



17th January 2020

Monday 20th January
Oak resilience building morning 9-12 with external trainer (indoor PE kit)

Tuesday 21st January
'Understanding Yr 6 SATS' - 9am in the hall - yr 6 parents

Wednesday 22nd January
National Multiplication Check information meeting—9am in the hall—yr4 parents only

Monday 27th January
'Understanding Yr2 SATS' - 9am in the hall
An opportunity to meet new class teacher—Yr2 parents only.

Tuesday 28th January
KS2 Spring Term overview meeting with parents—9am in the hall

Friday 31st January
'Horrible Histories' day—whole school.
Children have the opportunity dress up as a famous historical character or to wear own clothes for the day.

Tuesday 11th February
NSPCC Numbers Day—

Monday 17th-Friday 21st February
Half term

Monday 24th February
School re-opens to pupils

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New appointment

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new teacher for Ash to take over Mrs Buxton-Woodcocks's maternity leave. Mr Boothroyd will lead the class from after half term Mr Boothroyd is an experienced teacher and we are delighted to have been able to appoint him in this role. He will be attending the Y2 SATS meeting on 27th January at 9am to say hello. During Mrs Buxton-Woodcock's maternity leave Mr Kolb will assume the role of SENDCO.

Date change- Easter



Easter service at St Peter's church will now take place on Tuesday 31st March at 10am not Thursday 2nd April as originally stated.

New topics

The children have enjoyed starting their new topics and have already been producing some outstanding work.

Nuts

A reminder that we are a nut free school as we have children that are allergic. Please do not bring snacks or food that contains nuts, this includes Nutella and peanut butter.

Parents meetings:

Have a look at the schedule as to when parents meetings are. If you are unable to attend then don't worry as all slides from the meetings will be made available on our website

Y6 SATs information meeting - Tuesday 21st January at 9am in the hall

Y4 Multiplication check information meeting - Wednesday 22nd January at 9am in the hall

Y2 SATs information meeting
Monday 27th January at 9am in the hall

KS2 Spring Term overview meeting-

For anyone with a child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 who would like to find out about what the children are learning during the Spring Term. This will take place in the hall on Tuesday 28th January at 9am.

Holiday Requests

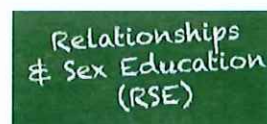
As many of you are aware, the rules for requesting holidays changed significantly in September 2013. All holiday requests will now be unauthorised unless the circumstances are deemed exceptional by the Executive Headteacher and Head of School. Should you wish to request leave of absence for you child(ren) please request a form from the office, giving as much information for the reasons as possible. More information regarding this is on Page 2 of this newsletter and can also be found on our website

Studybugs:



We have subscribed to a new system of recording absence that I know a number of you are already using. If not you should have received an email earlier today with details of how to sign up. There is a free app that enables you to easily record details of your child's absence. We have had lots of positive feedback from parents using the free system.

Parent group:



Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to join the RSE relationships group that will look at how we deliver these sessions in school. I will be in touch soon regarding possible meeting times.

Thank you

Mr Kolb



MAPLE

A reminder that forest school takes place on a Wednesday and children come to school in their outdoor clothing. Thank you for reading regularly with your children, the reading progress has been brilliant.

KS1



BIRCH

A reminder that swimming takes place on a Monday afternoon so please ensure swimming kit is in school on a Monday. Mr Rodgers is a teaching student who will be working with the pupils in Birch for the Spring Term.



ASH

Mr Boothroyd will be involved in the SATs meeting on 27th January. Mrs Bond will remain with the class as class teaching assistant.



ACER

Mrs Hatcher is doing her second placement at another school this term but will return during the Summer Term. KS2 information meeting on Tuesday 28th January will explore learning for the current term and ways you can support at home.

KS2



WILLOW

A reminder that forest school will take place every Tuesday and to wear outdoor clothing to school. Y4 multiplication assessment information morning on Wednesday 22nd January.



OAK

Oak have a resilience building session on Monday 20th January. Please ensure that indoor PE kit is in school.

Y6 SATs information meeting is Tuesday 21st January at 9am in the hall. Please remember to practise spellings at home weekly in the yellow book.



PTA

PTA newsletter has been sent out with information about meetings, expenditure and how to get involved. If you have any loose change then please bring it in to school in money bags as we run this programme until 5th February to support with fundraising. A reminder that in the shelter at the front of the school there is Second Hand school uniform which can be purchased for £1 and any clothes that no longer fit can be donated. Thank you for your support!



Mr
Kolb's
Corner

Thank you once again for all of your support and if you have any queries then please don't hesitate to contact us.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 36,101 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 6,398 on the previous year.