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# HAND IN HAND - BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



Newsletter



## Welcome Back!

It's been lovely seeing everyone return after the Easter holidays. We hope you all had a well deserved rest, enjoying some family time and are now eager and excited for new learning opportunities.



We have a very busy few weeks ahead of us so expect everyone to be in school on time and to work hard.

## National Assessments



SATS, Phonic Screening and Multiplication Tests have all made a return, so we stress that children need to be in school every day, on time. Being punctual ensures that they don't miss any part of

the lesson and will be fully prepared for the forthcoming assessments.

## Key Dates:

KS1 SATS will be throughout the whole of May.

KS2 SATS will commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Y1 Phonic screening will commence Wk. beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Y4 Multiplication Table Check (MTC) will commence June



## Easter Raffle Update

A big thank you to everyone who donated an Easter Egg and bought raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle last term. We raised an incredible £409, which is an amazing amount.



## Forest Schools - Fully Funded Family Learning Opportunity.

Community Forest Services Ltd are excited to be offering a free 10-week online course to families throughout Staffordshire to encourage learning and development through connecting to nature and the outdoors. It's fully funded through the Staffordshire Community Learning programme and is suitable for parents and carers with children aged 5-11 years.

The course invites families to learn together in their own time, to try fun, hands-on activities designed by environmental specialists to help inspire curiosity, spark a joy for learning outdoors and nurture a love of nature.

If you are interested then please see the flyer for further details.



## School Nurse

Parents and carers of children aged 5-19 are invited to attend local community drop ins, where you can speak to your child's school nurse about your child's health.

Parent drop-ins are now offered on a Wednesday morning at Cannock Children's centre 09.30-10.30 and a Wednesday afternoon drop in at Rugeley community centre 15.30-16.30

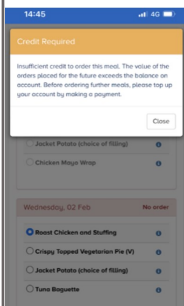
A Community Drop-in is an open access, confidential service that provides parents with the opportunity to "drop-in" without an appointment to discuss any aspects of your child's health or wellbeing with a member of the Team.

## School Lunches

Price increase: As of 25th April school lunches will now be £2.40

Schoolgrid have also added a new function that will stop parents

ordering from home if they do not have a credit or a Direct Debit set up on their account.



Please see the screenshot that you will see if you try to place an order without a credit on the account or a Direct Debit set up. Please note this does not affect your account if you are entitled to Free School Meals or if your child receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2).

If your SchoolGrid account is not in credit or does not have a Direct Debit set up, you will no longer be able to place an order for a meal provided by the school. You can top up your account by making a card payment via your SchoolGrid account or you can set up a Direct Debit via your SchoolGrid account (if your outstanding balance is less than £16).

## Jubilee Week

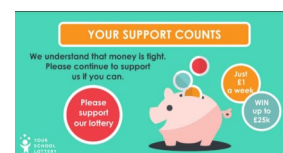
To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Wk. commencing 23rd May, the school will be running lots of exciting activities. One of these activities is to create a 'Bridgtown Jubilee Portrait T-towel', one for EYFS & KS1 and one for KS2.



For this activity to be a success, we need to gauge an interest to see if the T-Towels will be bought. We are looking for a minimum sale of 50 towels per key stage. Orders will be taken on Parent Pay. The cost of the T-towel is £3.00. We ask that if you are interested, you place an order. A text message will be sent to shortly to let you know when Parent Pay is open for orders. We feel this would be a wonderful keepsake for the children and something to treasure in years to come. We will keep you updated of the order numbers and let you know when we hit 50.

## School Lottery

The next school lottery is Saturday 30th April. Go to [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) to purchase your tickets



## Diary Dates:

### May

Key Stage 1 SATS

### Monday 2nd May

Bank Holiday— May Day

### Monday 9th May

Key Stage 2 SATS week

### 23—27th May

Jubilee Week

### Friday 27th May

School Closes for half term

### Monday 6th June

School Reopens

### June

Y1. Phonics screening

Y4. Multiplication Check



## Attendance:



All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in

life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age will help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults.

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class.



By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must receive a suitable, full time education.

As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens. Local councils and schools can use various legal powers if your child is missing school without a good reason. They can give you a parenting Order, an Education Supervision Order, a School Attendance Order or even a fine (sometimes known as a 'penalty notice').

The whole school attendance figures for last week, 4-8.04 was 89.6%. Congratulations to **BLUE CLASS** for achieving the highest attendance.

Class	%		%
Blue	96.1	Green	93.5
Purple	88.8	Orange	88
Red	92.3	Yellow	81.8
3DB	91.8	3MO	91.4
4ES	90	4GH	92
5AR	78.5	5/6HT	92.2
6LB	88.8		

