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Paddox Primary Newsletter 3 March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope half term went well for everyone. We have started this half term by sending Year 6 off for their adventures at PGL - whilst the weather hasn't always been that kind, I know that the children are having an amazing time and taking every opportunity that the week is offering them. It is great to be offering a few updates through Class Dojo and I hope you have been enjoying those. If you haven't yet signed up for it, please do so asap - the letters were sent out before half term and it will be so helpful for keeping in touch. As you can see from the dates list below, there is plenty to get into this five weeks! Thank you for your support yesterday with the arrangements related to strike action; we know it isn't easy so your patience is much appreciated. I hope you have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Kate Guymer, Headteacher

Pastoral Support at Paddox Primary School



*1 - I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the children and families at Paddox, but for those who don't know me, my name is **Mrs Kim Clarke** and I am the Pastoral Manager at Paddox Primary.*

I, along with the rest of the Pastoral Team, have the privilege of being available to the Paddox families to offer support, advice and guidance. This will look different for every family but we want you to know that no matter how big or small an issue may be, we are here to help.

Pastoral Team

There are several members of the Pastoral Team and I would love to introduce them.



2 - This is **Mrs Govinder Fatania** and she is the Learning Mentor at Paddox. You may have seen her at the main reception in the mornings as she works hard to improve attendance and lateness at Paddox. Mrs Fatania is available to see children and parents and can be contacted via email at fatania.g@welearn365.com¹

¹<https://fatania.g@welearn365.com>



3 - This is **Mrs Donna Allen** and she is a Teaching Assistant with a focus on Social, Emotional and Mental Health support (SEMH). Mrs Allen works with children 1:1 on anything from managing anxiety to building better friendships and she is with us Monday-Wednesday.



4 - This is **Miss Grace Mills** and she is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) who also has a focus on SEMH. As part of her role, she teaches in class and also sees children who need a little bit of extra support, mainly in Early Years.

Support for families

I tell the children that no worry is ever too small and the same applies to grown ups too! If there is something you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

You can contact Mrs Fatania or I by calling the school office on **01788 572340** or you can email us at clarke.k1@welearn365.com² or fatania.g@welearn365.com³

Other services:

Sometimes, you may want to do access some support from outside of school and I'd like to recommend 2 fantastic resources available to parents:

²<https://clarke.k1@welearn365.com/>

³<https://fatania.g@welearn365.com/>



5 - The Family Information Service (FIS)

FIS provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including family relationships, finance, housing, parenting support, special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), childcare and health and wellbeing. The website contains a wealth of information and is a good place to start when looking for some advice with a specific issue: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families⁴



6 - Family Support Helpline

Within Warwickshire, we are fortunate to have Family Support Workers available to listen, support and offer advice and guidance to families and professionals every weekday - Monday to Friday between 9am - 4pm.

This is a service available to everyone so to speak to a family support worker over the telephone, call 01926 412412.

You also have the option to book a face-to-face consultation with a family support worker at one of the Children's Centre's across the town. See [click this link](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/service-changes-children-families/2) for more information about those sessions: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/service-changes-children-families/2⁵

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Science Careers Fair - Friday 9 June 2023

WE NEED YOU!



Some of you may remember that we did a Science careers fair in 2017. All children from across the school were able to come together in the hall to meet lots of different people who use Science in their career. The event was a real success and we are keen to replicate this again to show just how many careers use Science.

To do this we need your help! If you use Science in any way in your job, we would love for you to come in and speak to our children. As our school is so big, it would be for the vast majority of the school day and the year groups would come in during their allocated slots. You could present in any way you like; practical demonstrations, PowerPoints or using equipment.

Last time, we had a nurse come in and bring their mannequins to demonstrate how Science can be used to improve their patients health, we had a demonstration of a Gas Chromatograph at which analysed O₂, N₂ & CO₂ in air and we had a physics lecturer from a local university come in and talk to the children about imaging atoms as well as many more!

If you would be happy to present to the children on Friday 9 June, please email Mrs Barnes: barnes.l3@welearn365.com⁶ to register your interest.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Online safety update – new social media trend



As you are aware, in school we promote online safety as part of the curriculum and Safer Internet Day each year to ensure all pupils are safe online. We have been made aware of a social media trend on TikTok which is becoming increasingly popular, however it is unsuitable for children within primary

⁶<mailto:barnes.l3@welearn365.com>

schools due to the nature of it. The trend involves producing explicit content that does not conform to the rules regarding the use of the platform in a way that bypasses the application's filters. The viral challenge circulating on the platform uses variations of the hashtag 'foopah' which is a play on the phrase 'faux pas' (an embarrassing public act).

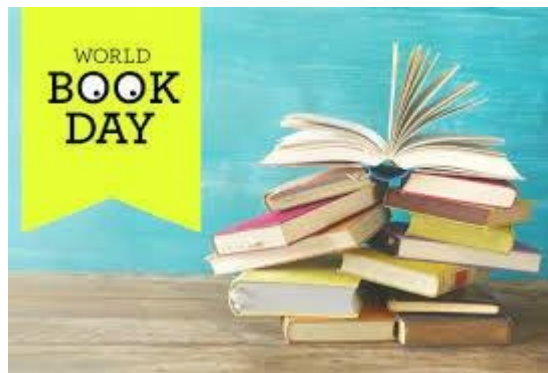
Children are accessing a greater amount of content online through various platforms therefore monitoring the content they are exposed to is vital when keeping them safe. It is my duty to remind all parents and carers that social media platforms have an age limit with them, however if you choose to allow your child(ren) to have access to these accounts please ensure there are clear expectations and the children are supervised accordingly as well as using appropriate filters so that only suitable content can be viewed.

Please remember, TikTok requires its users to be **at least 13 years old**.

If you have any queries about online safety, there are some very helpful guides on the National Online Safety website: www.nationalonlinesafety.com ⁷

Mr Hammond, Computing Lead

World Book Day Celebrations - Thursday 9 March 2023



A reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 9 March**. Dress up is optional. During the day, children will have the opportunity to share a story with children from other year groups, so they can bring in their favourite story from home. Entries for the Paper Plate Book Character Competition can be brought in and given to your child's class teacher on the day. £1 book vouchers will not be sent home this year as we will have the books in school to give out on the day instead.

Please click here⁸ to read the whole school letter for more details.

⁷<https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com>

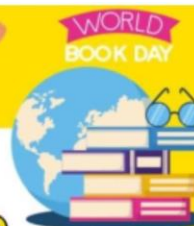
⁸<https://www.paddoxprimary.com/attachments/download.asp?file=5961>



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A FOOD
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World Book Day Lunch

Thursday 2nd March
9 March 2023

WORLD
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2 MARCH 2023
9 March 2023

Dave's (not quite) Pigeon Pie

chicken and sweetcorn pie

or

(v) You Choose Cheesy Pizza



Crispy Potatoes

and Big Bright Veggies

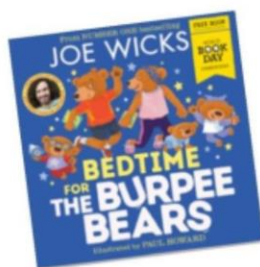


(v) Burpee Bears Biscuits

or

Creepy Crawly Jelly

with added grapes



7 - World Book Day Lunch

We're having a special World Book Day lunch on **Thursday 9 March 2023**.

The normal options of **BROWN** - Jacket potato and **BLUE** - Go Go British Chicken Wrap Menu will still be available as normal.

Information for Paddox families



8 - Please click [here](#)⁹ to read this months Connect for Health newsletter

Connect for Health, your school nursing service, have completed the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) with Year 6 pupils (and visiting Reception on 22 March 2023). Your child may have been measured as part of the programme and the results letter will be available for you to view. Parents can access their child's results letter via the parent/carer portal. To log in or register an account, please go to: <https://www.compass-uk.org/primary-parent-sign-up>

The Orchard Before and Afterschool Club



⁹<https://mailchi.mp/ba8db968a9aa/your-march-health-and-wellbeing-update-from-c4h-13538432?e=1bd4144842>



9 - This week, the children have enjoyed exploring different dinosaur activities. They thoroughly enjoyed making the balloon dinosaur models and playing dinosaur games outside. We are also looking forward to making our own dinosaur fossils.

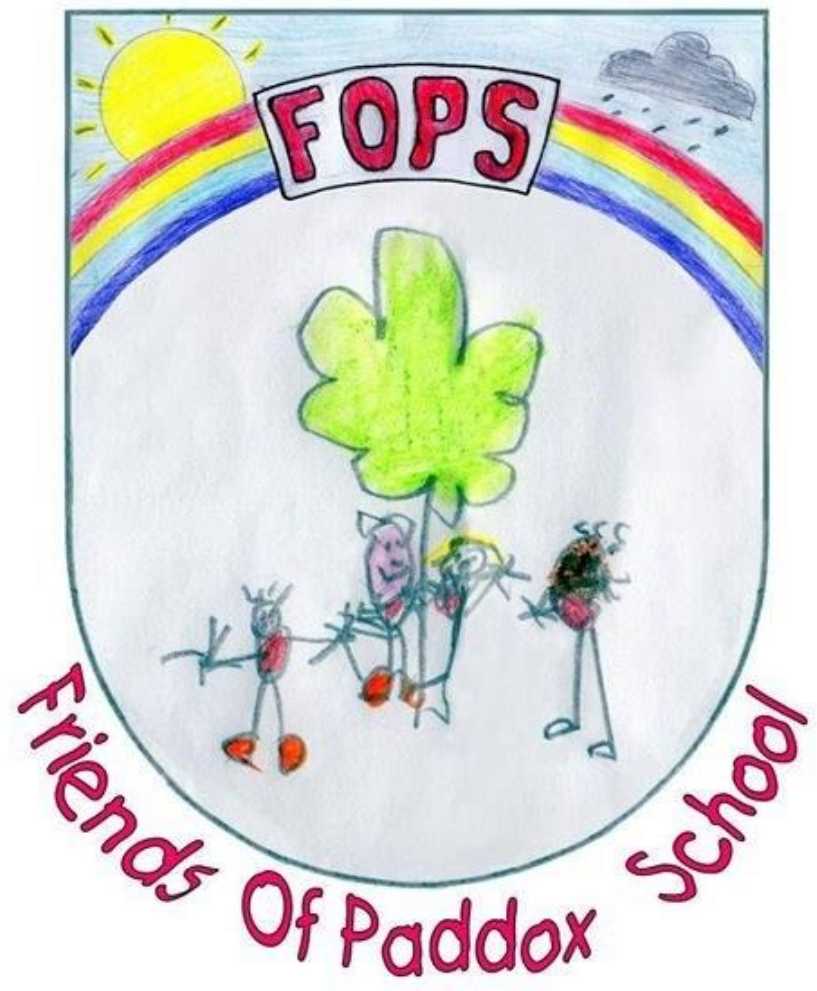
Click here¹⁰ to read all information about The Orchard on our website.

Bookings should be made by 10am on the Friday prior to the following week. Bookings and payments should be made via School Money. Please email admin2625@welearn365.com¹¹ if you are unable to login to School Money.

¹⁰<https://www.paddoxprimary.com/page/?title=The+Orchard&pid=580>

¹¹<mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com>

Friends of Paddox School (FOPS) Update



Our next preloved uniform sale is on **Monday 6 March**, from **3.00-3.40pm** in the **dining room**. Do you have any outgrown dressing up outfits or accessories suitable for World Book Day on 9 March? If so, please leave them in the yellow bin on Monday morning and we'll make them available at the sale on Monday afternoon alongside the uniform.

The clothing bank was emptied this week. It contained an impressive 210kg of our old clothes, raising a fantastic **£84** for FOPS. Thank you to everyone who donated and please keep them coming!

Important Reminders



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 app¹² or email admin2625@welearn365.com¹³

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

Lateness: If your child has an appointment and will be late into school, please remember to notify the class teacher and the school office (admin2625@welearn365.com¹⁴) and also confirm the colour choice for their cooked meal. We need this to happen before 9:30am on the day.

Medical appointments during the school day: If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day please email **in advance** both your child's class teacher and the school office (admin2625@welearn365.com¹⁵) 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.

¹²<https://www.sims-parent.co.uk>

¹³<mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com>

¹⁴<mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com>

¹⁵<mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com>

Dates for your diary



Monday 6 March: FOPS School Uniform Sale including World Book day outfits

Thursday 9 March: World Book Day (fancy dress is optional)

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

Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March: Strike days in our area

Friday 17 March: Inspirational Womens Day and Neurodiversity Non Uniform Day (more information to follow)

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)

Wednesday 22 March: Reception Height and Weight Assessment (National Child Measurement Programme)

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