



Message from Mrs McGibney and Mrs Squires

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the year, we reflect on all the achievements and wonderful memories created during 2021-22. This has been an incredibly challenging year again, where we have seen our school being impacted with COVID. However, we are so proud of what the children have achieved – overcoming barriers, displaying amazing resilience and making super progress.

We thank all of you for the support you have given to the children and staff over the year. It has been wonderful to see all of the staff, children and families coming together to create memories, have fun and celebrate the children's achievements.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer and you enjoy the holidays with your families.

Health and Safety



Important Health and Safety Notice about Road Safety

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 and ensure children are supervised when by the roadside. Please can you remind children to stay safe by not running onto driveways or walking along garden walls.

This reminder follows incidents where parents/carers have parked on double yellow lines or zig-zags or blocked local residents' access/driveways or parked where there is a dropped kerb.

Parents/carers are respectfully asked to observe parking regulations and drive responsibly, within the speed limit 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 and Local Authority Highways department who may carry out spot checks in the area.

Toilet

On a separate note, if your child should need the toilet, please can they do so before leaving school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Support for parents and carers with #CEOPSummerSafety this summer break

Over the summer CEOP will be covering a different online safety topic each week on their social media channels, helping parents and carers to **learn** more, **talk** to their children and take **action** together. Posts will support parents and carers with articles, activity sheets and videos on the following topics:

- Cyber security
 - Social media
 - Gaming
 - Live streaming
 - Sharing images online
 - Watching videos online
- To find out more information go to:

Twitter: [@CEOPUK](https://twitter.com/CEOPUK) Facebook: [Click CEOP](https://www.facebook.com/ClickCEOP) and follow the #CEOPSummerSafety to stay informed.

Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

This last week has been very eventful. The children were marvellous at managing in the extreme temperature at the beginning of the week. They were brilliant at following instructions to help them keep safe. Well done!

The children made us feel so proud of them for their performance in the assembly on Tuesday, especially as we had to change the content at short notice. We still have Friday's assembly to look forward to.

Today was the Teddy Bears picnic. We had lots of fun searching for bears in the wood, followed by parachute game with our teddies. This was all followed by a delicious picnic.

Thank you for your food donations, we were thrilled, we can now have more picnics on Thursday and Friday.

I would like to send best wishes and good luck to all the parents and children.

I hope that you have a lovely Summer.



Mrs Ruth McShane

Reception

Well, what a fantastic first year at Whitmore Park for our Reception children! We had a great time celebrating the end of year at our parties on Wednesday where we danced, played and had a little party food. We are extremely proud of all children and the amazing progress that they have made since starting school. It was lovely to see so many parents at the open evening on Wednesday - we hope that you enjoyed looking through your child's work books and can see the progress made since September. We also hope that you enjoyed the end of year assembly by the children on Thursday - we thought that they did a fantastic job of singing! We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support with your child's learning this year. We wish you all a happy, safe Summer - don't forget to pop by and see us sometimes next year!

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

Year 1

We have had a fantastic last week of term. We had our end of year assembly, thank you to all of you that attended. The children coped well with the heat and were rewarded with their ice cream party which they thoroughly enjoyed. We hope they remember this for some time to come!

Thank you all so much for your support this year and supporting the children at home with their reading and homework. It has been a pleasure teaching the children this year and we wish them all the best as they move into year two.

Have a fantastic summer holidays!



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

Year 2

Year 2 have had a lovely (and very hot) last week of school. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing to their grown-ups on Monday afternoon despite the warm weather. We are very proud of all the children for showing such resilience and bravery as this was the first time they performed in front of their parents!

Some children spent their Dojo points by going to McDonalds and Waterstones. These children were excited to show their classmates their new books. David Walliams was a popular choice. Other children spent their points by having a lovely buffet lunch with Mrs Squires. The children rated the pizza as being 20 out of 20! A sports morning was also held where children could choose which sports they wanted to play. Tennis was very popular. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed the water party, especially getting wet by all the children! It was a party that we hope all the children found memorable. We then had a picnic and shared our favourite memories of Year 2.

The Year 2 staff would like to say how very proud we are of all the children this year. They have all come on such a long way, especially considering this is their first full year of schooling. We will miss all the children deeply but am sure we will see them all around school. We hope all the families have a lovely summer holiday and wish all the children the very best moving into Year 3.



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

Class Teacher Messages...

Year 3

Hi Parents,

We would just like to say what a wonderful year, Year 3 have had and how much all the staff have enjoyed working with them this year. This week have enjoyed an end of year performance and the children were a real credit to themselves and explained their work amazingly . We are also having a end of year party and enjoying the last few days with them all. We wish them the very best of luck in Year 4 and are sure they will do excellently !!

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

Year 4

In year 4 this week, we have been working hard to prepare for our end of year assembly and transition to Year 5. We have been using our retrieval skills to show what we have learnt in geography, history and science. In English we have finished our unit on explanations and in maths we have finished our chapter on geometry. All our things are packed and ready to go to year 5, where we are looking forward to learning even more.

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

Year 5

It has been an action-packed final week in Year 5. We performed our year group assembly to parents and carers on Wednesday and we hope that you enjoyed listening to all of the fantastic learning that has taken place this year. We have also had the opportunity to take part in rewards involving: sports, a trip to McDonald's and Waterstones and having a buffet lunch with SLT by spending dojo points that have been accumulated throughout the year. And to end the week, each class spent the money raised for Enterprise Week on an activity of their choice. We would also like to congratulate 5 Beta for completing their swimming course this week.

And finally, we would like to thank the children for the hard work they have demonstrated during Year 5 and the support provided by the parents and carers. We wish you all a great summer holiday and hope that you have an enjoyable time with your families.

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

Year 6

We are so proud of each of you for what you have achieved during your time at Whitmore, and know you're all equipped with the right tools to move to your secondary school confidently and eager to begin the next chapter of your lives. We cannot thank you enough for the laughs, fun and successes we have shared this year and you will all be greatly missed.



Along with the children leaving, we say goodbye to Mr Openshaw and Mrs Harrison. After a number of years here, they feel privileged to be leaving on a high with such an amazing year group. It will be a heart-breaking end of the year and we will all be leaving with tears in our eyes, but wish everyone the happiest of holidays and we cannot wait to hear/see our leavers grow.

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

Inclusion

A message from the Inclusion Team:

Where did that year go? We are so proud of the children's achievements this year. They are shining examples to you all and all the support that you offer to both your children and the school. We would like to wish those leaving us all the very best for the future while we also look forward to welcoming back those who are staying. We hope that you have a wonderful summer.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022



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ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal during the school holidays

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

YO! SUSHI

Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

From June 27th kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend

MARKS & SPENCER CAFE

Likely But Not Yet Announced

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto

FARMHOUSE INNS

Likely But Not Yet Announced

SUMMER

What's On 25th July - 26th August 2022

MON

Summer HAF

THE CREZ YOUTH CLUB (RADFORD)

12PM - 4PM
25/07, 01/08 & 08/08
AGES: 9 - 17

"HAF CODE ONLY"

Youth Club

THE CREZ YOUTH CLUB (RADFORD)

5PM - 7PM
25/07, 01/08
AGES: 9 - 13

"OPEN SESSION"

Go Parks Multi Sport - Radford

NAULS MILL PARK

6PM - 8PM
EVERY MONDAY
AGES: 9 - 17

TUE

Youth Club

THE MOAT FAMILY HUB (WOOD END)

3.30PM - 4.30PM
EVERY TUESDAY
AGES: 9 - 17

"OPEN SESSION"

Wellbeing Youth Club

PARK EDGE FAMILY HUB

5PM - 6.30PM
AGES: 12 - 17
02/08, 09/08, 16/08 & 23/08

"LIMITED SPACES"

Go Parks Multi Sport - Foleshill

RED HOUSE PARK

5PM - 7PM
EVERY TUESDAY
AGES: 9 - 17

WED

Ready Steady Cook!

PATHWAYS FAMILY HUB (RADFORD)

6PM - 8PM
AGES: 9 - 17

"LIMITED SPACES"



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Summer HAF

THE CREZ YOUTH CLUB (RADFORD)

12PM - 4PM
04/08
AGES: 9 - 17

"HAF CODE ONLY"

Youth Club

THE CREZ YOUTH CLUB (RADFORD)

5PM - 7PM
AGES: 14 - 17

"OPEN SESSION"



FRI

Youth Club

PATHWAYS FAMILY HUB (RADFORD)

3.30PM - 5PM
05/08, 12/08, 19/08 & 26/08
AGES: 9 - 17

"OPEN SESSION"

WOOD END

BELL GREEN



WWW.



@APTITUDEYOUTH

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT VIA:

WWW.APTITUDE.ORG.UK/YOUTHSESSIONS

WWW.APTITUDE.ORG.UK

YOUTHWORKERS@APTITUDE.ORG.UK



INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

FREE ONLINE workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**. Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- *Apps and appropriate ages*
- *Safety settings*
- *Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism*
- *Gaming*
- *Introducing house rules*
- *How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim*



To view dates and times and to book a place, please [**click here**](#) **or scan the QR code above.**



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Reading

What a busy year we have had this year - our reading journey has been amazing! We have held, competitions, books fairs, reading assemblies, world book day celebrations as well as giving out lots of brand-new books to children receiving their 10 stamps, visiting Waterstones to purchase a book as part of our Dojo point rewards.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

It's now time for the summer holidays and the children are encouraged to take on the Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England. The children listened to a librarian in assembly this week as she shared how children can take part in the challenge.

For more information on how to get involved, please visit this link:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

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. We hope lots of you will take on the challenge and we can't wait to hear all about it in September.

Have a great summer!

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

PE / Sports News

So #GoParks has now finished, and a MASSIVE Well Done to all the pupils and their families who took part. It was great to see so many families enjoying the wonderful local parks we have in our area. In the end our school came 5th within our region and 13th overall on the leader board which is a great achievement out of 84 primary schools across the city. A big shout out to Year 2 who were our highest scoring year group gaining points for our school. I take my hat off to everyone who made the effort and thank you again! Mr Parry.

Last week we had the school sports days for Reception to Year 6. With children competing for their Commonwealth Country and gain points, I'm delighted to reveal the results -



1st: Scotland
2nd : Australia
3rd: South Africa
4th: Wales
5th: Ireland
6: England



Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to parents who also took part in some of the races, I know the children really loved to see this. From the P.E team have a fantastic and relaxing summer holiday.



Our School Nursing Team Health focused websites

Coventry School Nurses have launched two websites, one aimed at children and another tailored towards teenagers:

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 texting service 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. The number to text is 07507 331949.

Parent Advice Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am -16.30pm, Monday to Friday on 02475189190 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**