

Newsletter

5th February 2021



Dear Parents and carers,

Well, it's been a start to the year like no other but we thoroughly appreciate all the support you've provided in helping your children to engage with their learning, whether in school or remotely from home. I particularly enjoy seeing lots of smiling faces waving at me over zoom each morning! We are always looking for ways to improve what we're able to offer so please read ahead for important news about assessments taking place next week, changes to the end of the day session and the introduction of a regular PE afternoon after half term.

Sandra Sutherland

Dates for the diary...

Tues 9 th & Thurs 11 th Feb	Online Parents Evenings	Please check email for zoom link and appointment times.
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th Feb	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Mon 22 nd Feb	All return to school	No longer Inset day
Mon 8 th Mar to Wed 17 th Mar	Bikeability Year 5	Details TBC – Covid restrictions allowing
Thurs 4 th March	World Book Day	See details further on in the newsletter
Fri 19 th March	Comic Relief / Red Nose Day – details TBC	Good news this year, red noses have gone green – they are now 100% plastic free!
Sun 21 st March	National Census Day	Children will be learning all about the census in school
Thurs 1 st April	END OF TERM (EASTER BREAK)	<u>NOTE: THURSDAY FINISH</u>
Mon 19 th April	Return to school	

Assessment for learning – Next week

We have been so impressed with the way in which your children have engaged with remote learning over recent weeks and would like to congratulate them for their hard work. When children are physically in class, teachers are always informally assessing how they are getting on through observing them at work, looking through books, etc, then adjusting their lesson planning accordingly. As this isn't currently possible, we have decided to explore other avenues.

We are therefore planning for all children to complete the following, next week:

- **a Star Reading Test from Accelerated Reader (normally completed in school)**
- **an online maths assessment**

It is essential that the children complete these independently. We are not setting these assessments to find out what level or stage your child is working at - we can complete that sort of test when they return to school. These assessments will identify gaps in learning to enable teachers to adjust their plans. For example, they may discover that their class needs to spend a little extra time learning about a concept or calculation in maths. You'll understand that if children are helped by you to achieve a correct answer, it does not help the teacher to gain an overview of learning. All of our children are used to completing tests in school - we simply encourage them to try their best, as we know you will. As always, we are looking at ways in which we can improve the provision for your children, especially as there may be weeks of remote learning ahead. Continued overleaf....

These assessments will be completed in one of the online lesson slots - your child's class teacher will introduce it and explain what to do. Please see timetables for next week and information from your year group staff.

For information, the websites needed are:

Accelerated reader (as shared previously) - <https://ukhosted82.renlearn.co.uk/1895399/default.aspx>
Maths - Please see letter below.

Passwords for the tests will be sent separately.

Adjustments to Remote learning timetable after half term:

PE:

Thank you to all of those who completed our online questionnaire. The outcomes show that most of you agree that it would be a good idea to remove an afternoon slot to enable exercise or PE to be completed at home. After half term, we will therefore finish remote lessons at the end of the morning every Friday. If you as a family wish to go out for a walk together or do other exercise together, this will provide flexibility to do so. If this is not possible, we will be sending links to online PE lessons for your child to complete at home.

Those attending school will have PE during Friday afternoon and school will finish for them at 3.15pm as usual.

End of the day session changes - after half term

You will probably all be aware that this week is National Children's Mental Health week. One of the key difficulties of remote learning is that, despite academic work continuing, we completely understand that children will be missing their friends and might be struggling with all of the restrictions they are living under. Therefore, we are going to dedicate the final session of the day to a combination of assembly, PSHE/citizenship and a chance for children to talk to each other across the week. To allow sufficient time for this, the Y3 and 4 session will start slightly earlier (after half term), as follows:

Y5 & 6 - 2.30pm

Y3 & 4 - 2.45pm



Maths.co.uk

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child's school is now using Maths.co.uk – a website with online maths quizzes and activities. Your child's teacher will assign work for your child and your child should login to complete it.

Your child can access Maths.co.uk at home and school using their own unique username and password.

Maths.co.uk will work on Macs, PCs and Chromebooks. It should also work on iPads and most tablets.

If you have any problems using Maths.co.uk, or if your child can't remember their login details, please contact your child's teacher.

To log in:

- Visit **www.maths.co.uk**
- Click on the **Login** button (top right of the page)
- Sign in using your username and password

To complete a quiz:

- Click on the **Begin test** link
- Click **Next** to move forward in the quiz
- Click **Finish** once the quiz has been completed

Staffing News

What a year we have all had, but it has been a really quick year for Mrs Davies, who will be returning from her maternity leave next half term. She will be starting back on Monday 8th March - this date was already planned and has nothing to do with the government plans for schools! She will be teaching 4AD on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week; Mrs Garrett will teach the class on Thursdays and Fridays.

We are sure you will want to join us in thanking Mrs Riman for all of her support in teaching the Y4 children over the past year. She will continue teaching 4AD for the 2 weeks after half term and then we're delighted that she will stay with us to cover PPA in 3IS and 5MJ.

For those of you who are missing Mrs Wilkins, she will be due back in school after the May half term break.

Miss Cherry is doing a Skydive!

On the 24th April 2021, Miss Cherry will be jumping out of a plane, 10,000 feet in the air!

She is doing this in memory of her Dad and to raise much needed funds for the wonderful charity that is Myton Hospice. Miss Cherry has already raised a brilliant amount and is close to her goal, however she would love to raise as much as possible for this worthy cause.

If you would like to donate, please visit her just giving page below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/inmemoryofroycherry>



World Book Day

The official World Book Day takes place on 4th March 2021. This year, a new single-use digital token will be sent out that can be printed at home or shown to booksellers on a phone or tablet screen (although please check whether your local bookseller is able to accept this option beforehand). But as the World Book Day charity say, world book day can happen anytime. So, we have decided to postpone our celebration until the summer term when we can hopefully all take part together in school once more.

Christmas Jumper Day

Great Ormond St Hospital Collection for Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your generosity, we raised £198.75 wearing our Christmas Jumpers!

Apps for Mental Health that you may find helpful for your child during these challenging times....

- **Mindful Powers**
- **Chilli Panda**
- **Mindful Gnats**
- **Daylio**
- **Sleep Town**



Staying safe during lockdown - a Family Information Service newsletter special

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1194155?e=56e08a503a>

And their latest weekly newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1194227?e=56e08a503a>

Warwickshire Weekly News

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/warwickshire-update-19-june-1193880?e=819c8cf1fc>

Raring to Go! Winter Edition Newsletter

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/southwarwickshire/winter/>

Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Service Support for families

Please follow link below for their latest newsletter, which focuses on supporting families during this third lockdown <http://www.compass-uk.org/wshwbs-newsletter-january-2021>

Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme

You could be eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment if you live in England and meet all the following criteria:

- You've been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app, either because you have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- you've responded to messages received from NHS Test and Trace and have provided any legally required information
- you're employed or self-employed
- you're unable to work from home and will lose income as a result of self-isolating
- you're currently receiving or are the partner of someone in the same household who is receiving, at least one of the following benefits:

Universal Credit

Working Tax Credit

income-based Employment and Support Allowance

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income Support

Housing Benefit

Pension Credit

If you're not on one of these benefits, you could be eligible for a £500 discretionary payment if all the following apply:

- you meet all the other criteria listed above
- you're on a low income
- you will face financial hardship as a result of self-isolating

You can make a claim for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme or a discretionary payment up to 28 days after the first day of your period of self-isolation.

If you're eligible for either the Test and Trace Support Payment or a discretionary payment, you will receive the £500 payment on top of any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay that you currently receive.

<https://www.gov.uk/test-and-trace-support-payment>

For more information or to make a claim you can call Warwick District Council on 01926 456760 Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

Warwickshire Choristers

Bored of lockdown? Love to sing? Join Warwickshire Choristers new Junior Girls' Choir Singing Workshop for girls aged 7-11 on 3rd February 2021 at 4.30pm on Zoom. The sessions are run by our excellent musical team, and are designed to be fun, physical and social, as well as teaching the basics of singing and learning some lovely music. Get in touch via our email choristers@choristers.org or fill in our recruitment form <http://bit.ly/397v9wb> for Zoom details.

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SING 'N' DISCOVER

UPLIFTING MUSIC-MAKING SESSIONS FOR YEARS 3-6



WEDNESDAYS
2PM



youtube.com/ArmonicoConsort
LIKE, SHARE, SUBSCRIBE!

Aimed at children in **Years 3-6** but suitable for the **whole family**, Sing 'N' Discover are brand new music-making sessions that will raise spirits and improve well-being for the rest of the day!

As well as learning a **new song each week**, children will explore the musical building blocks that help **create** the music we love and learn about musical **instruments** and how they work.

The sessions are led by our **experienced choir leaders**, one of whom is a former music teacher. Sing 'N' Discover is the perfect compliment to your child's **home learning** and a great way for them to unwind and have some fun at the same time.

Join us live on our **YouTube** channel on **Wednesdays at 2pm** or catch up later at your leisure.

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