

# 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.
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Class	Star Writer	Star Problem Solver	Silver Cup
Turtles	Ramon	Naylah	Zachary
Octopus	Amber	Jovan	Jake
Seahorses	Joshy	Jake	Ben
Starfish	Charlie	Theo	Aadiv
Lobsters	Elouise	Esra	Effie
Sealions	Alexander	Jayden	Emily

	Star of the Week	
3 Maple	Charlie	
3 Oak	Michael	
4 Cherry	Attila	
4 Willow	Ben	
5 Birch	Jayden-James	
5 Rowan	Rithvika and Robin	
6 Pine	Vasiliki and Adi	
6 Ash	Antonis and Ben	

## Weekly Update

This week I had the privilege of running the Junior Leadership Meeting. What a joy it is to hear our junior leaders talking so articulately about staff to commend, and issues that they would like to raise in school and solutions of how to solve them. (More on that coming up over the next few weeks.)

We also hosted a meeting for all the leaders of our trust, who all commented on how calm the working environment was on the Cornwallis Site was and how polite our pupils were, holding doors open and letting the adults go first.

This week we have had visitors in assembly from Rock Steady to Youth 4 Christ.

Don't forget that the clocks move forward this weekend!

Equipping Children for a World of Possibilities

Date	Grenville Site Infant	Cornwallis Site Junior	Both
Sunday 30th March			Clocks spring forward
Tuesday 1st April	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle		
Monday 7th April			Parental Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 8th April	Year 1 Parent Workshop – Creating Castles 1.45pm	2.15pm 3 Oak / 4 Cherry Performance	
Wednesday 9th April		9.30am 3 Maple / 4 Willow Performance	Easter Lunch
Thursday 10th April		9.30am 3 Oak / 4 Cherry Performance 2.15pm 3 Maple / 4 Willow Performance	Parental Consultation Meetings
Friday 11th April			Cake Sale
14th April—25th April			Easter Break
Monday 28th April			INSET DAY School Closed
Thursday 1st May	School Closed for Local Elections	School Open	
Wednesday 7th May	Reception Trip to West Lodge Farm Park		
Monday 19th May			Class Photographs

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# QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

## DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 QUIZ STARTS AT 8PM HENRY HINDE JUNIOR SCHOOL CV22 7HN

£15 PER TEAM MAXIMUM OF 6 PER TEAM BAR OPEN FROM 7.30 ALCOHOL, SOFT DRINKS & SNACKS AVAILABLE RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOR LIVE DRAW

TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL FRIENDSOFHENRYHINDE@GMAIL.COM



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court 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 the parents' 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.</u> the 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 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 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 (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): 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.

### Data Protection

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Henry Hinde School keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/ academy who is a parent\* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent\*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

## Henry Hinde School requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. \*The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

## Debt Awareness Week



## 24 - 28 March

## Opinium polling reveals nearly 10 million UK adults are struggling to repay their debts (Dec 2024)

CAP Rugby's Debt Centre provides **free debt help** for households in financial crisis. CAP Debt Coaches meet clients face-to-face in their homes, to deliver an indepth and person-centered service with flexible appointment times.

Over the past 15 years of serving in our town, CAP Rugby has been contacted by over 400 households and has cleared over 1.3 million pounds worth of debt.



## Call CAP's helpline today

becchurch.org.uk/cap-rugby Rugby Debt Centre Manager, Karen Swaffield (left) with Debt Coaches, Sue Keffler & Mark Richmond

## Some things are embarrassing.



Getting help with your debts isn't one of them.

# 0800 328 0006 capdebthelp.org



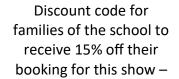
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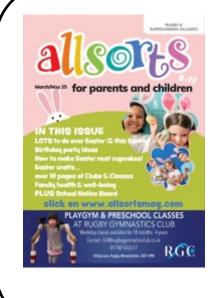


Sunday 6 April, 14:30

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#### **Allsorts Magazine**

Here is the link to the March/May (Easter) 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.

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