

# Newsletter

# <u>School</u> <u>Rules</u>

- 1. Be safe
- 2. Be kind and respectful
- 3. Be ready

### <u>School</u> Values

Kindness

Courage

Loyalty

Every week we want to celebrate some of the amazing achievements of our pupils.

Class	Star Writer	Star Problem Solver	Silver Cup
Turtles & Dolphins	Emma	Ben	Ayrton
Octopus and Stingrays	Daisy	Levi	Jacob
Seahorses	Jwala	Jayden	Logan
Starfish	Edward	Leo	Aanya

	Stars of the Week (in new registration classes)	
3 Maple	Rhia	
3 Oak	Violet	
4 Cherry	Hope and Charlotte	
4 Willow	Harley	
5 Birch	Desiree	
5 Rowan	Maciej	
6 Pine Esmee		
6 Ash Isaac		

### Weekly Update

This week I want to mention our Year 2 children who on Tuesday journeyed to Go Ape. Here they worked as a team supporting and encouraging each other to attempt new challenges which were very much out of their comfort zones. They acted with patience and kindness. I am very proud of each and every one of them.

We also had our extended transition days/ mornings. This has been an excellent opportunity for both children and staff to get to know each other before the start of the new term. The staff asked all the children to name a number of friends that they would like to be in the same class with. They then used these to create the lists whilst balancing: boys/girls; SEND/non-SEND; children who access Pupil Premium Grant/ those who do not; children who speak English as an additional language/ those who do not; those children who work best together/ those who work best apart. Many hours have gone into drawing up these lists and many revisions. I appreciate that this time of year may carry some anxieties for you and your children, but I can assure you that this has been done with great care using staffs' knowledge of all the children.

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Date	Grenville Site Infant	Cornwallis Site Junior	Both
Monday 15th July	2pm Year 2 Family Friendly Performance of Year 2 Leavers' Concert	Inflatables Day	Reports go out
Tuesday 16th July	2pm Year 2 Leavers' Concert	10.30am Year 6 Leavers' Concert	
Wednesday 17th July	9.10m Year 2 Leavers' Concert	2pm Year 6 Leavers' Concert	
Friday 19th July		2.15pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Last Day of Term
	Summer Holidays		
Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September	Staff Training Days—no pupils in school		
Wednesday 4th September	Children start back at school		

#### **Congratulations**

We love celebrating children's successes.

Congratulations to Bethany W for being the Coaches Player of the Year for RBWGFC Bobcats football team and also Silver in her age group for the 2024 Summer Rugby Gymnastics competition.

Congratulations also to Amaiyah M who came 5th in the Rugby Gymnastic Club Summer Competition.

Allsorts Magazine



Here is the link to the July/Sept digital version of Allsorts Magazine.

There are lots of attraction to visit, services and articles to help your family. You can view this issue on the website www.allsortsmag.com or on their Facebook page too.

#### https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\_JULYSEPT24

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#### **IMPORTANT**

We have a number of children on both sites that have significant allergies. These are potentially life-threatening in severity.

Both sites are 'nut free' zones. Please can you ensure that your child does not bring any nuts or nut-based products into school especially if they have packed lunches. This includes nut based chocolate spread such as Nutella.

We really appreciate your support in this matter.

#### Did you know?

Did you know that you can play 'Eye of the Tiger' on the recorder?

I was called down to Year 4 yesterday to hear the most amazing version. Well done Year 4 and especially Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Kite.

# LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). 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.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent <u>i.e. the</u> parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected 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. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

#### Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2023-24

It is important to note, 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 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.

#### Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 1 September 2024. Therefore Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absences taken after this date will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

• Penalty Notices are issued to <u>each parent of each absent child</u>, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means <u>each</u> parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

<u>First Leave of Absence offence</u>: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period <u>(from the date of issue of the first penalty notice)</u> A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

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



# Jason Wilsher-Mills

# Jason and his Argonauts on Tour

22 JUNE - 8 SEPTEMBER 2024



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