

Reminder: If your child is absent from school please ensure you advise the School every day by phone or in person

## What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Skills Club	<b>Cross Country Race at Polesworth School</b> Yr6 Grammar Guru	Yr6 Grammar Guru Homework & ICT Club Cross Country Club	Yr6 Grammar Guru KS2 Multi Skills Club English Excellence	Yr6 Grammar Guru Embody Dance Club

## A Crisis for our School?

Parents will be aware of changes to arrangements for school meals that came into place a couple of years ago, which allows all 'infant children' to have a cooked school meal for no charge. There are many advantages of this scheme and we very much support the principle of encouraging our youngest children to all have a cooked meal. We are however extremely concerned about one aspect of the new scheme which is now presenting a problem for us and could potentially become a real crisis.

Many pupils in our school have benefitted from this initiative. The kitchen does a brilliant job of producing a delicious meal for our pupils every day. There is a wide variety of choice.

**However, a potential significant financial issue lies ahead.....**

*Previously parents on low incomes or certain benefits claimed 'a free school meal'*

*Claiming a 'free school meal' triggers £1320 for each child.*

*This money goes straight into the school budget to be used to support ALL of the children*

**The problem....**

*If a parent no longer NEEDS to CLAIM to get a free school meal (because meals are now provided without a charge) why bother registering for 'Free School Meals'?*

*If parents then DON'T claim, school budgets suffer very significantly.*

*Ultimately we have a lot less to spend on ALL of our children*

**ALL of OUR CHILDREN benefit**

**from parents claiming 'free school meals' if they are eligible.**

**It is absolutely vital to all of our children that if you can claim for a**

**'Free School Meal' PLEASE do so!**

Please check your eligibility at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

**If you would like support in your application then please contact the School Office who would be more than happy to help.**

**Moir Cross**  
**Executive Headteacher**



Don't forget to log into eSchools to see what is happening on your children's class pages. The eSchools 'App' is available for you to download from the Apple or Google Play stores. The App will allow you to receive text notifications directly from the school to your mobile device. Login is also available via the School website

## Spot Light on Excellence...



### Young Carers Awareness Day

This week we have been raising awareness of young carers and the charity that supports them. A young carer is a young person who is caring for a sick or disabled family member. Often these children have difficulties with their own health, social life and self confidence. As a school we endeavour to identify and support any children who are taking on a caring role.

A huge thank-you goes out to all the children who dressed up on Thursday. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the children and the wide range of professional aspirations our children have for their future. I would also like to thank the continued support of parents, your generosity has raised over £110 for this very worthwhile charity.

**Mrs Smith**  
**Associate Headteacher**

## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term

30/01/18: Cross Country Race - Polesworth Sports Fields

06/02/18: Polar Experience—Dragonflies/Foxes/Badgers

07/02/18: Birmingham Theatre Trip - Ladybirds & Butterflies

**Half Term - Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February**

26/02/18: Staff Training Day

21/03/18: Grandparents Lunch

21/03/18: Easter Celebration Dinner

22/03/18: End of Term Disco - Date to be confirmed

**Spring Term ends Thursday 29th March**

**Easter Holidays - Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April**

### Summer Term

**May Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May**

**Half Term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June**

08/06/18 - 11/06/18: Manor Adventure Trip - Badgers

22/06/18: Staff Training Day

**Summer Term ends Friday 20th July**

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.



Want to know what's happening in school?

Go to [www.wood-endprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.wood-endprimaryschool.co.uk) there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have You applied?!



BRITISH VALUES  
ARTWORK



On Thursday 11th January, Foxes and Badger class were really lucky to work alongside 'Crazy Mary' to create a fabulous British values wall-hanging.

Every child learnt new skills, from how to thread a needle, right through to applique and patchwork techniques, whilst also practising their teamwork and perseverance.

It was a fantastic experience and everyone was delighted with the beautiful finished product, which is now proudly on permanent display in the school corridor. Here is what the children had to say about the day:

"Fantastic! It was my first time sewing" Danny

"It was good because I learnt how to sew" Bethanie

"It was a really good experience and I learnt how to sew different ways. It was Fantastic!" Jess

"She's an amazing teacher" Alfie M

"It proves that art doesn't have to be a painting or drawing" Paige

"It was fun and was a brilliant experience. I loved it!" Georgina

"It was good because we were taught how to sew the right way" Fiona

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## Fire Department Visit

Here is what the children thought:



I loved the movie because it was fun — Charlie



I liked spotting the hazards — Conlon



It was amazing! - Ellie



It was really good learning what firefighters do — Bobbie

It was awesome because we got to find things that were dangerous and explain why they were dangerous — Imogen



It was fun learning about fire safety — Danny

I enjoyed playing the fire safety memory game — Bethan



## Attendance W/C 15/01/18

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	96.26%	96.67%
Butterflies	92.17%	92.32%
Hedgehog	88.97%	94.21%
Dragonflies	92.07%	95.32%
Foxes	92.58%	95.59%
Badgers	95.91%	96.55%

## Last Week's Postcards Home

Hedgehogs = Mia Harding

Foxes = Charlie Suffolk

Badgers = Charlie Owen Sanders

If your child receives a postcard please bring it back to school so it can be shared in our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon! This postcard is your invite to our celebration assembly on Friday at 2.40pm in the hall.