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## Paddox Primary Newsletter 10 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we'd like to share some information about Inclusion and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, and what is on offer from Warwickshire local authority in terms of support.

We'd also like to use this week's newsletter as another opportunity to raise awareness for Neurodiversity Week (13th March to 17th March), and outline some of the things we'll be doing as a school.

In case you haven't visited it yet, please see the SEND & Inclusion page of the website for more information about the support on offer at Paddox for children with additional needs. You can also familiarise yourself with the members of the Inclusion Team, and who might be able to help with any queries you might have.

On behalf of the Inclusion Team, have a great weekend!

Mrs Farmer

## Neurodiversity Week 2023

At Paddox this year, we will be celebrating Neurodiversity alongside other schools across the country from Monday 13 - Friday 17 March. We'll be planning assemblies and activities throughout the week - including some outside speakers who have offered to share their own experiences of dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia, ASC and ADHD - and we'll be finishing off the week with a colourful non-uniform day to represent the spectrum of neurological conditions we are raising awareness of.

Information regarding which colour each year group will wear will be shared soon! We are hoping to create a whole-school 'collage of colours' on Friday 17 March, so look out for a photo in the newsletter later down the line!

### Neurodiversity Week 2023 - Webinars for Parents

Whilst at school we'll be celebrating neurodiversity through assemblies, class activities and a handful of outside speakers, the charity have also planned a webinar at different times for parents and carers.

Tuesday 14 March 2023 (18:30-20:00) - [click here](#)<sup>1</sup>

Wednesday 15 March 2023 (9:30-11:00) - [click here](#)<sup>2</sup>

Please see the full range of free webinars available which might be of interest: [click here](#)<sup>3</sup>

### Children with Disabilities Team

Last week, we received this information from the children with disabilities team and wanted to share it with you. Warwickshire's County Council's Children with Disabilities Team are delivering information sessions/workshops across Rugby throughout March. There is a variety of sessions/workshops on different topics. Unless stated otherwise, all sessions/workshops will take place at Boughton Leigh Children's Centre and are bookable through event bright (the links are below).

**General drop in session - [click here](#)**<sup>4</sup>

**Importance of Sensory Play - [click here](#)**<sup>5</sup>

**Supporting Communication Difficulties - [click here](#)**<sup>6</sup>

**Supporting children with autism and challenging behaviours - [click here](#)**<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/event/neurodiversity-for-parents-and-carers>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/event/neurodiversity-for-parents-and-carers-2>

<sup>3</sup>[https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events?hsenc=p2ANqtz-9SowTCW0ZdyF9mfi4j7CcU\\_IbiW30bY6a86YE-UKt1AxewTOR0nHPD-1qVWBQdbm4QLHlmm2USmYWpxVjEDUL3tnn6ig&hsmi=68363242&utm\\_campaign=NCW+2023&utm\\_content=68363242&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events?hsenc=p2ANqtz-9SowTCW0ZdyF9mfi4j7CcU_IbiW30bY6a86YE-UKt1AxewTOR0nHPD-1qVWBQdbm4QLHlmm2USmYWpxVjEDUL3tnn6ig&hsmi=68363242&utm_campaign=NCW+2023&utm_content=68363242&utm_medium=email&utm_source=hs_email)

<sup>4</sup>[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/warwickshire-children-with-disabilities-parents-and-carers-drop-in-session-tickets-528514259377?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/warwickshire-children-with-disabilities-parents-and-carers-drop-in-session-tickets-528514259377?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1)

<sup>5</sup>[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/importance-of-sensory-play-for-children-with-disabilities-tickets-528479746147?aff=erelpanelorg&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/importance-of-sensory-play-for-children-with-disabilities-tickets-528479746147?aff=erelpanelorg&keep_tld=1)

<sup>6</sup>[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caring-for-children-with-disabilities-with-communication-difficulties-tickets-528526676517?aff=erellivmlt&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caring-for-children-with-disabilities-with-communication-difficulties-tickets-528526676517?aff=erellivmlt&keep_tld=1)

All events are free to attend.

## Warwickshire Schools' Inclusion Charter

### Inclusion is Everyone's Responsibility



The poster is titled 'Warwickshire Schools' Inclusion Charter' with the subtitle 'Inclusion is Everyone's Responsibility'. It is divided into several sections: 'Our Vision' (top left), 'The Charter' (top right), 'Welcome and Care' (middle left), 'Communicate' (middle right), 'Value and Include' (bottom left), and 'Work in Partnership' (bottom right). A central box labeled 'TRUST' contains the text 'Developing and nurturing each of these commitments to build'. The bottom of the poster features signatures of the Leader of Warwickshire County Council, Chair of Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice, and representatives from Schools Consortia and Area Networks, and IMPACT. Logos for Warwickshire County Council, CHILDO, Adapted with permission from Genuine Partnerships, WARWICKSHIRE PARENT LEADER VOICE, and IMPACT are also present, along with a QR code for SEND Local Offer.

**Our Vision:**  
For schools to be places where everyone feels valued, included, safe, supported and welcome. We will work together to enable all our children and young people in Warwickshire to lead a fulfilling life and be part of their community.

**The Charter:**  
This charter sets out what all children and young people and their families should expect from schools in Warwickshire, in line with the SEND Code of Practice.

**Welcome and Care**

We will:

- Understand that every child is an individual
- Recognise the value of inclusion
- Make time to get to know you and what is important to you and your family
- Establish and build on positive relationships
- Make time to respond to your needs
- Work closely with all relevant people to ensure successful transitions
- Ensure children and young people's voices are at the heart of all we do

**Communicate**

We will:

- Listen calmly and respectfully, with patience, ensuring you feel heard and understood.
- Establish how to provide and seek information in a way you can access and understand
- Recognise all behaviour is a form of communication
- Explain what can be done and any limitations
- Communicate in a way that means you can participate in planning and decision making
- Provide clear guidance on who to contact and respond promptly
- Make you comfortable by using positive and helpful language
- Create and maintain communication friendly environments

Developing and nurturing each of these commitments to build

**TRUST**

**Value and Include**

We will:

- Remember inclusion is everyone's responsibility
- Be proactive in providing reasonable adjustments
- Ensure our SENCo is able to support families and staff
- Inform and support you of any planned changes as soon as possible
- Ensure that children and young people with SEND are valued and included in pupil voice activities
- Identify needs early and assess, plan, do, review with support from appropriate agencies
- Ensure our children and young people have a trusted person who checks in with them at least weekly
- Have a 'can do' attitude and build on everyone's strengths
- Recognise and meet the training needs of our staff

**Work in Partnership**

We will:

- Give you opportunities to share your views
- Do our best to understand and consider your ideas
- Involve you in developing shared plans for you and our school
- Value you as an equal partner and recognise your experience and knowledge
- Understand that every family is different and has different resources
- Engage with community groups
- Collaborate across settings to share good practice
- Work together with you and other people to recognise need and support you on your journey as a family

Signatures:

Leader of Warwickshire County Council

Chair of Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice

On behalf of Schools Consortia and Area Networks

On behalf of IMPACT (Young People's Forum for SEND)

Warwickshire County Council

CHILDO

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WARWICKSHIRE PARENT LEADER VOICE

IMPACT

Scan for SEND Local Offer

### 1 - Inclusion Charter

*With the offer of support from training services from the local authority, this new 'Inclusion Charter' has been agreed by specialist agencies and schools across Warwickshire. Over the next few terms, the local authority have said that schools will be able to access additional staff training sessions in order to meet the agreement within the charter. You might have already noticed it appear on the SEND & Inclusion page of the website!*

### Reminder of the e-booklet available from Dimensions about Neurodevelopmental Conditions and Support.

Warwickshire LA and the NHS trust have worked together to create a brochure of information regarding a host of neurological conditions, and which agencies are the most appropriate places to seek support from. Please click here<sup>8</sup> for a range of formats which the booklet can be downloaded in.

### Remember to get in touch...

If you can have any concerns regarding possible difficulties related to learning that your child may be experiencing.

<sup>7</sup>[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-support-strategies-for-children-who-display-challenging-behaviours-tickets-528537829877?aff=erellivmlt&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-support-strategies-for-children-who-display-challenging-behaviours-tickets-528537829877?aff=erellivmlt&keep_tld=1)

<sup>8</sup><https://dimensions.covworkpt.nhs.uk/News.aspx?NID=26>

Please email your child's class teacher in the first instance, or Mrs Farmer (SENDCo) or Miss Thompson (Assistant SENDCo) for anything more urgent, if you want to highlight any issues with learning or otherwise. Their email addresses are available on the school website.

## P.E Update from Mrs Knight



*2 - Eight Year 4 children participated in a Speed Stacking competition this week at Harris School. They had spent many lunchtimes practising and had so much fun putting their skills to good use. The children will be helping Mrs Knight bring Speed Stacking to the rest of Paddox!*





Parents: Please check at home if you have any of our Paddox team tops. We have a lot missing and don't have enough for our sports teams. Thank you.

## **Paddox Baby News**

We would like to congratulate Miss S Merrick and Mr Baldwin on their wonderful news that they are expecting their first baby in the Summer. As soon as we have plans in place we will let you know.

## Safety information





The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

accidents don't have to happen

## Need advice on choosing and using child car seats?

Visit [www.childcarseats.org.uk](http://www.childcarseats.org.uk) for help with:

- Understanding the different types of child car seats
- Choosing the most suitable car seat for your child
- Ensuring that your child seats are fitted correctly
- Complying with the law on how children should be carried in cars

[info@childcarseats.org.uk](mailto:info@childcarseats.org.uk) | 0808 801 0822



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3 - It has been brought to our attention that children may not be travelling in vehicles with the correct car seats and/or fastened in appropriately. Please [click here](#)<sup>9</sup> to read more about the legal requirements for car seat safety.

## The Orchard Before and Afterschool Club



4 - During this half-term the children at The Orchard have been enjoying a variety of winter activities. They specially enjoyed the RPSB Bird watch week, making bird feeders.

## Competitions

Please [click here](#)<sup>10</sup> to read more about HEART's (Hillmorton and East Rugby Together Community Group) competition to celebrate International Women's Day.

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<sup>9</sup><http://www.childcarseats.org.uk/the-law/>

<sup>10</sup><https://www.paddoxprimary.com/attachments/download.asp?file=5960>





5 - Click here<sup>11</sup> to read about how to apply for Junior Bake Off.

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<sup>11</sup><https://www.paddoxprimary.com/attachments/download.asp?file=5962>

**COMPETITION TIME!**



**Calling all change makers**

Tell us what being child friendly means to you and you could win  
£2,500 for your school

Submit a piece of media by email to  
[childfriendly@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:childfriendly@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
with your name, age, your school's name and address.

Closing date: **27 February**

For more information visit  
[www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk)




6 - Could you win £2,500 for your school? Click here<sup>12</sup> to find out more.

## Important Reminders



<sup>12</sup><https://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/childfriendlycompetition>

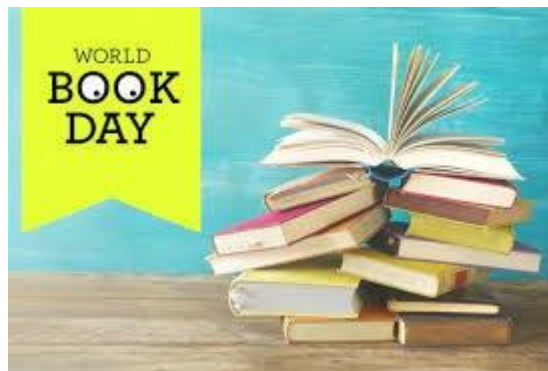
**Afterschool clubs:** All teacher-led afterschool clubs are running as normal next week with the exception of Science club and Circuit training club. They have moved from Thursday 16 February to Wednesday 15 February 2023 (all parents should have received an email).

**Contact Details:** Please make sure we have your correct contact details (telephone numbers, email addresses and home addresses). You can update these using the SIMS Parent Lite<sup>13</sup> App or email [admin2625@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com)<sup>14</sup>

Where possible please do provide more than one contact number (e.g. mobile and work telephone numbers).

**Lost Property:** Please can you make sure that ALL items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. LARRY is filling up of unnamed lost property which we can't return to rightful owners! LARRY is wheeled out to the playground by the year 6 doors every Friday morning and afterschool (weather permitting). Please check to see if any items belong to your children. LARRY will be emptied fully after the end of school on Friday 17 February.

If you have old clothes to donate please put in the clothing bank at the main gate or for old school uniform please put in the yellow bin, at the main gate. Please do not put these items into LARRY.



*7 - Please read the letter emailed yesterday about our World Book Day plans on Thursday 9 March*

We are aware a number of children are suffering with various illnesses at this time of year. This is also affecting a number of our staff, too. Please can we remind everyone about the importance of good hygiene e.g. washing hands etc.



# ClassDojo

*8 - On Monday we'll be emailing all parents about Class Dojo - a new way to communicate with your child's teacher*

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<sup>13</sup><https://www.sims-parent.co.uk>

<sup>14</sup><mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com>

## Dates for your diary



**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

**Monday 13 March:** Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 and Year 3 & 4 Intrasports - in school time, no spectators and house colour t-shirts should be worn

**Monday 13 - Wednesday 15 March:** Year 5 Residential

**Monday 13 - Sunday 19 March:** Neurodiversity Week 2023

**Friday 17 March:** Inspirational Women Day

**Monday 20 March:** Year 5 & 6 Intrasports - in school time, no spectators and house colour t-shirts should be worn

**Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March:** Year 5 Group Assembly (letters to be sent out)

**Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 March:** Year 4 Spring Production (letters to be sent out)

**Friday 31 March:** Non-uniform day

***Easter holidays: Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023 inclusive***