



Newsletter

May

"The world's favourite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."

— Edwin Way Teale

DEAR FAMILIES,

Welcome to our newsletter.

We've had a busy month as usual. Y6 have been completing their SATs - we are very proud of the way they have managed their tests. They have shown the school values of being, Safe, Ready and Respectful – the governors have their own message further into this newsletter. The work doesn't stop for Year 6 as they will now be focusing on their writing assessments, transition work and then end of year activities.

It has been really fantastic to see so many parents and families joining our workshops, we have more planned for next term, look out for details.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break with some sunshine and do enjoy the long bank holiday weekend celebration

Covid Reminder

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home for 3 days after testing positive, and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. There are details at the end of the newsletter regarding when to keep your child off.

Being Prepared

With the warmer weather and sunshine., please do remind your children to bring a water bottle, a hat on sunny days and **make sure their clothing is labelled**, especially jumpers and cardigans, as these are often removed during the day and are not always claimed.

Book Without Words Workshop



Thank you to those parents who attended the Book Without Words workshop. The lead said it was great to see all the parents were engaged in really focused, skillful story dialogue/prompts, much more than they were at the beginning. Not only were we impressed, but British children's author, Michael Rosen, picked the story up when it was put on Twitter – praise indeed!!

Multiplication Tables Check

Y4 Times Table

In June, all children within Year 4 will take part in a statutory multiplication tables check. Each child will take a short online test to make sure their times tables knowledge is at the expected level.

This National check is a series of quick fire times table questions to test knowledge of multiplication tables between 2 and 12. There'll be an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 tables because these are considered to be the most difficult.

They have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Please encourage your children to practise and help them with it if you can.

Governors News

Make sure you have checked your recent emails for details regarding our need for parent governors at Exhall Junior School. Please take the time to consider supporting your community. Ask at the office for more details.

Chair of Governor's Thank You

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to congratulate all the Year 6 students for their determination during SATS week. Although some students were nervous, everyone was focused and determined to do their best and should be proud of what they have achieved. *(I think the SATS breakfast may have helped)!*

We want to say a big thank you to parents and carers who have supported their children at home in preparation for this week and last but not least to the teachers and school staff. We know how incredibly hard you have worked, not only to prepare the students for the tests, but in all areas of school life leading up to this week. You deserve a heartfelt thank you!

We know learning continues after SATS and want to say a big thank you to everyone at Exhall Junior School for helping each student to be the best they can be.



Safe Parking

We have had reasons for concern about the safety of some of our children both before and after school, and request that you consider carefully what is happening at drop off and collection times at each end of the school day. We have witnessed parents in cars stopping on the zig-zags or blocking pavements and crossing points with lowered kerbs. We understand that parking can be very difficult around the school gates in the mornings, but please leave enough time to park further away and walk safely into school. This will especially help support next week's Walk to School event. You will be promoting sustainable travel, as well as making it safer outside the school gates.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT

Warwickshire County Council is responsible for the administration of the Household Support Fund for the county and is

continuing to use a proportion of the funding to proactively support those families who are eligible for benefits related free school meals with the cost of food for their children over the May half term school holiday.

This does not apply to children on the universal free school meal offer.

Warwickshire's Local Welfare Scheme is offering the following support to children eligible for benefits related free school meals: Between 25th and 27th May 2022 - an automatic Huggg supermarket voucher for food support equivalent to £3 per day, £15 in total for the 5 day period covering the May half term school holiday. Between 17th and 27th June 2022 - an automatic PayPoint cash voucher for £75 per household to be used towards energy costs.

The Local Welfare Scheme is also running a countywide fuel campaign details below- <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarecheme>

Lateness

Please ensure that your children arrive at school before the gates close at 8.45am so that they can be registered on time. We are seeing a recent reduction in the number of children arriving late – thank you for your efforts with this. We also have a problem with children arriving too early, and this is becoming a safety issue. Please do not drop off your children too early, school staff start their supervision at 8.35am, please make sure your child only arrives around this time.

Y4/5 Cadbury World Trip



Y4/5 had a fantastic day learning about chocolate production in our 'Bean to Bar' workshop. They visited the actual working factory and saw first-hand how Cadbury make their chocolate, including visiting the 4D cinema where they were transported into the magical world of Cadbury.



Finally, they got to taste some of the scrumdiddlyumptious Cadbury products. We think this was everyone's favourite part!



Sanctuary Visit

Students were given the opportunity to visit the Sanctuary site to appreciate how their art work formed part of the large-scale project.



It was touching to see some of our students' work then being used as platform for members of the public to add their own thoughts. This is what public art is all about.



This is a project for the whole community and one that has put Bedworth firmly on the map.

Sanctuary has brought people together from across the area and provided income, opportunities for employment and training, working through community groups and local partners. After some initial uncertainty, it has been heartening to see how this project has been embraced by the community.



Attendance Letters

As a local authority school, we are required to send out certain letters to families whose children's attendance falls below the recommended levels. Unfortunately, attendance recording in school does not distinguish between authorised absences

(ones we are aware of and have approved), and unauthorised absences. In other words, any child whose attendance had fallen below the required level, regardless of whether they were authorised or not, receive a letter. These letters are not meant to cause offence or upset; they are to give parents the heads up if their child's attendance has dropped, rather than leave it until the End of Year School Report.

New Classes for September

We have already begun to think about where the children and staff will be for the new academic year in September. Due to lower numbers entering in Y3 next year, there will be a different setting of the school needed as school funding is based on one class teacher for every 30 children. This will also have a knock on effect for the rest of the school. We are still working out how this will look, but we will let you know before your children move into their new classes on 6th July for a day.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.

Primary schools receive funding per pupil eligible for free school meals (or who have been eligible in the past 6 years), pupils who have been adopted from care or have left care and pupils who are looked after by the

local authority. Even though all children in Exhall Cedars Infant, Nursery and Pre-school 's Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal, in order for your child to benefit from extra help with funding, equipment and extra support, you **MUST** still register for free school meals. Even if your child has a packed lunch they can still benefit from this extra funding! Parents of children in Exhall Juniors should also apply.

With the cost of living crisis, if you think you are eligible for free school meals it is really important that you sign up. If you'd like to find out more about free school meals please visit the Warwickshire County Council website.

Bun Day in Exhall



A big thank you to John Burton who came and presented to the children about Nicholas Chamberlaine. Thanks also to the Trust who provide 'buns' for every child – they were delicious.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

What a day we had celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In the Snug, children have been working on the Jubilee and have made a lovely display.



We had our own Archbishop turn up – thank you Rev Gail - to crown our 'Queen'.



Then it was on to our Jubilee Picnic supported by the Educaterers staff Sandra and Karen, who worked wonders to provide the children and staff with delicious picnic food.



Everyone had a great time, the sunny weather helped and it was lovely to see everyone joining in and celebrating this national event.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.