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## Paddox Primary Newsletter 17 March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

I sent a message on Class Dojo this morning but just to reiterate how proud we are of Year 5 and how they have conducted themselves during their residential this week. Many thanks to all the adults that made the trip possible as well. You may have heard today that the teaching unions and the government have reentered negotiations around the current dispute. No new strike days are planned at present and I really hope that a resolution is found soon. I enjoyed my second parent council this week over in Brambles; we shared information around communication plans and current priorities and it was useful to get some feedback from you all.

One thing that was mentioned in particular and also relates to a parent conversation this week, was how we cover classes. We will, when possible, let you know if there is a planned staff absence for your child - that the teacher is away due to other responsibilities or training. With illness, we are obviously not able to do that. With short term absence, it is very difficult to provide useful updates however sometimes, with more long term absence we can and we will endeavour to share what is appropriate with you. Last year, the school decided to use Higher Level Teaching Assistants to provide cover at times in the short

term rather than being dependent on supply teachers. HLTAs, as they are known, operate to the same Teaching Standards as standards teachers and have the benefit of knowing our school and many of our children. This is in contrast with the inconsistent availability and quality of supply teachers - a brilliant one is amazing, but you just never know who you are going to get. We do consider things very carefully and try and make the best fit we can for the needs of our children.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend whatever you are doing. Good luck to the swimmers tomorrow - I will see you there. I'm looking forward to time with my daughters and my own mum for Mother's Day on Sunday.

Best wishes

Ms Guymer

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*The last week of Spring Term after-school clubs is next week (week commencing 20 March 2023).  
After-school clubs do not run in the first or last week of term.*

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A poster for 'SCOOTABILITY' featuring a circular photo of a child on a scooter. The text promotes a free level 1 scootability course with all equipment provided. It includes a QR code to book a session, the location (Throughout Warwickshire), dates (3rd-7th April), and times (9:00-2:30). At the bottom, there is a row of icons representing various road users: a truck, a lorry, a car, a horse, a person in a wheelchair, a person on a bicycle, and a group of people. The Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership logo is in the bottom left, and social media handles and the website are in the bottom right.

**SCOOTABILITY**

Take your first steps towards safer scooter travel with a **FREE** level 1 scootability course

**All equipment provided**

Book your session here

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## Just a little reminder about the importance of children attending school regularly

Being at school regularly is vital in helping with a child's social development, health, resilience and mental wellbeing. Attending school regularly improves their chances of being academically successful at school, and in future employment opportunities.

We understand there are times when children are unwell and will miss school due to this. We also know that at times, coming to school can be challenging for some children and we are here to support in any way we can.

## World Book Day Competitions







A huge well done to our World Book Day 'Paper Plate Competition' winners who have all gone home with a voucher to spend in Hunts Bookshop. Well done and thank you again to all who took part. It was extremely hard to choose and we loved them all! We hope you had lots of fun taking part. The winners were:

**Reception** Runner up: Riley in Acorns Winner: Jonah in Acorns

**Year 1/2** Runner up: Ruby in Douglas Winner: Ada in Laurel

**Year 3/4** Runner up: Libby in Apple Winner: Evie in Maple

**Year 5/6** Runner up: Jyosith in Ash Winner: Louie in Sycamore

A special mention to Shenu and Lahini too for their wonderful chickens!

We also had a competition between the classes for the best book corners in school. We wanted to ensure every classroom has an inviting, cosy space to enjoy the books in their class library and Ms. Guymer and Miss Merrick had lots of fun going round school to see them all. The winners were Acorns and Horse Chestnut, who now both have £100 to spend on new books for their classrooms!

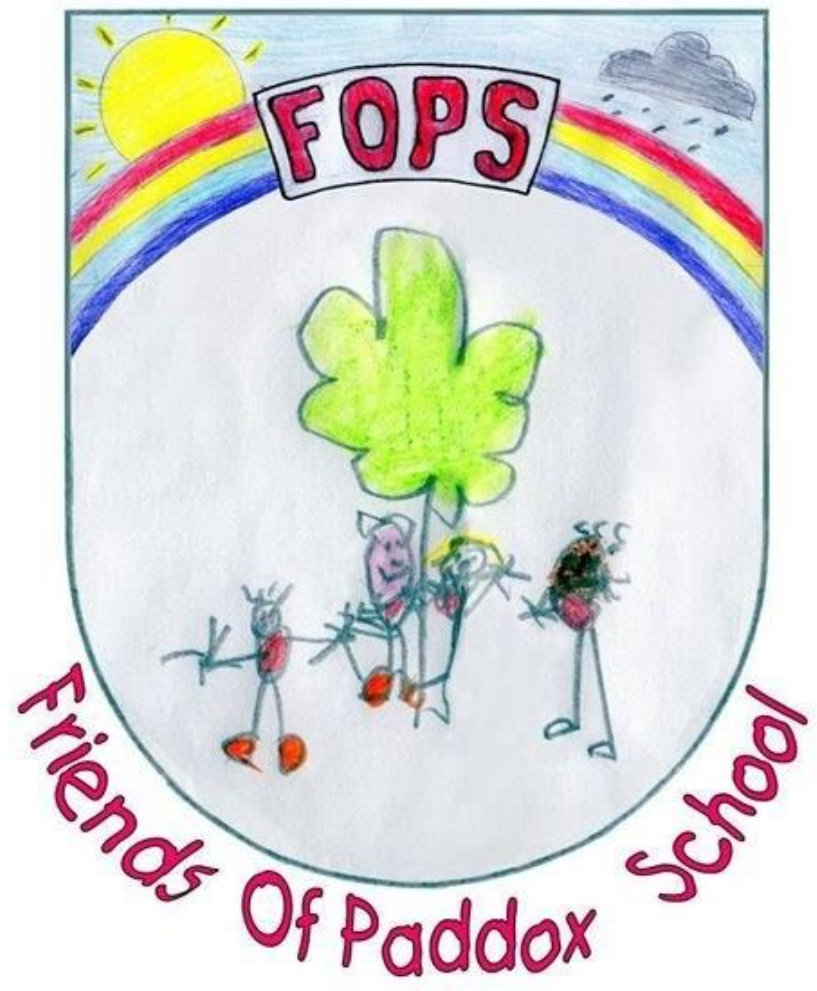
## P.E Update from Mrs Knight

Sadly, the cross-country final was cancelled, this weekend, due to the weather. From the heat races, children have now been selected to represent Warwickshire in the National Cross-country

Championships in Prestwold, next weekend. We are proud to say that **Karam** and **Isaac** (Year 6) and **Freddie** and **Archie** (Year 5) have all made the team! **Lily** (Year 6) has also made the reserve list! A huge well done to all our runners who performed brilliantly and demonstrated many of our REACH values of 'encourage', 'hard work' and 'achieve'.

## Friends of Paddox School (FOPS) Update







On **Friday 31 March**, FOPS will be holding a **sponsored Bunny Run** at Paddox! Sponsor forms and a letter with all the details will be emailed on Monday.

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be taking place once again this year! Solve the clues then find the eggs – all hidden in front windows locally – and work out the anagram to enter the prize draw. Entry forms cost £1 and will be available from the school office from Monday 27 March.

Last week's uniform sale raised over **£125**. Thank you to all who donated uniform and costumes and to everyone who came along to bag a bargain.

## The Orchard Before and After School Club



1 - Children at The Orchard did variety of activities to celebrate people who help them grow.

## 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 app or email [admin2625@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com)

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

## Dates for your diary



**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:** Year 3 open music lesson

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

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

**Wednesday 29 March:** Coffee morning from 9am in The Orchard

**Friday 31 March:** FOPS non-uniform day - £1 donation welcome for FOPS. We recommend children wear trainers as they will be doing the FOPS Sponsored Bunny Run (more details will be emailed next week)

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

FOPS **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place throughout the Easter holidays (entry forms available from the school office from Monday 27 March)

**Summer Term After-school clubs** will start from week commencing 24 April 2023 - notification emails will be sent out before the Easter holidays