



## Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been fantastic to see children going out on trips this week and to hear all about their wonderful experiences at the farm and the zoo. Year 6 children had an amazing experience at Dol-y-Moch and the AT7 centre this week – they have made memories that will stay with them for a long time! We are looking forward to all of the other exciting events, trips, end of year assemblies and productions that are taking place before the end of term. The children will be meeting their new teachers on Wednesday next week and they will spend the day in their new classrooms. They will be back in their old classrooms for drop off and pick up. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

## Health and Safety



### Bikes and Scooters on School Site

We would encourage children to ride their bikes and scooters to school, providing they do so safely and are accompanied by a parent/carer as appropriate. The riding of bikes or scooters is not permitted whilst on the school site for health and safety reasons. They may be stored in the bike shed at the front of school, please be aware this at own risk, or taken home by a parent/carer.

Please can parents and carers ensure that children get off their scooter or bike before entering the school site and walk it across the playground.



### Important Information Safety Notice – School Parking and School Car Park

Recently we have noticed a number of cars that are tail-gating onto school site and requesting to access via the gate intercom.

I would like to politely remind parents/carers that only blue badge holders are allowed on site for drop-off and collection of children.

Anyone who is not a blue badge holder, bringing a car to collect children, will need to park safely and responsibly on the road, avoiding blocking any driveways or parking on yellow or zig-zag lines.

If you have a blue badge, please wait in your car at the gate and inform the member of staff in the office via the gate intercom, by giving them your name and confirming that you have a blue badge before entering site. Please note the school office closes at 4.30pm.

Please can blue badge holders park in one of the allocated disabled parking bays provided in the main car-park and display the blue badge clearly in the front windscreen.

We are in the process of updating our list of blue badge holders. If you would like to be included on the list please arrange to bring your blue badge to the school office during opening times of 8am-4.30pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

# Class Teacher Messages...

## Nursery

Nursery had a lovely time on their visit to Hoar Park farm. The children used lovely manners throughout the day. Overall, their behaviour was brilliant and a credit to the school.

The children had a tour of the farm and were able to feed some goats and sheep. There was also an opportunity to stroke the animals in the petting area

A big thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to come along and help us. Look on Seesaw this week for the photographs of the school trip.

Next week is an exciting week for the children as they can meet their new teachers and spend time in the new classrooms.



Mrs Ruth McShane

## Reception

In Reception this week, we were excited to see the butterflies emerge from their chrysalids! We fed them some special sugar water and looked closely at their long tongues that unravel for them to be able to drink. We painted some beautiful butterfly paintings and have also written about the lifecycle. There were lots of sentences so a big well done to the children! Next week, on Wednesday, the children will get to meet their new Year One class teachers! We are amazed at how much they have achieved throughout this Reception Year and will be sad, but proud, to hand them over for the day. Please can you send reading folders in on Monday so that books can be changed. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Ridgway (Early Years Leader), Miss Blower and Miss Mosey

## Year 1

We had a fantastic time at the zoo on Tuesday and all the children had an excellent day observing all the animals! It was a very busy day but we managed to see most of the animals! They behaved very well and their enthusiasm was incredible! We hope they have told you all about the day and which animal was their favourite.

In RHE, we have been learning about our body parts and how boys and girls are different. We discussed what words our families used for our body parts and used this to learn the real names for our body parts. We spoke about which body parts are private and when and who it is appropriate to share them with. Next week, we will be celebrating Enterprise Week and the children will be busy learning how to plan, budget and make items to sell on Friday! Hopefully, we make a profit to fund a special treat for Year One! Have a fabulous weekend!



Miss Skidmore, Mrs Ellis (Year 1 Leader), Mrs Corbett

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week of learning! We had RE mornings where we learnt about celebrating special and sacred times. The children enjoyed drawing scenes from special events that had happened to them. They then explained how they celebrated and how they felt. The children also learnt about the story of Pentecost and explained why it is important to Christians.

In Science, we learnt about food chains. The children were given lots of pictures and were challenged into making their own food chains. They learnt that food chains start with producers and usually end with predators. They also recapped their learning from Year 1 and discussed what herbivores, carnivores and omnivores were. The children impressed their teachers with how much they knew about this!

In English, we finished reading Traction Man and the children completed a book review to express their views on the story. They also created their own superheroes.

In Maths, the children enjoyed completing outdoor challenges! They were challenged to do various things such as make a 2D shape out of sticks and find symmetrical patterns in natural materials. It is lovely to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather with the children. We are also still learning our 5 X tables. Please could you continue practising this at home with your child. Just a reminder, we are going to Conkers on 13th July. A reminder message will go out nearer the time to let you know what the children need to bring.



Mrs Sandhu, Mrs Gill (Year 2 Leader), Mrs Nolan

# Class Teacher Messages...

## Year 3

Year 3 have had a lovely week this week. They have been focused and ready to continue with some fantastic learning. In English we began a poetry unit and have thoroughly enjoyed reading Michael Rosen's poems from his book 'Even My Ears Are Smiling'. Each poem we have found very funny and have learnt lots of different aspects of how poems are written, including some tongue twisters which have been very hard to say. In Maths we have learnt about Angles and are able to identify different types of angles on shapes and how many angles a shape has. On Tuesday we had a fantastic science lesson. We pretended we were plant hunters and investigated different plants and trees we had on our tables using a magnifying glass. This linked to a famous scientist from a very long time ago who brought certain species of plants back to the UK from abroad. Overall, Year 3 have had a great week and as always, the Year 3 teachers are very proud of them.

Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader), Miss Hussain and Miss Waddell.

## Year 4

In year 4 this week, we have continued to read and write about the book Flotsam. In maths, we have started to learn about position and movement and how this relates to co-ordinates. In geography, we have used our drama skills to produce weather forecasts for the Amazon Rainforest as we are learning about climate. We have also held a debate on the positives and negatives of deforestation of rainforests. In RHE, we have begun to discuss how we change as we get older. In science, we have planned and carried out an experiment using eggs to investigate the effect of different liquids on our teeth.



Miss Cox (Year 4 Leader), Mrs Hatton and Miss Chapman

## Year 5

We are all very proud of the resilience and determination the children have shown during assessments this week. The children have completed maths and English assessments and have worked extremely hard and given 100%. Well done Year 5! The children also worked hard in their revision lessons during the week and have followed our motto of 'Be the best you can be'. In history, the children enjoyed learning facts about the Ancient Greek Olympics and produced fantastic drawings of vases to represent their favourite modern Olympic sport. Whilst in PE, the children created dance movements to Alice in Wonderland. We ended the week by having a visitor coming into school to launch our topic on Space. The children thoroughly enjoyed using the headsets to go into space virtually. It was a memorable experience for the children and one that they couldn't stop talking about.

Mr Johnston (Assistant Head and Year 5 leader), Miss Wherly, Mrs Sharratt and Mrs Williams

## Year 6



Year 6 have been on their Dol-y-Moch visit this week, enjoy these photos from some of the activities they took part in!

Mr Payne (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader), Mrs Harrison and Mr Openshaw



# Attendance



**WEEKLY WINNERS (w/e 01/07/2022)**

**KS1 – 1Gamma – 98.7%**

**KS2 – 3Beta – 98.4%**

**Whole School – 92.9%**



**Congratulations! Your class will receive the Attendance Trophy next week  
PLUS you will be rewarded with 5 dojos each!**

**Here Today Here Tomorrow  
Every School Day Matters!**

## Reporting Absence

**Please Remember to call school by 8:55am to report your child's absence – 02476335697  
You can also report absence via School Comms. Please remember to give a valid reason for absence.**

**Mrs Smith and Miss Keeling  
are here to support you with any attendance  
or welfare concerns.**

**Please call or email us at  
[familywelfare@whitmorepark.org](mailto:familywelfare@whitmorepark.org)**

## Holidays in Term Time

**Holidays in term time will not be authorised and can lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN).  
Please make sure you complete a Exceptional Leave in Term Time form, you can collect the form from the school office. Thank you.**



## Start the Day Right

**Being late to school can be really tricky for children as they often miss vital settling in time, such as going to the toilet, getting their things ready and talking with their teacher**

**Learning begins at 9am in all classes**

**Punctuality is being monitored by the Attendance team and we want to help make sure that all children arrive to school on time to start the day right.**

**Please contact us if you are finding it difficult to get to school on time.**





## FAMILY SUPPORT SESSIONS

Exhall Old School Community Centre  
Off School Lane,  
Exhall, Coventry CV7 9GL  
PLACES AVAILABLE VIA A BOOKING SYSTEM

This group is for people with or who are awaiting assessment for a diagnosis of **Autism/Aspergers** and their families.

No age restrictions, siblings, parents, carers, all are welcome.

We provide a caring and sympathetic environment.

The children can play safely under their own parent's supervision.

The children have access to toys, activities, role play, arts & crafts.

Why not come along and join in the fun, make new friends and have a chat with other parents!

Tuck Shop available

**The second Wednesday of every month**  
**5.15pm till 6.45pm**

### Admission charges apply.

For more information please contact [kelly.mills@r2b.org.uk](mailto:kelly.mills@r2b.org.uk)

**All children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult.**

Facebook: @rootstobranchesautismnetwork

[admin@r2b.org.uk](mailto:admin@r2b.org.uk)

[www.rootstobranchesautismnetwork.co.uk](http://www.rootstobranchesautismnetwork.co.uk)

**Summer Fun**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> AUG**  
**CBGC SUMMER CAMP 2022!**

- Multi-Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Baking
- Dance
- Football

**LUNCH & SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**Ages 7-13**

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**Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok  
(Commonsense Media)**

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

**TikTok app safety – What parents  
need to know (Internet Matters)**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

**NAUL'S MILL PARK  
COMMUNITY  
EVENT**

**Saturday  
27th August  
at 11-3pm  
Naul's Mill Park  
Coundon Road  
CV1 4AR**

**Come along  
to see**

- CMPG Traffic Police
- Mobile Police Station
- West Midlands Police Community Van
- Forensic Science -all about fingerprints
- Drones by West Midlands Police
- CRASAC (Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre)
- ROCU (Regional Cyber Crime Unit  
- Cyber Crime Manager)
- + local singer and artist and much more...

**Bring your family and friends**

This event is organised by your local policing team and supported by local community organisations to benefit the local community.

**West Midlands  
POLICE** **COVENTRY  
Building Society**

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**SEND / Thrive**

We would like to remind parents that where children need fidget toys these will be provided by school. A child brought in the one above and managed to trap his finger within it. If we do see these ones in school, we will take it off the child for their safety.



Thrive groups have been creative this week making mosaics and creating shrink wrap keyrings!



## PE / Sports News

Last Friday we took a group of pupils from Year 3 to 6 for an inclusive sports festival which was held at Broad Heath Primary School, in partnership with our Aspire Schools Partnership. At the festival, pupils got the chance to try a range of different sports such as curling, archery, dance, mini golf, volleyball, target games and also boccia. It was fantastic to see all pupils who attended, trying new sports, and making new friends from all the other schools who attended.

To celebrate the start of the up coming Commonwealth Games 2022 Birmingham, we are asking our school community to take part in the Go Park Schools Challenge. Go Park is an initiative across the city, to see how many families can keep active and visit as many local parks across the city as they can. The challenge is running from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to 17<sup>th</sup> July. Please check the school twitter feed for more information on daily challenges. To register your family for the challenge and to win our amazing school points, which can lead to prizes, you can sign up and create a FREE GO CV membership and families can enjoy all of the below benefits:

- Discounted entry to The Wave
- Free entry to Coventry Transport Museum
- Discounted entry to Coventry Music Museum
- Discounted entry to Footgolf
- And more!

Please visit [www.go-cv.co.uk/register](http://www.go-cv.co.uk/register), and register for the Go Park Schools Challenge and also check out the schools twitter feed at [https://twitter.com/Whitmore\\_Park](https://twitter.com/Whitmore_Park).



The PE Team



## Reading

As you all know, at Whitmore Park we are continuing to encourage ALL of our children to read, read and read some more! Reading is a key life skill and its value is fundamental within our curriculum; as a school we are extremely dedicated to all our children learning to foster a love of reading.

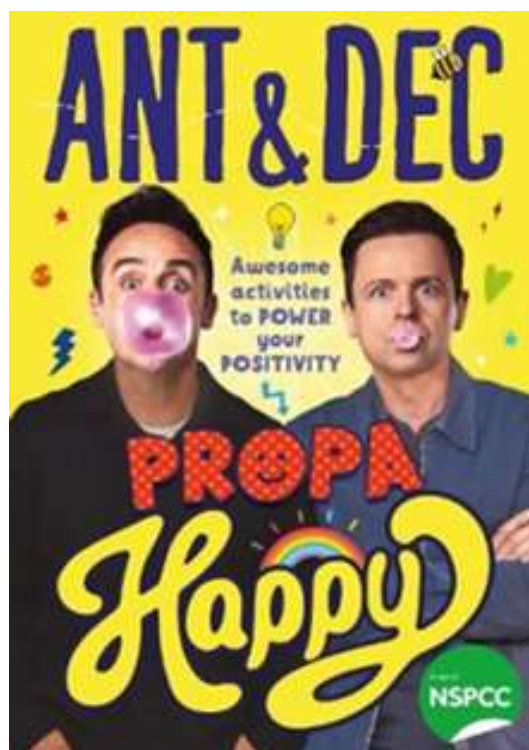
Transition is upon us this half term. Children will be moving up in year groups and some children on to new schools. When big changes like this occur, it is always important to be mindful about things that might worry our children. This week's recommendation is based around mindfulness and children thinking positively about themselves and others.



A cheery little chap called Chester Chestnut is our guide through this introduction to mindfulness for children. In his baggy dungarees, he's an identifiable figure and children will understand his worries: what if he can't make friends at school, or forgets the words in the school play, or can't stop thinking about all that could go wrong on an outing. Fortunately, he knows what to do and, by the end of the book, so will readers. The story shows Chester using mindfulness, describing the steps so clearly and simply that even the youngest will understand what to do and why.

'Propa Happy' sees pillars of primetime TV, Ant McPartlin and Declan Donnelly, deliver a lively, inclusive guide to emotional health and happiness. Written with guidance from the NSPCC, and in consultation with a child psychology expert, this smartly designed, visually engaging handbook is packed with jokes, challenges and quizzes, with activities designed to help kids find their way to happiness alongside tonnes of invaluable advice.

Happy reading!



Mrs Sandhu, Mr Johnston and Mrs Dankaro (English Team)



Date	Time	Event
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00-1:00	Year 5 to Ricoh
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30 – 3:00	Year 5 Choir to Broadgate
w/c July 4 <sup>th</sup>		Enterprise week
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30-6:00	Year 5 Activity Evening
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Reception stay and play AM/PM
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Reception stay and play AM/PM
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July		Transition Day whole school & Year 6 to secondary school Reception stay and play AM/PM
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	PM	Year 5 to Coundon Performance
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 3 Coombe Abbey Trip
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30-5:00	Family picnic on the school grounds
Monday 11th July	1:30 – 3:00	Reception Sports Day
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> July		Sports week and Healthy Body/Healthy Mind
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2:00pm	Year 6 Production
Tuesday 12th July	9:15 – 11:00	Year 5 Sports Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 2 Conkers Trip
Wednesday 13th July	9:15 – 11:00	Year 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 13th July	1:30 – 3:00	Year 1 Sports Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00pm	Year 6 Production
Thursday 14th July	9:15 – 11:00	Year 3 Sports Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30pm	Reports to Parents
Friday 15th July	9:15 – 11:00	Year 2 Sports Day
Friday 15th July	1:30 – 3:00	Year 6 Sports Day
W/C 18th July	TBC	End of year class parties
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am	Year 1 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 2 group assembly to parents
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am	Year 3 group assembly to parents
	11:00am	Nursery group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Nursery group assembly to parents
	6:00pm	Open Evening for parents (books, classroom and corridor environment, meet the teachers) Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am	Year 5 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 4 group assembly to parents
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9:00am	Year 6 leavers assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Reception group assembly to parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Break up

# School Nursing

[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk) offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes.

[www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk) hosts videos and webchats as well as articles to educate teenagers on a range of health topics such as contraception, mental health, drugs and alcohol.

**Chat Health** Chat health is a free service that enables 11-18 year olds across Coventry to send confidential SMS text messages to School Nurses who will provide impartial advice and support.

TEXT: 07507 331949.

**Parent Advice** Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am -16.30pm, Monday to Friday on 024 75189190 to discuss any child health concerns they may have.

For advice and support from your school nurse please text "Chat Health" on 07507 329114 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If your child is unwell please call your GP or call 111. For medical emergencies ring 999.

## Useful Links

### Finance

[Coventry Independent Advice Service](#) is a charity offering free advice, information and support to Coventry residents. Our service is confidential and our skilled advisers can help you with things like:

- Identifying entitlement to benefits and helping you make claims
- Helping you to sort out debt or other money problems
- Challenging decisions on benefit claims

### Domestic Abuse

[Coventry Haven](#) - ensure safety and empowerment for women and children who are subjected to Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) in any form. They offer a range of services including a Safe To Talk Helpline **0800 111 4998** or **024 7644 4077**  
(Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm)

[National Domestic Abuse Line \(REFUGE\)](#) - Refuge supports women, children and men experiencing domestic violence with a range of services including a 24-hour helpline **0808 2000 247**.

### Mental Health & Wellbeing

[Young Minds](#) - a national charity which supports children and young people with mental health and well being. They have specific resources for young people around COVID-19, and also offer support to parents.

[Childline](#) - Childline is available to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, they have trained counsellors to support you. The helpline is **0800 1111** and is available between 9am to midnight every day.

[Samaritans](#) - Coventry & District Samaritans is an independent charity, run entirely by unpaid volunteers. They provide a free 24-hour helpline for people who are upset, troubled or who are feeling suicidal. Call **116 123** at any time of the day or night or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org).

In addition to their normal services Samaritans has set up a [confidential support line for NHS workers and volunteers in England](#). This operates from 7am to 11pm every day. NHS staff can, of course, still use the 24 hour helpline if they prefer.

### Pathways Family Hub

Our local Family Hub is 'Pathways', they are based at Radford Primary School. You can follow them on Facebook or Twitter for information about local events and support for families. [Facebook - pathwaysfamilyhub](#) [Twitter - hubsfamily](#) Tel: **02476978130**