



## Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021



### Message from Mrs Grainger

As we approach the end of the second full week in school it is pleasing to see everyone has settled in. When walking around school, I can see the children are already confident in the systems around school, and the love of learning is evident as soon as I reach each classroom door.

You have received details of the Parent Evenings. We are choosing to bring these forward in the calendar, as I imagine you are keen to come in and speak to the teachers.

Please may I remind you that our main form of communication is the MyEd app. It's easy to send your message into the app and we will ensure the message gets to the correct person. This is more reliable than mentioning something to staff members at drop off, who are concerned with the children entering school and may not remember. If you need help with the MyEd app please get in contact. Thank you.

### October Half Term Dates

Just to confirm that half term is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – return to school Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Tempest Photography



Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September to take class photographs. They will be back in school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October for the individual photographs. Thank you.

### Parents Evening

Letters have now been sent home allowing you to book your Parents Evening slot on either Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September via our school website. Should you have any difficulties booking an appointment please contact the school office who can book this for you.

### After School Clubs

Progressive Sports Clubs start next week for all Years 1-6 children, letters have been sent home to all children who have a space in a club. We had an unprecedented number of children requesting a place in these clubs so all children have a space in either the Autumn Term 1 or 2 clubs. Please make the appropriate payment via ParentPay before the club commences. Thank you.

### Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes

Reminder: the next instalment is due on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

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## What has your child been learning about in class this week?

### Years 1 & 2

Wow can you believe it is the end of week 3 already! Year 1 and Year 2 are settling even better and the new routines and organisation of our new classes is becoming more familiar.

We started our week off with a 'Wow' starter day to introduce our new theme, 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. During this day, we had a super time learning about melting. We investigated how long it would take for everyday foods to melt using our body heat. The chocolate melted very quickly! Then we made chocolate crispy cakes by melting chocolate in a microwave and mixing in the rice krispies. Our final job of the day was painting using ice cubes. It was great fun and we created abstract paintings using primary colours which mixed together to make secondary colours.

We have begun reading the story 'The Disgusting Sandwich' in English and will do lots of writing about it in the weeks to come. In maths, Year 2 are continuing to work on identifying the value of digits in a 2-digit number. Year 1 have been working on making numbers up to 10.

#### REMINDER:

PE IS NOW ON MONDAYS (bring PE kits in a bag) and THURSDAYS (instead of Tuesday) come to school in PE kits. Book bags need to come to school every day please.

### Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have had a great week. We have now really got into the swing of things and are working very hard on our reading, writing and maths, as well as our theme lessons. The children are enjoying reading a classic piece of children's literature - Stig of the Dump by Clive King, which links nicely to 'Tribal Tales' our theme which is based on Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

#### Home Learning:

We have issued the children with logins for Rock Star times tables - please encourage them to use this highly effective app 4-5 times a week for 10 minutes. Also, the children bring spellings home each Friday for a test the following Friday. Please encourage them to learn these in a quiet space 4-5 times a week for 10 minutes. The children that do their home learning each week show a clear pattern of improvement and progress at a much faster rate than those that don't. This is especially true for reading at home.

Finally, children will be given a writing or maths homework each Thursday - in for the following Tuesday. We appreciate it seems like a lot to do at home but once children are in a routine of spending a little but frequent period of time doing their homework it really does help them. Thanks for your support on this.

### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week started our new theme, 'Off with Her Head', we have looked at the Battle of Bosworth Field and Henry VII, where this fits on to a timeline and have used 4 and 6 figure grid references to locate key areas on a map.

In writing, we have been writing riddles, whilst in reading we have begun our new book 'Treason'. The Tudors is a fascinating and significant part of British History, the pupils have pleasingly been very inspired this week.

In maths we are all working on place value, ordering and comparing numbers and rounding.

Again, we would like to reiterate how pleased we are with the Years 5 & 6 pupils' attitude to learning.

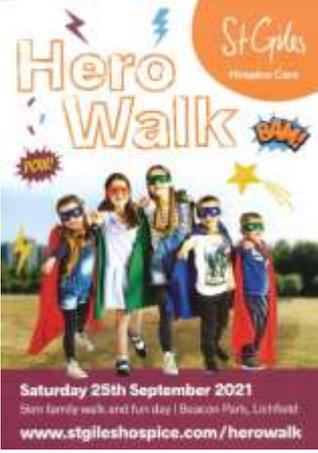


Lichfield Hockey Club invites you to join. This section has been recognised as a club of outstanding coaching and friendliness. With regular training and matches for all age groups. Come and enjoy the training, from 5<sup>th</sup> September as follows:

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| Women's        | Wednesday evenings 7 till 8.00 pm |
| Men's          | Thursday evenings 7 till 8.00 pm  |
| Back to Hockey | Wednesday evenings 6 till 7.00 pm |

Matches occur mainly on Saturday with occasional Sundays. Lichfield Hockey Club is based at Lichfield Sports Club, Eastern Avenue, Lichfield (near the Friary School)

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**Hero Walk**

Saturday 25th September 2021  
 Star family walk and fun day | Boscon Park, Lichfield  
[www.stgileshospice.com/herowalk](http://www.stgileshospice.com/herowalk)



**Walk for your hero**

Pull on a cape and show you care at our Hero Walk!

Join us on Saturday 25th September to make a difference in a walk at our Star family walk and fun day at Boscon Park.

Rock off your afternoon at our hero fun when you changed your hair, dress in a themed outfit, create and send messages before you set off on your adventure. There are awesome activities along the route - and a hero's welcome awaits when you reach the finish line to collect your medal.

**Your mission, if you choose to accept it!**

**What:** Star family walk and fun day  
**When:** Friday, Saturday 25th September 2021 (registration opens from 10am)  
**Where:** Boscon Park, Lichfield  
**Entry:** £2 (adults) under 16, £0 (children under 16), £10 (adults), £10 (family 12 adults, 5 children, Doggie address free)  
**Extra:** Classes can be pre-ordered or purchased on the day for a £5 donation.  
**Your challenge:** Make as much as you can for your local hospital!

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