



Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, all of the children have met their new teacher and spent the day in their new classroom. They certainly tried hard to make a good impression and to 'Be the best they can be'! It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception children into school for their 'Play + Stay' sessions. They had a super time and were very happy to stay by themselves at the final session – we hope they are very excited to start school in September! The children have had a great week planning their projects to make and sell during Enterprise Week. We have certainly been impressed with the great entrepreneurial skills we have seen develop through their project planning, advertising, budgeting and sales skills. We are immensely proud of our children and their continuous drive to improve, they really enjoy their learning which is wonderful to see! Please make a note of all the important dates coming up on this newsletter so that you don't miss out on anything and we look forward to welcoming you in to school over the next two weeks.

Health and Safety

Polite Reminder – Parking

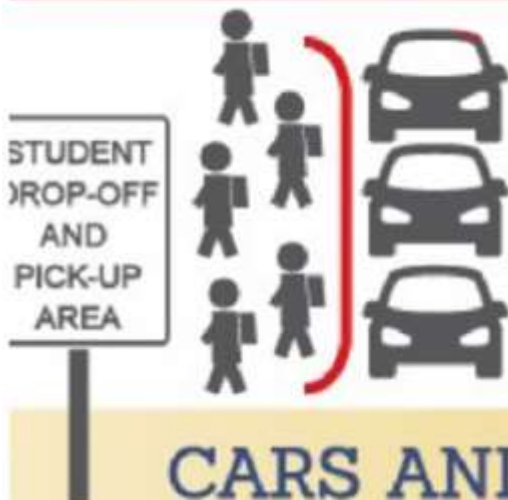
In the interest of health and safety and good neighbour relations, please can parents/carers ensure that they park responsibly and considerately when collecting and dropping off pupils outside school. This reminder follows incidents where parents/carers have parked on double yellow lines or zig-zags or blocked local residents' access/driveways.

Parents/carers are respectfully asked to observe parking regulations, as these are in place both to ensure pupil safety and for the benefit of the local community and other road users.

We will be raising this issue with our local PCSO who may carry out spot checks in the area.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER:



Be sure to follow your school's pick up and drop off procedures.

More children are hit by vehicles near schools than at any other location.

CARS AND KIDS DON'T MIX.

Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

Nursery have had a very exciting week this week as most of the children have spent some time in Reception. They have met with their new teacher and seen their new classrooms. All the children have had a lovely time and are looking forward to September. The children who stayed in Nursery have also had a lovely time, playing with all the toys, and not having to wait for a turn at activities.

We have created a new outdoor role play. We have re-built the den and used it as the tent on a camp site. The children love "cooking the food on the log fire" and having picnics inside the den.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Ruth McShane

Reception

The children have had another fantastic week in Reception. They have participated in a variety of different activities this week whilst Reception welcomed the Nursery children into Reception for a short time. They met the year one teachers and TA's and played games such as bingo and did some brilliant drawings of minions that amazed us! They looked so grown up on Wednesday when we handed them over to their new Year 1 teachers for the day. All of the children came back excited and eager to tell us about their day. We hope that they enjoyed it and are looking forward to their next adventure at Whitmore Park! Next week we are learning about bikes and the children have the opportunity to bring their bike in for a day - please see seesaw for more information about this. Please send reading books in to be changed on Monday for the final time. We will be collecting all reading books in the following week. Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

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

Year 1

This week, we have been busy celebrating Enterprise week. We have looked at money and how to use them correctly such as always making sure we check our change. We have learnt about our wants and needs. We thought about things we have to buy to survive and things that are wants that we could live without.

We have been busy making our items for our Friendship Stand and we look forward to seeing you all supporting our stall on Friday!

Have a great weekend!



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

Year 2

It has been Enterprise week this week and Year 2 have amazed all their teachers with their Entrepreneurial skills. We started the week with a launch assembly from Mr Payne. The children were told they would have £50 per class to spend on creating their own business idea. The children enjoyed pretending they were on Dragons Den to pitch their business ideas to their classmates.

As a year group, we decided we would make hot chocolate cones, sweet cones and Rice Krispy cakes. The children enjoyed researching what resources they would need to make each product and calculating profits and losses. They also showcased their art skills to advertise their products.

It was lovely for the children to meet their new Year 3 teachers this week. They enjoyed completing "getting to know you activities" and voting on which books they would like to read in September. The children were especially excited that their new classrooms would be upstairs!

Just a reminder, we are visiting Conkers next Wednesday (13th). Please ensure children have their sunhats because it is forecast to be very warm. Children need to wear school uniform but can wear trainers as there is some walking involved. We are hoping to have an enjoyable day and make some special memories before the children move on into Year 3.



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

Class Teacher Messages...

Year 3

We have had a fantastic week taking in part in our Enterprise Week. The children have experienced planning, budgeting and advertising in their lessons all week. The children did brilliantly in pitching their products to the rest of the class for us to have a class vote on what product they wanted to make. Lots of confidence and teamwork which was lovely to see. On Thursday we spent all morning making our product using the materials we had planned ready to sell on Friday. We look forward to our sales on Friday afternoon and hope we can sell everything we have made.

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

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been busy preparing for Enterprise Week. We have learnt what it is to be an entrepreneur and how to plan and budget to make a product. We have also produced and assessed the viability of our product, after advertising and selling it to the rest of the school. During the week, we have also finished our descriptive stories based on Flotsam and met our new Year 5 teachers. What a productive week we have had!

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



Year 5

It has been an action-packed week in Year 5. To launch Enterprise Week, Year 5 went to the CBS arena. The children enjoyed touring the arena, listening to a manager speak about career opportunities and how an arena is run on a day-to-day basis. The children also completed activities linked to Enterprise Week at the arena. The children have also had an activity event after school to celebrate their learning from the year. The children had great fun playing sports and games, singing, designing and making. Some of the year group also represented the school choir at the city centre. And to end the week, the children visited Coundon Court Secondary School to watch a performance of 'We Will Rock You'. Inside the classroom, the children have worked hard to plan, design and advertise products of their choice for Enterprise Week. It was great to see the children selling these products to children and parents. The children have also met their new class teacher for September and are looking forward to starting Year 6 after the Summer Holidays.



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

Year 6

What a busy few weeks our children have had! Not only have they shown true resilience at Dol y Moch, they have now showing us their bravery at Drayton Manor. We love seeing children push the boundaries, and all children definitely attempted more than they thought they would - and were so proud of themselves! They've also shown how much their confidence has grown by standing on the stage and rehearsing our production ready for you all to come and see on Tuesday or Thursday next week. We appreciate all of the support with learning the lines and the songs, and know you're all intrigued to find out why they come home humming the Mole song!

Next week, we will also be looking at our final topic 'Changing Me', which explores puberty and the changes in the body as they get older. The unit includes conception and birth, along with a deep look at their ideal vs real self. More information will be coming out so that you are aware of the content of these lessons.

Enjoy your weekend!

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

Attendance



WEEKLY WINNERS (w/e 08/07/2022)

KS1 – 1Beta – 98.5%
KS2 – 3B & 3G – 99.2%
Whole School – 95.1%



**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

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 8:55am 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.



Summer Fun

1ST - 25TH AUG

CBGC SUMMER CAMP 2022!

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



LUNCH & SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED!

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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

All children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult.

Facebook: [@rootstobranchesautismnetwork](https://www.facebook.com/rootstobranchesautismnetwork)

admin@r2b.org.uk

www.rootstobranches.co.uk

This week we took a group of Year 4s to the School Games Level 3 competition for orienteering. The event was hosted at the adventure centre at Rough Close Coventry, and children got the chance to complete challenges such as creating smiley face out of equipment, map work with finding numbered letters to complete a word, and also navigating around a map to follow a route and complete it as fast as they could. The children had a amazing time, learning new skills such as teamwork and navigating maps. It was great to see them trying so hard and showing the School Games values! Mr Parry and Mr Wilson were proud of everyone's efforts.

Please remember next week is our Sports Week. The theme for this year's Sports Day will be celebrating the start of the Commonwealth Games 2022. Please be aware children will not be competing against each other but placed into a country taking part in the Commonwealth Games and they will be looking to gain points for the country they are representing in each of the events. All children from Reception to Year 6 will represent their nation and this information will be shared with parents ahead of the start of their sports day slot. Individual and team winners will be announced in the end of year performance assemblies. Please see the timetable for each year groups Sports Day Slot.

Date	Year Group	Time
Monday 11 th July	Reception	1.30pm - 3.00pm
Tuesday 12 th July	Year 5	9.15am - 11am
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 4	9.15am - 11am
Wednesday 13 th July	Year 1	1.30pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 14 th July	Year 3	9.15am - 11am
Friday	Year 2	9.15am - 11am
Friday	Year 6	1.30pm - 3.00pm



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.

This week the children have been working hard in their classes to create businesses as part of our Enterprise Week. It's been brilliant to see all of the different ideas shared about what the children will be making and selling this week. I hope they make a lot of profit!

So this week's recommendation is based around children becoming entrepreneurs.

Start learning what you need to know to set up your own business with this unique activity book. Kids will learn about different directions they can take with their ideas. Young readers will be inspired by the fun craft activities, cool quizzes, and games. Once kids have worked their way through the book, they can delve into the Entrepreneur's Tools section, which contains all sorts of goodies - stickers, a poster, and a game to play with friends.

Happy reading!



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

Date	Time	Event
Monday 11 th July	3:30-5:00	Family picnic on the school grounds
Monday 11 th July		Year 3 Coombe Abbey Trip
w/c 11 th July		Sports week and Healthy Body/Healthy Mind
Tuesday 12 th July	2:00pm	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 13 th July		Year 2 Conkers Trip
Thursday 14 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 15 th July	3:30pm	Reports to Parents
Monday 18 th July	9:00am	Year 1 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 2 group assembly to parents
Tuesday 19 th 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 th July	9:00am	Year 5 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 4 group assembly to parents
Thursday 21 st July	9:00am	Year 6 leavers assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Reception group assembly to parents
Friday 22 nd July		Break up

School Nursing

www.healthforkids.co.uk offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes.

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.

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**