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## **Paddox Primary Newsletter 10 March 2023**

Dear Parents / Carers

I am the chair of the school's governing board. The board is made up of governors who are a range of volunteers with three important roles. We ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction; we hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the school; and we oversee its financial performance. We carry out this work by visiting the school and holding regular meetings with Ms Guymer and other staff.

Governors have a variety of skills and come from a range of backgrounds, including careers in management, IT, finance and education. This enables the board to have a broad perspective when considering issues facing the school.

For more information on individual governors please look at the profiles on the school website<sup>1</sup>.

Best wishes

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.paddoxprimary.com/page/?title=Governance&pid=13>

Steve Pendleton, Chair of Governors

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*Many thanks to everyone who shared the school closure message. Text messages were sent early on Friday morning but an issue with the communications provider delayed all the messages being sent. This is being investigated as to what happened. We did send emails and posted on Class Dojo as well as the message being shared on social media.*

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## World Book Day 2023

We had lots of fun celebrating a belated World Book Day yesterday, with lots of activities to celebrate the joy of reading. We had costume parades, shared reading across the year groups and a quiz amongst many other book themed activities happening in different classes. Across the school, we also all read and produced lots of amazing pieces of work around the book 'A Child of Books' by Oliver Jeffers and Sam Winston. There were lots of happy and excited faces around school all day and the snow falling outside made it even more magical! Ms Guymer and Miss Merrick also had lots of fun looking at all of the entries from the Paper Plate Book Competition. Thank you and a big well done to all who took part - all of the entries were absolutely amazing and we found it very hard to choose the winners. These will be announced in Celebration Assemblies next week. Take a look at all of the amazing entries!





## Book Fair All Week 13-17 March 2023

**HUNT'S**  
Rugby's No.1  
Independent  
Bookseller

**BOOK FAIR**

**PADDOX PRIMARY SCHOOL  
BOOK FAIR** In the Dining Hall from 3.20pm-4pm each day

Hunt's Bookshop is very excited to be bringing a Book Fair to Paddox Primary School during w/c 13th March. The books selected comprise of new and traditional titles plus special signed copies. Presenting the perfect opportunity to find your child's new favourite read!

Cash and card payments accepted

10% percentage of proceeds will go towards the school.

Thank you for your support

9 High Street, Rugby. CV21 3BG  
[www.huntsbookshop.com](http://www.huntsbookshop.com)  
e: [enquiry@huntsbookshop.com](mailto:enquiry@huntsbookshop.com)

## New School Lunch Menus

We have emailed all families the new school menu starting from Monday 13 March. All menus can be found on our website - [click here](#)<sup>2</sup>.

Following parent feedback, we have replaced the BLUE option (Go Go British Chicken Wrap Menu) with the filled bap + potatoes of the day option.

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 [admin2625@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com)<sup>3</sup>

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## A great lesson in perseverance



*1 - Ayesha from Year 5 joined knitting afterschool club and really struggled for the first two weeks. However, by week three she began to make huge progress - so much so, Mrs Day suggested she should try and make something to wear. Mrs Day started her off on her project during last club of Spring 1 and during half term she independently knitted this head warmer! Well done*

*Ayesha - perseverance at its best! 👍*

## P.E Update from Mrs Knight

An extremely wet final heat for our cross-country runners this week. Eight of our Paddox children have made the final and will represent Eastern Warwickshire in Stratford! (Due to the weather this Saturdays final has been postponed.)













**Intrasports** is our internal sports competition with children taking part in various sporting activities as part of their school house. Children should wear P.E kit with their house coloured tshirt (blue, green, red or yellow). Intrasports takes place within the school day - no spectators. This is an internal event and is different to our sports days which usually take place in the summer term and limited numbers of spectators are welcome to attend.

Please note, the planned Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Intrasports day scheduled for Monday 13 March is postponed and a new date will be confirmed soon.

Please contact **admin2625@welearn365.com** if you are not sure of which house/colour your child should wear.

- **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - new date to be confirmed**
- **Years 3 and 4 - Monday 13 March**
- **Years 5 and 6 - Monday 20 March**

## 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 O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> & CO<sub>2</sub> 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.com](mailto:barnes.l3@welearn365.com)<sup>4</sup> to register your interest.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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*We would like to congratulate Mrs Pearson on her wonderful news she is expecting her second baby in the Summer.*

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## Important Reminders



**Absence:** If your child is not going to be in school please ensure you notify the school office via telephone on **01788 572340** or email to [admin2625@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com)<sup>5</sup> as well as your child's teacher via email and/or Class Dojo. Please follow the guidance below:

- **Illness:** We kindly ask all parents to notify school **before** the start of the school day (**855am**) stating your child's name, class and the reason for their absence. 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.
- **Late arrivals:** If your child will be late into school (due to medical appointments) please inform school in advance and confirm the colour choice for their cooked meal. We need this to happen **before 9:30am** on the day otherwise you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.
- **Medical appointments:** If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day please inform school 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.

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<sup>4</sup><mailto:barnes.l3@welearn365.com>

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- **Other absence:** If you wish to take your child out of school for any other reason, please request a Leave of Absence form for each child. This should be completed and returned to the school office for Ms Guymer to review and respond. Please give as much advance notice as possible.

**School Driveway and Vehicle Access:** Please remember the only vehicles permitted into school are people picking up children from The Orchard. We kindly remind drivers the speed limit is 4mph. Vehicles are not allowed onsite to collect children from **any** afterschool clubs. Please ensure you park safely and walk onto the school site. The driveway is closed to **all** vehicles between 840am-9am every morning and 310pm -330pm every afternoon. Outside of these times please make sure you are walking along the pathway (and not the driveway) as vehicles could be driving in and out of school. Thank you for your support with this.

## Dates for your diary



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

Please note, the Reception, year 1 and Year 2 Intrasports is **no longer** taking place on Monday 13 March - a new date will be confirmed

**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

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

**Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 March:** Year 4 Spring Production

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

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