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Paddox Primary Newsletter 3 February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we reach the end of another week, I wanted to share with you information about the curriculum taught here at Paddox.

We are proud to offer a curriculum which is balanced, wide-ranging and promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of the children, as well as preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

Our wide and varied curriculum includes blocks of History and Geography; and Art and Design Technology. As per Ms Guymer's message last week we also have a new phonics programme - Unlocking Letters and Sounds, as well as new vocabulary rich Mathematics Mastery curriculum in Reception and Year 1.

Over the coming weeks we're revamping our school website so watch out for more information coming soon!

Best wishes

Mr Beeston

Children's Mental Health Week 2023



Children's Mental Health Week 2023 is next week and this year's theme is Let's Connect!

To celebrate, the children will have themed assemblies, classroom activities and the chance to make meaningful connections with others!

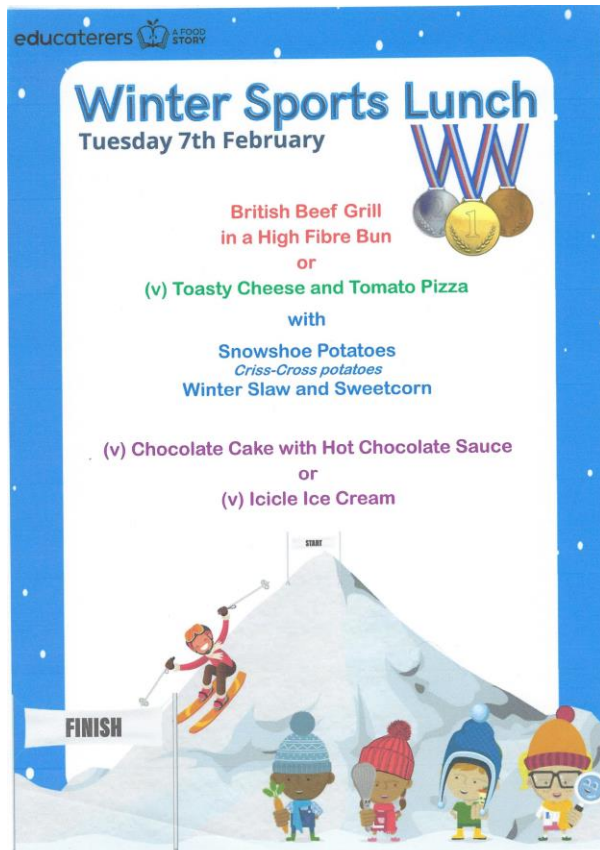
On **Friday 10 February**, the children are invited to wear something yellow **with** their school uniform to highlight the cause (socks, hairband, t-shirt - something you've got available at home already!) A donation of **£1** can be paid in cash or via School Money (Wear Something Yellow Day) - all proceeds will go to **Place2Be** - click here¹ to read more about the charity.

Please note 'Wear Something Yellow Day' on Friday 10 February **replaces** the originally planned non uniform day on Friday 17 February - this will no longer be going ahead and normal school uniform should be worn on Friday 17 February.

Click here² for more on the theme of "**Let's Connect**"

¹<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

²https://youtu.be/wb8SDnS-M_M



1 - There's a special Winter Sports Lunch on Tuesday 7 February.

Brown (Jacket Potato) and Blue (Chicken Fajita Wrap) options are available as normal.

World Book Day 2023

Due to the Year 6 residential, this year we are celebrating World Book Day a week later, on **Thursday 9 March**. As always, the day will be dedicated to a range of different activities to celebrate the joy of books and reading. If they would like to, the children can come to school dressed as a book character but this is not an expectation and we do not want anyone to feel that they have to go the expense of buying new costumes. Homemade costumes are our favourites!

More details to follow of what we are planning for the day.



Please click here³ to read this month's newsletter from **Connect for Health**

³<https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/February-2023-Newsletter.pdf>

Let's connect... over coffee!



Join the Pastoral Team in supporting **Children's Mental Health Week (6-12 February 2023)**.

This year's theme is **Let's Connect** - this is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

Come along and chat about **Mental Health**, see how we can promote this, activities for families and to have a fact-to-face connection with others over a cuppa.

Date: **Wednesday 8 February**

Time: **9am**

Venue: **The Orchard (Paddox Centre building)**

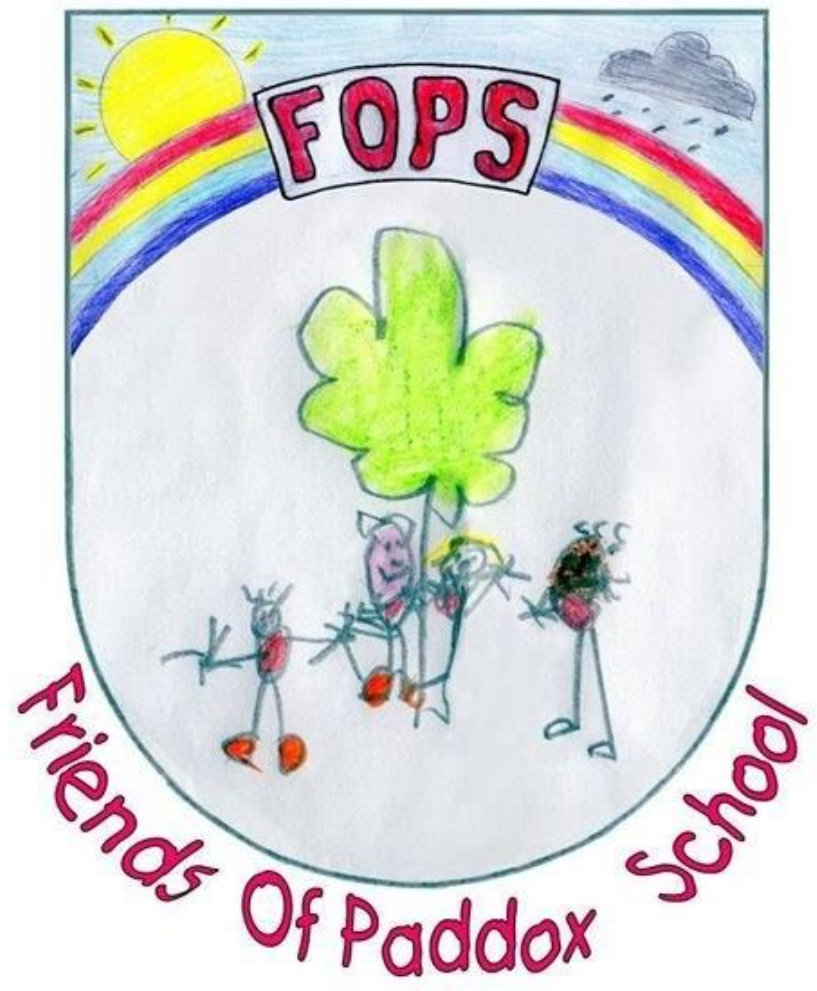
All welcome!

P.E Update from Mrs Knight



2 - The Kilsby Lane league was back this week! A draw and a couple of wins! Paddox are currently second in the league! Well done to our fantastic players and again to Mr Pulham as coach.

Friends of Paddox School (FOPS) Update



Saturday saw great excitement at Paddox as we held our fourth Hogwarts Experience. From the moment the children entered Diagon Alley they were immersed in magic and mystery, casting spells, making potions and meeting magical creatures during the afternoon. The event culminated with Slytherin winning the house cup. Huge thanks to all involved in making the day such a success.





Important Reminders



Dinner money: Please make sure dinner money is paid in advance by the Monday of each week. Meals cost £2.30 per meal or £11.50 per week, payable via Pay 360 Education Payments (or cash payment to the school office). If you are unable to login to Pay 360 please email

Illness: Please remember if your child vomits or has diarrhoea, they cannot return to school for a **full 48 hours** from the last time your child vomited / had diarrhoea.

Medical appointments during the school day: If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day please email both your child's class teacher and the school office

(admin2625@welearn365.com⁴) as to who is collecting your child, what time and the reason for the appointment. Where possible please try to arrange appointments out of school hours.

Medication: No medication should come into school without prior arrangement and necessary form(s) being completed via the school office only. Children should **not** have any medication in their school bags or on their person in school.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle every day. The bottle should only contain water (not squash or other drinks). We are unable to provide children with spare bottles or cups.

Dates for your diary



Monday 6 - Friday 10 February: Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 8 February: Parent coffee morning in the The Orchard (Paddox Centre building) from 9am

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Please note, this replaces the non school uniform day originally scheduled for Friday 17 February 2023

Monday 13 February: Year 6 Height and Weight Monitoring

***Half term:** Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023 inclusive*

Monday 27 February - 3 March: Year 6 Residential

Monday 6 March: FOPS School Uniform Sale

Thursday 9 March: World Book Day (fancy dress is optional) - **please note,** this is the correct date for Paddox World Book Day - not Thursday 2 March