



Message from Mrs McGibney and Mrs Squires

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for all of the support you have given to the school and the children this week during the Family Picnic, Sports Days, Enterprise Week and Year 6 Leavers Assembly. It has been great to be able to welcome you all of these events and we have received some lovely feedback from the school community. Thank you for your generosity during Enterprise Week; the children have had great fun deciding how to spend their profits! They are spending it on a range of things from an ice-cream party, to a water fight and one class even decided to donate their profit to a charity. We are continuing our fundraising for Myton Hospice next week and all the money raised from the Family Picnic will go to the charity. We will let you know how much money we have raised next week. We look forward to seeing you all at the Year Group Assemblies next week.

Health and Safety

Extreme Weather Warning

The UK, including is set to face even hotter temperatures over the coming days with the possibility of breaking the hottest recorded temperature. Figures are set to rise into the 30s as a heat-health alert has been issued by the Met Office.

An amber warning is in place for most of England and Wales, which urges people to stay safe during the [heatwave](#). The soaring temperatures come with a weather warning extending into next Tuesday (July 19) and possibly longer.

Met Office Updates

Please see the links below for the latest updates and advice:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/press-office/news/weather-and-climate/2022/exceptional-heat-possible-early-next-week>

UK Health Security Agency Updates

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather#:~:text=Try%20to%20get%20air%20flowing,stay%20hydrated%20with%20regular%20drinks.>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1075144/Beat_the_Heat_Poster_2022.pdf



Warm Weather

Now that the weather is starting to get even hotter, please can parents and carers send a cap/hat for your child to wear during playtime and lunchtime in the playground. Please ensure that it has your child's name clearly written inside. Please can they also bring in a water bottle, which can be filled up in school. It would also be advisable to apply sun cream before coming into school. Please note that sunglasses are not permitted, except for medical reasons.

Reading



We are busy organising and getting things ready for September as we are almost at the end of this school year. This week, we have been collecting any class library books that the children have borrowed. Please ensure your child has brought their book back.

From Monday 18th July we will also begin to collect the children's home reading books and they will be kept until September. As you all know, at Whitmore Park we are continuing to encourage children to read so they will be given the opportunity to choose a book from a project that we are involved in called 'Own Books' which they will get to keep without any cost! OWN BOOKS is an innovative book recycling project to help children have their own books at home. So children will still have a book to read over the summer holidays.

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 want to encourage ALL of our children to read, read and read some more!

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

Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been sharing the book "We are going on a Bear Hunt". We are learning to recite the book for the Nursery assembly next week.

We have opened the big sandpit this week. The children have loved building in the sand on a larger scale than in the sand trays. Many apologies for sand in socks and shoes. We have also had three water tubs and channels out to help the children keep cool, unfortunately it has been no real substitute for the seaside!

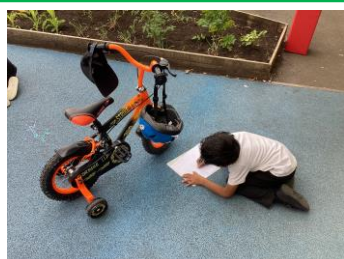
There will be two Nursery assemblies next week on Tuesday 19th July 11.00 am and 2.30 pm

There will also be a Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday 20th July. (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) Please can the children dress up in their favourite outfit and bring along a teddy bear. We will be playing lots of "bear games" and having a picnic in the school grounds. Further details about the assembly and the picnic can be found on Seesaw or the Nursery Newsletter.



Mrs Ruth McShane

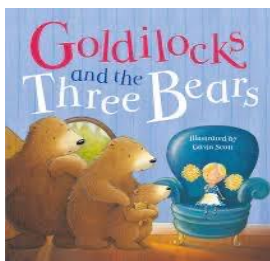
Reception



This week in Reception we were super excited to have a bike day! We learned about the parts of a bicycle, did observational drawings of them, learned a little bit about the history of bikes and, of course, did lots of riding around the playground! The children were very good at sharing their bikes and it was lovely to witness some children's first time riding a bicycle! Please send reading books in on Monday as we will be taking them in. Have a great weekend everyone!

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

Year 1



This week, we have been reading Goldilocks and The Three Bears. The children have been working on retelling parts of the story to prepare them for story writing in Year 2.

In Maths, we have been learning about mass. We have been ordering objects by their weight and comparing the heaviest and lightest objects. We have learnt how to count how many units something weighs too.

The children did a fantastic at sports day and we are all really proud of them. We are really looking forward to a fun filled, hot, week to celebrate then end of term next week!

Have a great weekend! Miss Skidmore, Mrs Ellis (Year 1 Leader), Mrs Corbett

Year 2

WOW! What a busy week Year 2 have had! Most of our learning this week has been spent covering RHE topics. We have discussed the life cycles of different species and how we change as we get older. We also shared important people in our lives and why they are special to us.



The highlight of our week was definitely our end of term trip to Conkers Adventure Park. During the 4D cinema experience, we followed the story of some ants and travelled through a forest on a leaf. The children especially enjoyed being sprayed with water and having wind blown at them! We also got to enjoy a ranger led activity and became wildlife detectives! The children searched high and low in the woodland for minibeasts and wildlife.



They learnt about the meaning and importance of habitats and even got to build their own bug hotels.

Conkers covers a large part of the national forest so the quickest way around the park is by train.

There were lots of cheers as we entered tunnels! After lunch, the children played in the adventure playground.

They explored a variety of outdoor play attractions including a spider web.

Class Teacher Messages...

Year 2 continued...

The children have also been busy practising for their end of year assembly. They are looking forward to performing in front of their grown ups next Monday! We are beginning to collect in library books this week and reading books next week. Please ensure your child has their books with them to return.

The whole of Year 2 would like to wish good luck to Miss Lees who is leaving to have her baby. The children have thoroughly enjoyed working with her this year and we thank her for all of Her hard work and dedication. We can't wait for baby cuddles!

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



Year 3

This week has been a fantastically fun week for children in year 3. The children loved their trip to Coombe abbey on Monday and learned so much about the physical and human features of the beautiful landscape. In addition to this, they had even more fun on Sports day, it was fantastic to see so many wonderful parents participate.

It made sports day that much more enjoyable!

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

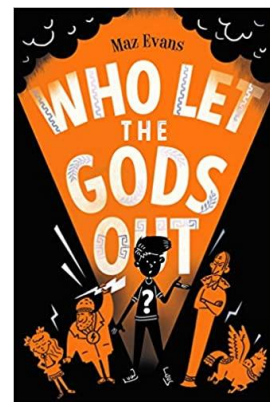
Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have been learning about the human digestive system. We have written a glossary, drawn diagrams and written an explanation of how we digest our food. In maths, we have learnt how to translate shapes on a one quadrant grid and how to calculate area. We are really enjoyed competing in our sports day on Wednesday and have started to practise our year group assembly for next week.

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

Year 5

We have had another busy week in Year 5. In maths, the children have started to look at how to work out the volume of different solids built of cubes including cubes and cuboids. In English lessons, the children have continued reading 'Who Let the Gods Out?' and have written biographies of either Harry Potter or characters linked to the book. The children enjoyed applying the writing skills they have learnt in this unit to their work. The Year 5 Sports Day took place on Tuesday morning and had a Commonwealth Games theme. All the children took part with great team spirit and pushed themselves to achieve their best. It was also great to see the parents take part in some races too! The children enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of the Year 6 production and it gave them a taste of what is to come next year. Well done on a great week and remember to always aim to be the best that you can be Year 5.



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

Year 6

The year 6 teachers would like to congratulate the children on their fantastic performance. They have shown resilience and relentless determination in learning their lines, songs and how to perform. We are very proud and can't thank the parents enough for their continued support.

We had great fun representing our commonwealth countries in sports day and saw a brilliant display of athletics.

We are looking forward to inviting parents to our leaving assembly next Thursday at 9am.

One week to go everyone!

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



Well done to all our amazing pupils and families who were out enjoying some of our parks across Coventry in the sun and scanning QR Codes to gain points for our school as part of the #GoParks competition. From everyone's hard work our school has now moved from 18th to 13th in the Leaderboard, keep up the hard work, pop to the park on the way too or from school or go for a evening walk, whatever works for your family. Hopefully we can break into the top 10.

We have also had our Year group sports days and I would like to say a MASSIVE Thank you to all our wonderful pupils and parents who have taken part in good spirit. Result will be revealed next week of the top 3 countries!

Thanks Again from the PE Team

Family Welfare

Food Bank Vouchers

Whitmore Park Primary School is registered to issue food bank vouchers to families in need. Contact Mrs Smith for more information. You can also contact the Family Hub for vouchers.

Help with Uniform

With the rising cost of living we are supporting families who are finding it difficult to provide school uniform items for their children at this time. Please call the Welfare Team or send a message on the gateway if you would like a call back about help with uniform for September.

Lost Property

Lost Property will be available for parents and carers to look through every day next week in the foyer and outside the main office. Please come and have a look and let us know if you have lost anything. Anything which is unclaimed will be donated during the summer holidays

Kids Eat Free!



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022
COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA CAFE Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend from 25th July - 4th Sept 2022	WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal during the school holidays	MORRISONS Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)
TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.
YO! SUSHI Kid's eat free from 3pm-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday until 1st September 2022	BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday
THE REAL GREEK Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult	CAFE ROUGE Kids eat for £1 when you order one adult's main meal. Excludes Saturdays
SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.	SA BRAINS PUBS Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!	ANGUS STEAKHOUSE One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays
PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM From June 27th kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto
MARKS & SPENCER CAFE Likely But Not Yet Announced	FARMHOUSE INNS Likely But Not Yet Announced

Attendance



WEEKLY WINNERS (w/e 15/07/2022)

KS1 – 96% 1 Delta

KS2 – 96.4% 3 Delta

Whole School – 92.1%

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



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 regarding benefit claims, financial support and debt management **024 7652 1101**

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.

[RISE](#) – NHS-led services providing emotional wellbeing and mental health services for children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire. www.cwrise.com **0300 200 2021**

[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.

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**