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Paddox Primary Newsletter 18 November
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This week...



Another busy week in school with Year 2 Assemblies taking place. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to all the parents who came along to support their children. The weather is definitely on the change so please ensure that your child brings a warm, sensible school coat with them every day. We try to go outside in all weathers if possible.

Dates for your diary



- **Year 3 Class Assemblies:** Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 November at 2.30pm
- **Parents Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 23 November from 9am at The Orchard Building
- **Year 5 and 6 Paddox After Dark Reading Event:** Thursday 24 November at 4.30pm
- **FOPS Dare to be Different Day:** Friday 25 November Key Stage 1 £1 donation; Key Stage 2 Child friendly tombola donation
- **FOPS Paddox Community Carols:** Whole School Thursday 1 December 6pm - 7:30pm
- **Manchester Carols at St Andrews Church - Key Stage 2 Choir performance:** Saturday 3 December at 7.30pm (tickets available to purchase from the school office. £6 per adult; £1 per child)
- **Christmas Lunch day:** Wednesday 7 December
- **FOPS Polar Express:** Thursday 8 December
- **Christmas Jumper Day:** Friday 9 December

- **FOPS Christmas Fair:** Friday 9 December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19 December to Tuesday 3 January inclusive (including Teacher Training Day) - children return to school on Wednesday 4 January 2022

Parents Coffee Morning



Join our Parent Coffee Mornings...

Please come and join the Pastoral Team for a relaxing opportunity to meet, chat, ask questions, eat biscuits and drink plenty of tea/coffee!

Dates

Wednesday 23 November

Wednesday 7 December

From 9am onwards in The Orchard building

Everyone is welcome!

Communication survey feedback



Many thanks to those people that took part in our communication survey – we got 377 responses which was great!

It gave us a really good insight into elements of our current systems including:

- That our website isn't used by many of you and that when it is, you don't find it that easy to navigate.
- Everyone seems to really value the weekly newsletter which is why we have put it back into place.

Some of the other comments were:

- Sometimes there are problems with emails – frequency, going into spam, not arriving
- It would be good to have more information about what my child is doing, how well they are getting on and maybe if something big happens – like when work gets recognised for being particularly good
- Teachers already go above and beyond...

I think one parent really summed it up when they said 'sometimes there is not enough communication, sometimes it's too much and sometimes it's just right. Goldilocks :)' !!

We are going to write to you very soon about trialling an app too – Brambles have just started working it with it and we are going roll it out to two year groups initially – watch this space!

Reading Spooktacular for Years 5 and 6

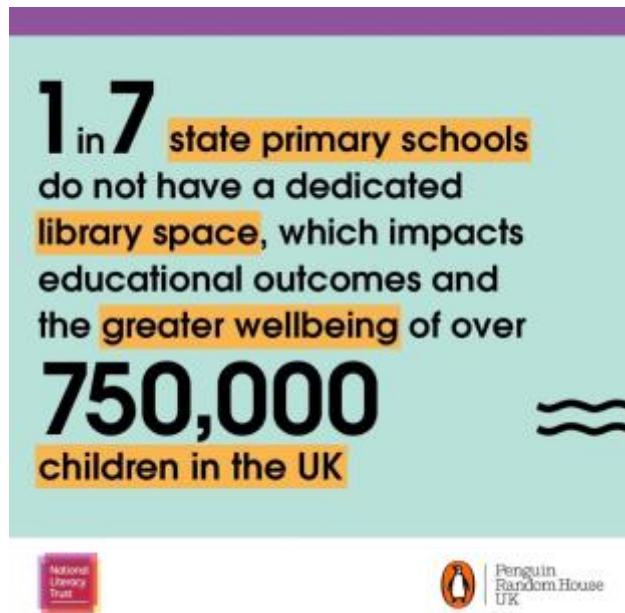


Our **Reading Spooktacular** will take place on **Thursday 24 November**. The event starts at 4.30pm and will end at 6pm. This event is for children in years 5 and 6 **only**. Please can you all complete the form (to say YES or NO) by clicking on this link to give your permission for your child to attend. They can also bring a small torch... <https://forms.office.com/r/AWn6Ft0ivT> The books being read will be available to buy after the event. Your child **must** be collected by an adult at the end of the event as it will be dark by then.

Rugby in Bloom award for our green-fingered growers!



Last week, five of our green fingered Year 6s attended The Benn Hall to receive their Rugby in Bloom silver gilt award, presented by the Mayor of Rugby, for their Platinum Jubilee floral display created in July. They had a fabulous time and especially enjoyed the refreshments provided and visiting the mayor's parlour where they got to try on the ceremonial robes. The whole process was such a great experience that we are already planning next year's competition entry. We would love to get as many children and parents to support this as possible, so please get in contact if this is something that interests you and you would like to get involved.



On Tuesday evening after school, Miss Texeira was invited to attend a special meeting at Parliament with several MP's to discuss why so many primary schools do not have access to a library where they can borrow books to take home. We are incredibly fortunate that we have beautiful well stocked library that every pupil can use on a weekly basis. We fully support developing a love of reading for all our children and how important it is for children to be able to share a book at home with you.

A gentle reminder that if you are collecting your child from an after school club, you must park away from the school and walk down the pedestrian path. The electric drive gates will now be closed between 3:30pm and 4:30pm, however the pedestrian gates will be open until 6:00pm. Thank you for your support with this.



Lunch at School



Our excellent catering team at school make fresh hot dinners every day. There are always four choices, one being a vegetarian option. They are well balanced nutritionally too. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. School dinners cost £2.30 which includes a pudding. The criteria to be eligible for a free school meal in other year groups is as follows:

Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both, but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income assessed by HMRC to be no more than £16,190, providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

The link to apply to see if you might be eligible is: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

If your child chooses to bring a packed lunch in from home please can you ensure that it does not contain any items that have nuts in them, such as Nutella spread and Bueno bars. We have several children in school with severe nut allergies. We ask you also not to put in too many sugary treats as we are promoting a healthy life style.

If your child is going to be late into school, please remember to notify the class teacher and the school office (admin2625@welearn365.com) and also confirm the colour choice for their cooked meal. We need this to happen before 930am on the day.

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Clothing
Paired shoes
Handbags
Belts
Accessories



Please drop bags off at the dining room door
between **2-4pm on Friday 18th November** or
between **8-9am on Monday 21st November**



and help us have a great collection!





Paddox Community Carols



Thursday 1st December
18:00-19:30



At Paddox Primary School.

Join us and enjoy an advent window reveal,
refreshments and carol singing with Paddox school
choir.

All donations will support FOPS and the children at
Paddox Primary School





Dare to be Different!

Friday 25th November

Let's have some autumn fun! How many of our dares will you do?

We dare you to:

Wear bright socks or tights to school

Have crazy hair

Wear your own jumper or cardigan, not your school one

Paint your face

Bring a snack of your choice for playtime

Wear nail varnish

In exchange:

KS1 children - bring in £1

KS2 children - bring in a donation for the tombola at your Christmas fair!

The Polar Experience

Reception and Key Stage 1

5.00-7.15pm
Thursday 8th
December
Tickets £3.00



Wear your pyjamas and join us for an exciting festive evening!



The Solihull Approach



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