Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are hoping all children thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day. It was great to see the photographs of the inspiration children took from their environment to create story characters. We want to thank our resident author, Jacqueline Hall for the inspirational sessions and supporting World Book Day. It is amazing that our children are able to see first-hand from someone they know that through applying their creativity and hard work they too could become writers. Miss Hall thank you for your inspiration and for sharing your wonderful books.

As you are all aware COVID 19 is dominating the news. We just want to reassure parents that school is actively keeping up-to-date with the advice from Public Health England. We have taught children again this week about the importance of hand washing, and are ensuring all the necessary cleaning measures continue to be applied to keep the school clean. If you have any concerns then please see the regular updates and information on the school website regarding travel or contact us.

There are lots of exciting events coming up for children in the school curriculum calendar. Take a look at the back of this newsletter to keep up to date.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ellison
Headteacher

Attendance

We have now been running **Parent Pay** for twelve months and we would like to thank everyone for their patience and co-operation with this system. Whilst we still have a few hiccups, we feel this system has made payments and correspondence with parents/carers so much better.

We now only have 37 pupil accounts not activated. Parent Pay is not only used for payment, but for general correspondence which is why it is important that you activate your account. If you have not activated your account can you please do this. *Activation does not hold any personal bank details or credit card details. You can still pay by cash for items, but you still need to activate your account in order to do this.*

REMINDER: Please can you regularly check your Parent Pay account and pay any outstanding debts.

Your nearest PayPoint store can be found following this link: https://consumer.paypoint.com/

If you need any help using Parent Pay, or any online service, we have a laptop in school for parent's use.

Rags 2 Riches

Start sorting out your unwanted items. We have another collection on
2nd April 2020.
The school gets 50p for every kilo collected.
Look out for the collection bags coming home soon.

Items that CAN go in the bags

- ✓ Adult's and children's clothes
- ✓ Paired shoes and footwear
- ✓ Soft toys and unwanted gifts
- ✓ Bath and hand towels
- ✓ Belts and handbags
- ✓ Bedding and household linen

Items that CANNOT go in the bags

- X School uniform
- X Schools sports kit
- X Curtains
- X Pillows or duvets
- X Bric-a-brac
- X Books
- X Dirty, wet, ripped or soiled clothes

Red Nose Day
Friday 13th March 2020

Get those red noses on and donate to Comic Relief.

FREE Easter Cycle Training

For children aged 9 and over

Choose a venue and date:

Stratford-upon-Avon School
Alcester Road, CV37 9DH
Level 2: 6-9 April 2020
Level 3: 6,7,8 or 9 April 2020

Warwick Racecourse
Hampton Street, CV34 6HN
Level 2: 6-9 April 2020
Level 2: 15-17 April 2020
Level 3: 6,7,8 or 9 April 2020

Choose your level:

Level 2: On quiet roads for children aged 9 and over. This is eight hours over 3 or 4 days.

Level 3: For more experience cyclists ages 11 (as at 31/08/20) and over. This is 1 x two hour session.

To book:

Call: 0161 230 7007
Online: www.bikeright.co.uk/courses/child-group/

A fabulous opportunity for your child to learn how to ride safely on roads at no cost.
Bicycles and helmets are ***not*** provided
Instruction is from qualified BikeRight! Cycle instructors

Funded by Warwickshire County Council

Breakfast Club

Please do not drop your children off BEFORE 8.00am as breakfast club is not open until then and there is no adult supervision.

Re-applications for September 2020

Thank you to those of you who have returned your re-application forms. We apologise that we have not been in touch, but we will be letting everyone know on Monday of allocated places.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Word Count Winners

What a fantastic week for reading! We have another class who have reached their second million—well done Sycamore!
We have had some amazing totals this year, let's continue to build on them.

Class	This weeks total	Last weeks total	Difference
Hazel	9,395	4,988	+4,407
Hawthorn	27,497	24,536	+2,961
Pine	179,972	175,884	+4,088
Maple	2,107,108	2,053,726	+53,382
Sycamore	2,039,096	1,713,551	+325,545
Juniper	1,704,153	1,593,101	+111,052
Ash	3,368,275	3,108,300	+259,975
Oak	1,490,286	1,336,296	+153,990
TOTAL	**14,746,438**	**10,010,382**	**+4,736,056**

So, the winners are … SYCAMORE.
What a great total. Well done!
Keep Reading!

Reception Stay, Play and Learn

Thursday 19th March 2020
9.10 -10.00 a.m.

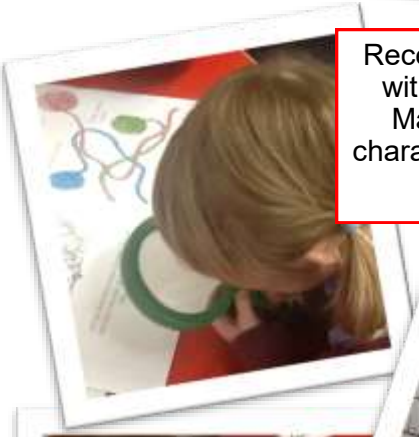
For this session the focus will be on reading, therefore many of the activities will be centred around reading. We hope that you will find the session useful and gain some ideas to help support your child at home with their reading. During the session your child will be free to choose any of the activities around the classroom, so please join in and support them.

Please remember if you aren't able to make it, then you can always send along a grandparent or another relative instead.

World Book Day

Jacqueline Hall, our resident author talking to us about where she gets her ideas from and how she creates her characters!

Year 4 Big Read - with hot chocolate and marshmallow!

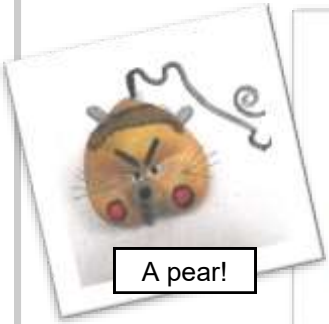


Reception working with Grandma's Magic Blanket characters - Book 1, White.

Year 1 working with Grandma's Magic Blanket characters - Book 2, Yellow

Who's is the best character?

The children were given an activity to create a character from faces they had found around the environment. The best characters from each class will each receive a signed book from Jacqueline Hall. The closing date is Friday 13th March 2020. Here are some already completed:



A pear!

A kiwi!

Three birds flying in the sky!

If you are interested in Jacqueline Hall's books, please take a look at her website and Facebook page:
www.jacquelinehallauthor.com
https://www.facebook.com/jacquelinehall1123/

Her books are available from Amazon and Kenilworth Book Store.

Books are also available at Summer and Christmas Fairs.

What's on …			*Please note that these dates are subject to change*
March 2020			
13	Friday	DAY	Comic Relief—Wear your red nose
16-20	Week	Week	Shakespeare Week
19	Thursday	9.10-10.00am	Reception Stay & Play - Parents/Carers welcome
20	Friday	DAY	National Downs Syndrome Day
23-3Apr	Two Weeks	Two Weeks	Great Big School Clean Eco Event
27	Friday	DAY	Non-Uniform Day for Easter egg collection
30-3 Apr	Week	Week	Science Week
31	Tuesday	DAY	Reception Eye Tests
April 2020			
1	Wednesday	4.30pm	Bingo
2	Thursday	DAY	Rags to Riches collection day
2	Thursday	3.15pm	Easter Friends of Whitnash Easter Tombola
3	Friday	3.15pm	Break up for Easter Holidays
6-17	Two Weeks	Two Weeks	Easter Holidays
20	Monday	8.55am	Pupils back to school - Summer Term 1
May 2020			
8	Friday	DAY	Bank Holiday
11-15	Week	Week	SATS
22	Friday	3.15pm	Break up for half-term
June 2020			
1	Monday	8.55am	Pupils back to school - Summer Term 2
22	Monday	Tbc	New Reception 2020 Parents Evening
July 2020			
8	Wednesday	DAY	All Classes Move up/Year 6 go to secondary Schools

Lunch Menu 9th March 2020

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Pork Meatballs (v) Quorn Korma Jacket Potato ~ Homemade Fruit Flapjack	Pasta with Peas and Bacon (v) Pizza Jacket Potato ~ Homemade Sponge with Fruit in Juice	Roast Beef (v) Broccoli and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Jacket Potato ~ Jam Tart and Custard Ice Cream Tub	Chicken Pie (v) BBQ Veggie Sausages Jacket Potato ~ Cheese, Crackers and Apple Carrot and Orange Cookie	Breaded Fish Fillet (v) Quorn Korma Jacket Potato ~ Homemade Vanilla Krispy Bar Ice CreamTub

Jacket Potato: each day choose a filling from: Cheese, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese and Beans

Everyday

Bread and chilled water are available throughout lunch. Fresh fruit platters, organic yoghurts and rice pots are available as alternative desserts.
Fresh fruits and vegetables used are subject to seasonal variation.
(MSC) Certified Sustainable Seafood
A non meat dish is available daily

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