

Together Everyone Achieves More



**Exhall
Junior School**

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER

The last few weeks have been full of sadness and celebration for the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II to our country and the Commonwealth. Those of us that watched the funeral will have been moved by the event and the occasion, such that we are unlikely to see again. I am sure we are all thinking of her family at this time and our thoughts are with them.



Farewell, your Majesty.



In 1952, you first succeeded the throne,
Leading our country, all on your own.
It must have been daunting, yet it never showed,
70 years of service; such a heavy load.

On black and white screens, we saw your Coronation,
And on that day, you became the world's relation.
From there, we've loved you more each day,
And that's what makes these words, so difficult to say.

In times of worry, you were our guiding light,
You never once faltered, where others might.
Through wars, pandemics and real upset,
You've always been there for us, Lilibet.

Honourable, dignified and ever so loyal,
I suppose that's what defines the meaning of 'Royal'.
A woman whose blood must be red, white and blue,
And now that you're gone, who knows what we'll do?

It's time now for you to reign from above,
Our Monarch, we'll always remember you with love.
No better servant, has the country ever seen.
So all that's left to say is, "God Save The Queen".

By Alexandra
Wethercot



Dear Families,

Welcome back, we hope you were able to make the most of the weather, it was a summer to remember. Having been told by a student during a 'friendly' conversation last week about birthdays that I looked, 'Well over 60 years old', I hope you all had a refreshing break, clearly it wasn't refreshing or long enough for me!

We are happy to have you and your children back, and a warm welcome also to those of you who are new to our school. This year we plan again to offer lots of opportunities for your children through after school clubs, competitions, trips and visits as well as our exciting and well-rounded curriculum, these will maintain that important thirst to improve your child's knowledge and skills.

Once again, Year 3 have made a really positive transition to Exhall Juniors. All the 3/4 staff have mentioned how particularly impressed they have been by the level of engagement during lessons and how well the children are now coping with new routines and expectations around school. In fact, we are aware that all the classes seem to be 'into' their learning so much quicker this year, despite the disruptions around the residential and recent Bank Holiday.

Here's to another great year at EJS!

Governors

Our governors are volunteers, so not all of them are seen at school drop-offs and pick-ups. If you ever want to give them any feedback about the school, feel free to leave them a message at the school office.

Office Requests

If you have changed your contact details over the summer holiday, email, telephone or home address that you let the school office know so that if and when we need to get hold of you, we can do successfully.

We ask that you ensure that your Pay360 accounts are up to date and not in arrears. Your account can be set up to alert you of low balances to ensure that a debt doesn't occur. Unpaid meal debts will be followed up and if your account is in arrears of more than £7.50, we will ask that your child brings a packed lunch until the debt is cleared. Here's the link [Pay360](#)

Visiting the Office

For safeguarding and security reasons, it is best to restrict access to school premises during the student's lunchtime – from 12.00 to 1.00, unless you have an appointment or an emergency. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this; your children's safety is of paramount importance to us.

School Meals

Educaterers have sent us the following regarding a small increase in School Meal costs which are now **£2.30**

"We have worked incredibly hard to ensure that we are keeping the increases to the absolute minimum whilst enabling us to continue our commitment to locally sourcing and offering the best quality you expect and deserve in our menus and hope you will understand the necessity for this small increase."



Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

What you may not know however is that the Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered at Exhall Juniors, the school will receive additional money.

With this money we can provide more interventions to accelerate children's academic progress as well as interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills. If your application is successful, not only will it mean your child will receive a free school meal but we can also help in these other areas as well.

We urge all parents from Year 3 to 6 to apply for Free School meals. Please follow the link to find out more or alternatively contact school and we will be willing to help with any issues or paperwork that needs to be completed. [Click here](#)



We are introducing a new procedure to deal with unnamed lost property in school. Every Friday a table will be laid out in the hall with lost property for students to come and check. If it has not been collected by the following Friday it will then be recycled.

Unfortunately, due to lack of storage space, we cannot store it for a longer period. Anything named is returned to students as soon as we receive it. You can come in at any time to check through.



Despite yearly requests by ourselves, the whole secondary school process isn't one that we have any input into, and we often only hear secondhand details about Open Evenings etc. We would encourage you to visit as many secondary schools as you can so as to inform your decision, and ask lots of questions when you are there.

The application process opened on 1 September 2022 and the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31 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. When contacting Admissions, we would you suggest that you email, as there are often long queues if you phone

Here's the link - [Warwickshire Admissions](#)

Whole School Focus

As a school, we are focusing on children wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit. This includes the right footwear, this should be trainers for outside or pumps for PE.

If your child is not wearing the correct school uniform then we will be contacting home, we can offer to help with correct uniform but we do expect the children to wear the agreed clothing. These do not have to have our school logo.

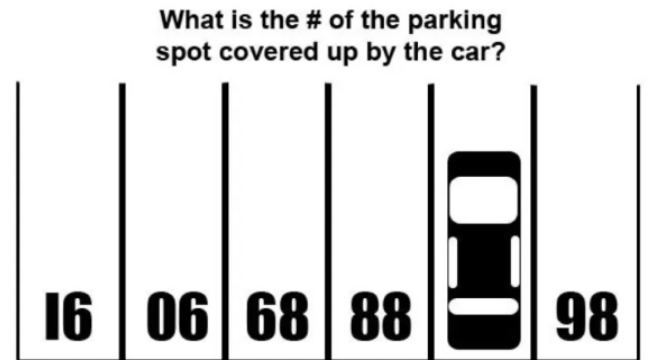
For more information on the correct uniform, please see our website



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

Maths Problems



Carers and parents can struggle the moment when they're asked to help their children out with homework, and this goes for teachers who are parent as well.

One way to help your child is to do things together. Below is a link to some maths problems, and further on the BBC website there are links to far more. Remember, it isn't about getting the answer right that's most important. It's more important to share with your child the strategies on how to solve the question is more valuable than just working out the answer. And the answer to the problem at the start? – just turn the page upside down!

Year 5/6 Residential

The Year 5/6 Residential Trip to Nant B H and Pentre Centre in Wales was a brilliant success. The children that went worked in teams to support each other and definitely went out of their comfort zone to conquer their fears! Their behaviour was exemplary, but this is typical of your children. A huge thank you to the staff who supported this trip, and for giving up your time, and sleep. A big thank you also to the staff who worked so hard preparing and organising

everything, and for making the time back in school for those remaining Y5/6 children just as enjoyable. Well done to everyone who went for your efforts and that "can do" attitude! An assembly is planned soon to let you see more!



The Cardboard Challenge for Y5/6 who didn't attend the residential

Year 5/6 had a great time designing, planning and then the fun part, making their creations. As always, the children showed great imagination with their designs and also learnt a lot about working together on a project. Great work!



Year 3/4 Boys Football

Mr. Burch were delighted to be able to take students to their first football tournament this year. As well as a chance to hone their football skills, the children's behavior was excellent and they showed real maturity and resilience to never give up.



Virtual trip with the National Holocaust Museum

Year 5/6 spent a morning exploring the life of a Jewish child, Leo, living in Germany leading up to the outbreak of war. They learnt about the history and lessons of the Holocaust at an age appropriate level, as well as broader topics of social justice and the choices made by those in authority. They all showed great maturity with this difficult but so important area of world history. They even took part in a 'Conscience Alley' activity where a character hears the thoughts of those of the time.



School Staffing Structure

We all welcome Mrs. Nethercot who joins the school leadership team as our new Assistant Head Teacher. I am sure that you will make her welcome here.

Miss Wilkins, who has been working in the school previously, has now qualified as a teacher, she joins the Year 3/4 team. Please say 'hello' to them, they are often at the school gate or on the playground.

We also felt it was a good time to share with you the current school staffing structure.

Cleaning Team

Mrs. Bradford Mrs. Viridi Mrs. Fall
Site Manager Mr Dryburgh

Lunchtime Support Staff

Mrs. Loonam Mrs. Viridi Mrs. Maru Mrs. Fall

Miss Moryto Ms. Phillips Mrs. Bradford-Oakley

Management Team

Mr. Mann Head Teacher
Mrs. Nethercot Assistant Head Teacher
Miss Davies Inclusion Lead/ Teacher

Office Staff

Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Beck Business Managers
Miss Gallagher Office Manager
Miss Bhoohoe Office Support Staff

Teachers

Miss Bath Class Teacher for Class A
Miss Wilkins Class Teacher for Class B
Miss Southam Class Teacher for Class C
Mrs. So Class Teacher for Class D
Mr. Burch Class Teacher for Class E
Miss Spencer Class Teacher for Class F

Teaching Assistants

Mrs. Randle - Lead TA Mrs. Whitwood
Mrs. Crilly Miss S Robinson
Miss H Robinson Miss Smith
Miss Grantham Ms. Phillips

Learning Support Staff

Mrs. Hough/Mrs. Inman Learning Mentors
Mrs. Randle and Miss Smith Nurture Team

Our staff are friendly, welcoming and committed to ensuring that your child achieves well academically and thrives socially. Working with you is the key. Please take the time to chat and talk through any issues you, or your child might have with them.

We are in the fortunate position of being able to get to know all your children well due to our school's small size. We aim to ensure that their individual needs are well catered for, and that they are fully prepared to continue their learning journey into secondary school life. You will often see staff at the school gates (come rain or shine). We feel it is really important to us to be seen around the school and to always be approachable.