

Together Everyone Achieves More



**Exhall
Junior School**

Newsletter

OCTOBER

“Autumn is the richer season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits.”

WELCOME!

Dear Families,

Well, where did that first half term go? I cannot believe that we are having our half term holiday already. All children and staff have worked incredibly hard and the first half term has flown by.

It's been great to see all our new Y3 children settling in so well and enjoying school, also it nice to meet new carers and parents, and some not so new! We do hope that you have already got a clear sense of how we value our school community and hope you feel part of the school. If you have some spare time, our Friends are looking for some help, details can be found in this newsletter.

Wishing you all a super half term break!

Football Tournament



Miss Bath and Miss Robinson took a team of Year 5/6 boys to a football tournament. The boys all played superbly well and represented the school brilliantly. There were some great goals scored and some fantastic defending. We came in second overall and all the players should be very proud of themselves.

Head and Deputy Students



Congratulations to our new Head and Deputy students who were successful in their applications. We are sure that they will acquit themselves well. This year we did have a lot of high calibre children who put themselves forward, it was a very close vote in the end. Everyone presented well and we thank them for taking the time to talk to their classmates about what they could bring to the role.

URGENT Applying for a secondary school place

The application process opened in September 2022 and the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **31st October 2022**. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (1 March 2023).

Late applications won't be processed until after 1 March 2023, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.

[Click here for more information](#)



Friends of Exhall Juniors

The Friends of Exhall Juniors are a group of parents who organise fun events for the children and the school community throughout the year and raise money for the school.

If you are interested in joining the group or can help out in any way then please contact them by leaving your details at the school office, or emailing them directly. Whatever time or support you can offer is much appreciated. exhallfriends@gmail.com



We are really pleased to announce that we raised £678!

Thank you for your generous support.

National Poetry Day Celebration



National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry. Each year the school comes together as voices, words and stories help everyone to bridge understanding in our community.

We held a lovely Poetry assembly, with classes performing their poems to the rest of the school, all with an environment theme. For nearly every student in the school to stand up and take part in a performance in the same assembly was really fantastic.

Thanks to Mrs. So for taking the time to organise and lead this event

Hats Off for Mental Health



World Mental Health Day was on the 10th October. Coventry and Warwickshire MIND asked us to put our hats on to raise money for the vital work that they do.

By raising money for Coventry and Warwickshire Mind we can make a real difference to people who have mental health problems in our community.

We thank Miss Davies for organising this event, and for your support. We have raised over £100 in donations to go to Coventry and Warwickshire MIND.



Poppy Playtime

Some of you may be aware and recall a previous mention of an online game called Poppy Playtime involving a character called Huggy Wuggy.

The game was released last year but is still very much present online and on social media sites, such as YouTube and TikTok. As well as the character being quite visually disturbing, the content within this game is frightening and not age-appropriate. The recent creation of plush toys have made this character seem appealing and the names of the characters involved could cause parental controls to not recognize the worrying content of the game or videos related to it. New updates have included characters such as "Mommy Long Legs" and "Kissy Missy" have also added appeal to vulnerable users. Our vigilance together around what our

children are viewing online is vital in ensuring they are safe online.

The below website has more information about the game and its characters.

[Huggy-wuggy-online-safety review](#)

Attendance

At Exhall Junior School we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality.

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time.

Authorised Absences

These are mornings or afternoons away from school for a valid reason such as illness, emergency medical or dental appointments (**routine appointments should always be made out of school hours**) and emergencies.

Unauthorised Absences

An absence is classified as Unauthorised if the reason was not recognised as acceptable. The Department for Education (DfE) and Local Education Authorities provide information for schools as to what is acceptable and what is not. Examples of reasons that would **not be accepted**:

A birthday Got up too late to come in

A shopping trip Sibling off

Friday/ Monday off to go on weekend breaks

Attendance Monitoring

As attendance and punctuality is so important to us, we cannot be complacent where there are instances of unacceptable, low pupil attendance, or if pupils are regularly late to school.

The Local Authority is keen that we adopt measures and involve external agencies if the level of attendance requires us to do so when attendance is below 90%.

If there is not an improvement in attendance then you may be asked to come into school for a formal meeting to discuss the matter further.

Continued unauthorised absences could then result in a penalty notice being issued.

The school will be moving to a County monitoring system soon when all unauthorised holidays will be logged and actions will result.



Please let us know if have queries, issues or questions.

If we've got something wrong, please let us know, it's important for us to help and support. Just call into the office of call tel 024 76313375 or admin2571@welearn365.com

SuperStar Sport Half-Term Activity Camp



4x GO APE TICKETS



ELECTRIC SCOOTER



1 WEEK FREE AT
ANY CAMP

Exhall Cedars Infant School

Trenance Road, Exhall, CV7 9FJ

24th - 28th October 9AM - 3PM

Early drop off 8:15AM £2.50 per day

Late pick up 3:30PM £2.50 per day

- ★ Ages 4-12
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Bouncy Castle Day
- ★ Sweet Hunt
- ★ Fancy Dress

£17
PER DAY

£70 FOR
FULL WEEK

SCAN TO BOOK!



To Book:

Visit www.superstarsportmidlands.co.uk
& click 'Book Now'

**Prize draw will be live on Facebook once the holiday camp has been completed*

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THINGS TO DO IN COVENTRY

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

www.coventryrocks.co.uk

FIND SPOOKY HALF TERM FUN AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON!



HALF TERM FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

At Coventry Rocks we LOVE Halloween - and if you're looking for things to do over Half Term, we've got you covered. Pop along to www.coventryrocks.co.uk and hit our 'Half Term Fun' button to find HEAPS of local events, activities and clubs.

Visit the website to find your fun!



PUMPKIN PICKING NEAR COVENTRY

Whilst it's easy to buy a pumpkin in the supermarket, it's great fun to pick your own! Pumpkin Picking is a great activity to do with the whole family, and there are lots of places around Coventry where you can pick the perfect pumpkin!

Head to the website to read our guide



HALLOWEEN PRINTABLES FOR YOUR WINDOWS

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Give the kids something to do this half term with our Halloween printables! Just download and print the PDFs... then colour, paint, and draw some masterpieces for your window!

Click here to print them!



FIREWORKS DISPLAYS IN COVENTRY

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Hooray, it's time to grab those sparklers and plan where you're going to celebrate Bonfire Night this year! We have round up a collection of fantastic Fireworks Displays in Coventry.

Head to the website to read our guide.



PLANNING A KIDS PARTY?

HEAD TO THE COVENTRY ROCKS KIDS PARTY DIRECTORY!

- ★ PARTY PACKAGES
- ★ LOCAL SUPPLIERS
- ★ PARTY VENUES



WHAT'S GOING ON THIS HALF TERM?



The Barn at Berryfields are hosting 'Halloween at the Barn' where you can pick a pumpkin, go eco-skating, and enjoy award-winning streetfood. Tickets are selling fast, grab yours today!

Don't miss the 'Vile Veg' trail at Charlecote Park - running every day in Half Term.

The Demon Dentist is coming to The Belgrade Theatre this Half Term! 26th-29th October.

The annual Spooktacular Halloween Trail is back at Draycote Water - don't forget your costume!

There is a Halloween Photoshoot for children and babies at Methodist Church in Coventry. Mums and Dads are welcome to join in too.

Head to Lower Drayton Farm in Staffordshire for their PYO Pumpkin event. This fab event includes carving, photo booths, an outdoor play area and meeting the animals. Get 10% off tickets with code CRPYO

The Albany Theatre have some fantastic shows for kids of all ages, including 'The Nosie Next Door' - perfect for ages 8+

And there's more! Head to www.coventryrocks.co.uk to find your fun!



PYO PUMPKINS LOWER DRAYTON FARM

everyone ACTIVE



Bring your bike to Bedworth Leisure Centre to be security marked by your Active Travel Officer

When: 28.10.22 - 13:30-16:00

Where: Next to pump tracks



#JustOneJourney





Guy Fawkes Bonfire Banquet

Friday
4th November 2022

(v) Catherine Wheel Pizza Swirls

or

**(vg) Veggie Hot Dog with
Firecracker Potatoes and Bonfire
Beans or Crackling Corn**

**(v) Toffee Apple Sponge
with Custard**

