass those restrictions using Alexa, Amazon's built-in AI assistant. We recommend that you switch off this functionality altogether by toggling Alexa to 'off' in the Settings menu.

### FAULTY OLDER MODELS

Back in 2016, Amazon announced a product recall of the Amazon Fire 7 and Kids' Edition power adapters, due to a fault which caused an increased risk of electrical shock. This is no longer an issue on newer models of the Fire tablet, but it's unquestionably worth remembering if you're thinking about picking up a second-hand device for your child.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REGISTER ON YOUR ACCOUNT

Before your child uses their Fire, you'll need to register it to an Amazon account. Rather than having to set up a dedicated Amazon account for them, Amazon's 'Household' feature simply lets you add a separate profile to your own account. In-app purchases and Amazon store access are set to 'off' by default on child accounts, so young ones can't buy anything on their Fire without the password.

### CONSIDER A CODENAME

When you add a child profile on a Fire, you can select an image to represent your child and then enter their name, gender and date of birth. To keep things extra secure, you might want to consider using a codename for your child's profile – keeping their real name private from Amazon or anyone else who might ever get access to the account.

### FILTER SHARED CONTENT

You'll also be asked during the set-up process whether you want the Amazon Fire to be able to share any digital content that you've already purchased. We advise selecting 'For Kids' at this point, as this will only show the family-friendly books or videos in your content library, as opposed to any movies, shows or audiobooks you might have downloaded that aren't suitable for little ones.

### SET A PASSWORD OR PIN

You'll also be prompted to set a lock screen password or PIN. This is recommended to prevent your child from accessing device settings, browsing the Internet, trawling social media or making in-app purchases. If more than one child will be sharing the tablet, you can create a lock screen PIN for each of their profiles, so that each child can only access content that's appropriate for their individual age.

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

The Fire's parental controls are very thorough and worth utilising. They let you choose, for example, to restrict access to additional settings such as location-based services, the built-in camera, and specific content types (such as apps). You can also set daily goals and time limits to specify when – or, crucially, for how long – your child can use their Fire tablet.

## Meet Our Expert

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