



15th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Just a reminder that school closes at normal finishing times next Friday 22nd March for the Easter break and will re-open on Monday 8th April.

Important Dates:

- Monday 18th March 1S & 1P Trip to Coventry Transport Museum
 - Monday 18th March First Forest Schools for class R2 & 2P
 - Monday 18th March Class 5S, 5P & 5/6M visit St Martins Church
 - Wednesday 20th March KS1 Spring Walk at 2pm
 - Wednesday 20th March KS2 House Cross Country 2:30pm
 - Thursday 21st March Class Assembly for 2P at 9:05am - Parents are invited to attend
 - Thursday 21st March Athletics County Final at Solihull Sports Centre
 - Friday 22nd March Early Bird Session to visit child's classroom 8:30-8:50am
 - Friday 22nd March Class Assembly for 6P at 09:05 – Parents are invited to attend
- This is an amendment from last week's newsletter. As some children from 6P will be representing the school at the Athletics County Final on Thursday, we have rescheduled to Friday morning. Parents have been informed via Seesaw.

Inset Days next Academic Year: 2024/2025

The following Teacher Training dates for next year have been set and approved by Governors:

- Monday 2nd September – Local Authority set date
- Monday, 23rd September
- Friday 25th October
- Monday 21st July
- There is one remaining day still to be set.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs

- Kinball is cancelled on Friday 22nd March and subsequently this club has now finished.
- Netball is cancelled on Thursday 21st March due to the year 5 & 6 Athletics county finals.

Letters have gone out for any clubs that are starting after the Easter break.

Just a reminder that if your child is part of a club, please let the office know if they won't be attending so that they can inform the club leaders/teachers

Dinner Menu

School dinners are now available to book via your 'My Child at School' app. They are available to book right up to the May half term. Please can parents make sure to get all bookings in by the Thursday the week before and that all dinner choices are correct.

My Child at School App

We have had a few questions about navigating the app recently. If your child is a part of a club or a trip and you need to pay for an item, you will find it in either the clubs or trips section. Once you click on clubs or trips you will see some further options along the top. If you click the 'available' section you will see any payments that are available to you. Once paid this item will then move to the 'enrolled' section.

Severn Trent Water Visit

On Monday we had an assembly about what happens to dirty water when it leaves our houses. Beth from Severn Trent Water told us that we should only flush the 3 Ps in the toilet. We also learned that it takes 24 hours for the water company to clean the dirty water so that it can go back in the rivers.

In Year 4 we also had an interesting workshop about how we use water. Did you know that humans can only use 1% of Earth's water? So, we have to be very responsible when we turn on the tap. We made posters to show ways to save water.

Arlan & Sam, Year 4

Homework

Starting from this week we will be setting weekly spelling homework across the school. This is no longer in the form of a list but instead as a spelling task. Spelling homework will be set **weekly** and feeds into learning in school the following week. The homework may be set through Seesaw or, alternatively, the children may receive a paper copy depending on the task. Homework will be set by **Friday** each week and should be returned the **following Friday**.

Reception - Year1

One week the homework set will be Phonics based. The following week's homework will focus on the year group's common exception words or statutory word lists.

Years 2-6

One week the homework set will be based on the spelling investigation the children are investigating in class with tasks such as collecting a bank of words for a spelling investigation or continuing the investigation at home. The following week's homework will focus on the year group's common exception words or statutory word lists.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Spring Walk and Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country

These annual events will take place, weather permitting, on Wednesday 20th March at the War Memorial Park at the following times:

- EYFS/KS1 Spring Walk - 2.00 pm

Parental help is needed with the spring walk so please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to accompany the class during this event. Parents should arrive no earlier than 1.55 pm and are asked to wait just outside their child's class on the playground. Reception parents should wait on the main playground near to the Clamberstack until the reception classes come out.

- Years 3 to 6 House Cross Country - 2.30 pm

Parents are invited to come and watch the event by the opening to the park. The start line is in the park opposite the school entrance.

All children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) should come dressed in their PE kits on Wednesday for the House Cross Country event.

Social Action Projects

Year 3

Over this half term, Year 3 have been looking very closely at completing this year's Social Action Project. The children have been focusing on how they can help our wider community and used a democratic process to vote for 'Helping the Homeless'.

As a year group, we brainstormed our ideas and decided to reach out to local charities in order to understand how we can help and support. P3 Coventry got in touch and were able to come in. The charity explained how they help the homeless and the children interviewed Holly who has lived experience.

The workshop was an insightful process and allowed the children to think carefully about their next steps in rolling out a school wide project. Over the next few weeks, we will use the feedback from the charity and look to direct our attention to providing P3 and the homeless with our support.

Year 4

In Year 4, we have been working on a social action project to do with loneliness. As a year group, we had the idea to hold a fair in school. The three things we will be doing are: selling loom bands and books and holding some games. The games consist of lucky dips, penalty shootout, smack the rat, ring toss, pin the tail on the donkey and javelin. We are also selling soft back books which will cost 20p, hard back books which will cost 50p and really good quality books which will cost £1. Lastly, we're selling loom bands. If you would like to purchase one, a normal bracelet would cost 50p, but if you would like one with a charm it would cost £1.

This fair will be on Thursday 21st March. If you would like to join in, please bring in a maximum of £2 but in 10ps, 20ps and 50ps.

Alannah 4P and Sienna 4P

Forest School R1 and 2S

Pupils in R1 had an introduction to our Forest School sessions this half term. They were very enthusiastic and well behaved! After learning about natural materials, pupils worked in small groups to make 'a house for a mouse'. They showed great resilience in walking the slippery slopes around the banks of the dell area and learnt about native trees. We worked with them to construct a framework for our willow plants to grow up and in the final week had songs and hot chocolate at a camp fire.

Class 2S were shown how to use loppers safely to cut back plants. The following week they learnt Forest School knots before constructing tripods and had fun decorating them. Week three saw them using magnifying glasses, being detectives and looking for small creatures on our site. Two frogs and a newt were found in the pond as well as many invertebrates. Finally, they were given the opportunity to cook either marshmallows or toast over a fire and many said how they had enjoyed the experience.

Mrs Cribdon and Mr Thompson

Wraparound Childcare Survey 2024

The Coventry Early Years Business, Sufficiency & Funding team at Coventry City Council are conducting their annual wraparound childcare survey. Parents of children in Reception to Year 6 are invited to fill out the survey via this link, on completing the survey you are entered into a draw to win a £25 voucher www.coventry.gov.uk/wraparoundsurvey The survey closes at midnight on Friday 22nd March.

Eco Tip

Each week, our Eco Warriors will be sharing an 'Eco-Tip of the Week' with you in our newsletter. We will also be keeping the school website and Twitter updated with what the Eco team have been up to.



This week's top eco tip: Try to eat what's on your plate, to limit food waste (Jaan, 4S)

Message from the Eco Warriors

Clothing sent to landfill and the energy used to produce new items of clothing has a huge impact on our precious environment. As part of our efforts to reduce unclaimed uniform ending up in lost property, the Eco Warriors have been tasked with carrying out weekly checks of children's PE and school jumpers and writing names inside any which are unnamed. To help with our efforts, please ensure new uniform is named before being brought into school. Thank you for your support.

Parents & Teachers meeting on Wednesday 20th March

The School's PTA are hosting a meeting next Wednesday at the Burnt Post from 19:30 to have a social catch-up and to discuss a number of items. This will be an opportunity for all parents and carers to effect change over the calendar of events in 2024, and direct how money raised for the School is used to benefit our children. We have a funding request for new reading books, and welcome more suggestions!

Why are events selected? How are these events being improved to create memorable experiences for our children? How do we ensure child safeguarding is maintained? What resources should money raised from events be used towards? This is an opportunity to directly respond to all these questions over a casual drink!

We look forward to seeing you!

Your PTA trustees (James, Jane, Leah & Subaigh)

Yours sincerely

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