



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Please could all parents and carers remember that children should not be alone on the school site before 8:50am. Thank you.

YEAR 4 TRIP TO BRANDON MARSH



On Monday the 11th February, all of year 4 visited Brandon Marsh Nature Reserve in Coventry. During the visit all the groups completed a set of activities which included; measuring trees and working out the age of the tree; using keys to identify what type of tree they were; using compasses, maps and co-ordinates to find places on maps and within the nature reserve; finding out about producers and consumers in food chains and finally some team building games. Much fun was had by all.



END OF DAY COLLECTION

If your child is being collected at the end of the day by someone else, please send in a note to your child's class teacher in the morning. Please try to avoid calling the school office late in the afternoon to pass on messages. Thank you for your co-operation.

MUSIC FEES

A reminder that next half term's music fees are now due.

CLUBS

If your child is signed up to a club but is not attending, can parents/carers let the teacher or the office know please.

STARS OF THE WEEK

	Week 19	Week 20
6CH	Sennen	Joshua
6B	Holly	Joseph
5J	-	Amelia
5C	Caleb and Henry	Megan
4S	Isabelle	Dylan
4F	Emily-Anne and Jack	Bo
3DW	Codey	Tilly
3J	Eleanor	Charlie
2CP	Alex	Katie
2P	Willow	Theo
1N	Freddie and Oscar	Whole Class
1S	Erix	Eleanor
RP	Harvey	Harrison
ROW	Keira	William

YEAR 1 TRIP TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL



As usual, the "best trip ever" didn't disappoint. We learned about the destruction of the old Cathedral and the building of the new Cathedral designed by BASIL SPENCE. We explored the many works of art in the old and new buildings and learned what each statue symbolised.

This week we have made our own angel designs for the WEST WINDOW, recreating the way JOHN HUTTON designed his engravings. We have written about the STATUE OF RECONCILIATION which symbolises forgiveness, our worship word this term. We have designed and made our own stained glass windows using JOHN PIPER'S screens as inspiration.



This term we are thinking about **'Forgiveness'**



WOOSH IS FULL

Currently, WOOSH is full on a Monday to Thursday after school for all children. Therefore, we are unable to admit any new children at the moment apart from on a Friday until 5pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Parents' evening -
Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th March -
 Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6

Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th April -
 Year 5

PARENTS' EVENING-NEW SYSTEM

This term we are trying a new system for booking parents consultation evenings. Parentmail have a system where you can book electronically. The Parentmail website has a good 'how to' guide on it at this link: <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/services/parents-evening-manager> If you're not signed up please contact the office. More information will come out very soon.

ATTENDANCE

Parents must telephone the school office before **9.00am** on the first day of absence to report the reason. **A reminder that parents do not have any entitlement to take their children on holiday during term time.** Any application for leave of absence must establish that there are **exceptional circumstances** and the Executive Head Teacher Mrs Oscrift must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. Please make sure you include an accompanying letter with your application form, explaining fully your reasons for applying for a leave of absence.

Please see the attached letter from Warwickshire Attendance Service.

Have a great half term
 Mr T Hewitt
 Head of School

School reopens on Monday 25th February.

ATHLETE VISIT



On Tuesday 5th February, Wellesbourne pupils were given the fantastic opportunity of meeting Olympic swimming athletes, Amy Smith and Joe Roebuck. They all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the sponsored fitness circuit and were inspired by their stories of competing for the country. Thank you very much to those who have raised money, as this will be used to buy more sports equipment for the school.

Friends News

So, after a quiet January, things are really getting going again now. On Tuesday this week we hosted years 4, 5 and 6 at the first disco of the year... I think it's fair to say all had a good time. We're already looking forward to the next disco for years 2 and 3 on the 12th March.

We've just had 'Wear red for Valentines' as a variation on a non-uniform day and we have a quiz evening planned for April 5th. It's all go! This is all great fun, and I for one love being involved, and what's even better is that looking to the future there's a lot more to come - just watch this space....

Just by way of a reminder, the reason for all this is to raise sufficient funding (£11,200) for 16 new laptops for the school. I'm pleased to report great progress to date with the totaliser now reading £4,600 (before adding the Disco and Valentines figures), so we are nearly at the half way mark!

All that is left for me to say now is to wish you all a fantastic half term break... have a great one and see you soon.

DIARY DATES

Please be aware that, sometimes, it is necessary to change these dates.

HALF TERM	18 th - 22 nd February	Annexe Certificate Assembly 4F Class Assembly	Friday 22 nd March 9.05 Friday 22 nd March 2.45
Dorset Y5 Parents Information Evening	Tuesday 26 th February 6.00pm	Parents' Evening	Tuesday 26 th March - R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Annexe Certificate Assembly KS2 Certificate Assembly	Friday 1 st March 9.05am Friday 1 st March 2.45pm	Parents' Evening	Thursday 28 th March - R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
Young Voices Performance in School	Tuesday 5 th March 6.00pm	Annexe Certificate Assembly 3J Class Assembly Parent's Evening	Friday 29 th March 9.05am Friday 29 th March 2.45pm Tuesday 2 nd April - YR 5 Thursday 4 th April - YR 5
2P Class Assembly KS2 Certificate Assembly	Friday 8 th March 9.05pm Friday 8 th March 5.30pm	RP Class Assembly Year 5 Dorset Assembly Friends Quiz night	Friday 5 th April 9.05am Friday 5 th April 2.45pm Friday 5 th April
Disco for Years 2 and 3	Tuesday 12 th March 5.00pm-5.45pm	Easter Service	Friday 12 th April
Annexe Certificate Assembly KS2 Certificate Assembly	Friday 15 th March 9.05am Friday 15 th March 2.45pm	Easter Holidays	Monday 15 th April - Friday 26 th April
Year 5 Trip to Dorset	Friday 22 nd March - Monday 25 th March	Annexe Certificate Assembly KS2 Certificate Assembly	Friday 10 th May 9.05am Friday 10 th May 2.45pm
		Teacher Training Day	Friday 5 th July 2019

DINNER MENUS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019

Next two menus:

Week beginning 25th February - ***NEW MENU*** 2

Week beginning 4th March - ***NEW MENU*** 3

(see website/twitter (@wellesprimary))

LEAVE OF 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 Primary School pupils recorded 29,703 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2017/18. This is an increase of 6,256 on the previous year.