

# Tune in on Tuesday

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## Diary Dates

Diary dates for the Autumn Term are shown below and will be included and updated on every newsletter.

01.11.17	Road Safety Assembly
02.11.17	Reception class vision checks
02.11.17	Nursery/Reception class Phonics Workshops @ 3.30pm & 6.00pm
13.11.17	Assembly with Rev Andrew
17.11.17	Yr 5 class assembly 2.30 start - CANCELLED.
24.11.17	Yr 6 class assembly 2.30 start
15.12.17	p.m. R/1/2 to Warwick Arts Centre 'Going on a Bear Hunt'
19.12.17	a.m. Nursery to Warwick Arts Centre, 'Snow Mouse' a.m. Yrs 3/4/5/6 to Birmingham theatres, 'Alice in Wonderland' and '101 Dalmatians'
20.12.17	Christmas Performance 'It's a Party' by Nursery/Rec/1/2 children 9.30 Dress rehearsal for Grandparents 1.30 Christmas Performance- It's a Party
21.12.17	9.15 Carol Concert for KS2 parents performed by Yrs 3/4/5/6 1.30 Christmas Performance - It's a Party
22.12.17	9.30 Christmas Service @ St Giles - Rev Andrew to lead.
22.12.17	School finishes at 2.15
08.01.18	Children return to school

INSET Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
+1 other to be decided.

## School Clubs

Monday	Library Club	Yr 6	3.15 - 4.15
Tuesday	Football	Y3 & Y4	12.30 - 1.00
	Multi-skills	Yr 1 and 2	3.15 - 4.15
	Cookery Club	Y4	3.15 - 4.45
Wednesday	Football	Y5/6	12.30 - 1.00
	Dodgeball	Y3 & Y4	3.15 - 4.15

## Attendance

Y1 96%	Y4 92%	Winning class <b>YR 99%</b> ★ <b>Well Done!</b>
Y2 95%	Y5 96%	
Y3 97%	Y6 98%	

Attendance for week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October overall was 96%.  
Good attendance achieved.

## Year 5 Class Assembly

Unfortunately the Year 5 Class Assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> November has been cancelled. Mr Trew is unwell and not in school for the next month.

I am pleased to welcome back Mrs Conroy who will be covering Year 5 in his absence.

## Parents' Association

Our current Parents' Association members are no longer able to commit time to the school on a regular basis and so unable to put on the memorable events that the children are used to. We are looking to recruit energetic, committed parents who will take up the baton and continue to provide our children and families with special events throughout the year.

The Parents' Association funds are used throughout the year to: subsidise

Christmas theatre trip; buy recorders for Year 3; purchase equipment not accounted for in school's budgets (eg. Hall sound system) and provide many resources that the school simply cannot afford to buy.

If you would like to offer your support and time then please call and see Mrs Hull or contact the Association on their Facebook page to arrange a date to meet.

Any time you can offer would be great.

(Please note:- PA Facebook site is not a forum to discuss concerns about school - please see Communication section below).

The next PA meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the hall.

## Welcome

Mrs Tanif Gibbs and Miss Casey Smith-Walker have joined our excellent Nursery team. They are both very experienced Nursery practitioners who have worked in local settings for many years.

## Communication

If you have any concerns or complaints regarding the school I would encourage you to come in and speak directly to myself or my staff-if we are aware of your concerns we can address them.

Please do not use social media to air complaints directed against the school, its staff or pupils - this is not helpful for all concerned and causes much distress in school.

Please read the attached, 'Policy on Parental use of Social Networking and Internet Sites' found in Appendix 2 of the school's Complaints Policy for further guidance and school procedures.

## Volunteers needed

We are always in need of volunteers in school specifically to help children with their reading. We have kind, thoughtful children in school who would love to share their learning with a caring adult. If you have some spare time in the week and would like to spend time helping our children learn to read then please call in and speak to myself or Mrs Essex. Grandparents are more than welcome to join us - we always have a cup of tea available.

## Relief Midday Supervisor

We are looking for a Relief Midday Supervisor. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested in joining our team, please contact Mrs Hull at the office.

# Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately, our crossing lady Michelle is still off sick. Cherry Barbara is unable to cover in her absence and so for the foreseeable future we shall have NO CROSSING PATROL. It is important that you make arrangements for your child/children to cross safely. The children had an assembly from a Warwickshire Road Safety Officer this morning. Please see the attached Road Safety information sheet.

# Reminders

## Primary school places

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 they are due to start Primary school in September 2018. You will need to apply online by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the latest**. If you pay your council tax to Nuneaton & Bedworth council then you should apply online via [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions) or if you pay your council tax to Coventry - apply online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions)

For children due to start school in September next year 2018, the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

# SIMs AGORA

We are no longer accepting cash payments for dinner monies, trips, clubs etc. in school. If you are unable to pay online via Agora for any reason, please contact the school office where you can be issued with a barcode to enable you to make payments at any Post Office PayPoint or at any PayPoint store.

# Poppy Appeal



From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and all of next week, we shall be sending around Wristbands, Reflectors, Friendship Bracelets and Snap Bands to each classroom to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We also have a few poppies.

Suggested donations:

**Wristbands - 50p**

**Reflectors - 50p**

**Friendship Bracelets - £1.00**

**Snap Bands - £1.00**

If you would like your child to have one of these items or to make a donation, please send monies in next week.

Thank you

## Appendix 2

# Policy on Parental use of Social Networking and Internet Sites

### Overview

Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter are now widely used. This type of media allows people to communicate in ways that were not previously possible. However, such sites can be inappropriately used by some as a means of expressing negative or offensive views about schools and their staff. This document sets out this School's approach to parental use of such sites and sets out the procedures we will follow and action we may take when we consider that parents have used such facilities inappropriately. When we have referred to "parent" in this document, we also include carers; relatives; or anyone associated with the School.

### Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Encourage social networking sites to be used in a beneficial and positive way by parents;
- Safeguard pupils, staff and anyone associated with the school from the negative effects of social networking sites;
- Safeguard the reputation of the School from unwarranted abuse on social networking sites;
- Clarify what the School considers to be appropriate and inappropriate use of social networking sites by parents;
- Set out the procedures the School will follow where it considers parents have inappropriately or unlawfully used social networking sites to the detriment of the School, its staff or its pupils, and anyone else associated with the School; and
- Set out the action the School will consider taking if parents make inappropriate use of social networking sites.

### Appropriate use of social networking sites by parents

Social networking sites have potential to enhance the learning and achievement of pupils and enable parents to access information about the School and provide feedback efficiently and easily. In addition, the School recognises that many parents and other family members will have personal social networking accounts, which they might use to discuss/share views about school issues with friends and acquaintances. As a guide, individuals should consider the following prior to posting any information on social networking sites about the School, its staff, its pupils, or anyone else associated with the School:

- Is the social networking site the appropriate channel to raise concerns, give this feedback or express these views?
- Would private and confidential discussions with the School be more appropriate? e.g. if there are serious allegations being made/concerns being raised. Social media/internet sites should not be used to name individuals and make abusive comments about those people. Please contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have.
- Are such comments likely to cause emotional or reputational harm to individuals which would not be justified, particularly if the School has not yet had a chance to investigate a complaint?
- The reputational impact that the posting of such material may have to the School; any detrimental harm that the School may suffer as a result of the posting; and the impact that such a posting may have on pupils' learning.

### Inappropriate use of social networking sites by parents

Although social networking sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest way to express frustrations or concerns about the School (and those associated with it), it is rarely appropriate to do so. Other channels, such as a private and confidential discussion with the School, or using

the School's formal complaints process are much better suited to this.

The School considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites. (This list is non-exhaustive and intended to provide examples only):

- Making allegations about staff or pupils at the School/cyber-bullying;
- Making complaints about the School/staff at the School;
- Making defamatory statements about the School or staff at the School;
- Posting negative/offensive comments about specific pupils/staff at the School;
- Posting racist comments;
- Posting comments which threaten violence.

Parents should also ensure that their children are not using social networking/internet sites in an inappropriate manner. It is expected that parents/carers explain to their children what is acceptable to post online. Parents/carers are also expected to monitor their children's online activity, including in relation to their use of social media.

### **Procedure the School will follow if inappropriate use continues**

The School will always try to deal with concerns raised by parents in a professional and appropriate manner and understands that parents may not always realise when they have used social networking sites inappropriately. Therefore, as a first step, the School will usually discuss the matter with the parent to try and resolve the matter and to ask that the relevant information be removed from the social networking site in question. If the parent refuses to do this and continues to use social networking sites in a manner the School considers inappropriate, the School will consider taking the following action:

- Take legal advice and/or legal action where the information posted is defamatory in any way or if the circumstances warrant this;

- Set out the School's concerns to you in writing, giving you a warning and requesting that the material in question is removed;
- Contact the Police where the School feels it appropriate – for example, if it considers a crime (such as harassment) has been committed; or in cases where the posting has a racial element, is considered to be grossly obscene or is threatening violence;
- If the inappropriate comments have been made on a school website or online forum, the School may take action to block or restrict that individual's access to that website or forum;
- Contact the host/provider of the Social Networking site to complain about the content of the site and ask for removal of the information;
- Take other legal action against the individual.

# Road Safety Assembly

We had a very timely visit this morning, Kate from Warwickshire Road Safety came to our school assembly and presented very professionally some super advice for all our pupils to stay safe while crossing the road.



With both our crossing ladies out of action for some time please help reinforce the important safety tips they were told today. "

"It is important for parents to talk to their children about road safety at all times throughout their school years. Follow these simple tips to help you ensure your child remains safe and develops good road sense and traffic awareness skills."

*Extract from - Warwickshire Road Safety Advice for Parents and Children*

Child friendly website to visit

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/pupils/>

For more general advice, visit

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/parents/>

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadsafetyparents>

