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## **Paddox Primary Newsletter 5 May 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers

First of all, I hope that everyone is enjoying the long weekends - I am sure some of you have exciting plans to celebrate the Coronation this weekend, too - let's hope the sun shines. With the Key Stage 2 SATs next week, I would like to wish all of Year 6 the very best of luck. My only advice for this weekend is to make sure that you give yourself time to relax, get plenty of sleep to fire your brain up and then come in ready to show everything that you have learnt so far. We know that everyone will do their very best and that is all that we ask. In just a week's time, they will be done and dusted which I am sure will feel good for many.

Many thanks to those parents who attended our information evening about our reviewed behaviour policy this week and to Mr Goodbody for the work that he has put into the policy and the presentation that was shared. We will share the material more widely with the next step being for Mr Goodbody to lead some assemblies with the children to make sure everyone is clear on what is expected.

Plans for September are already in full swing. This week we have appointed a new Deputy who will have responsibility for teaching and learning in school. I will confirm their details with you as soon as possible. Some eagle-eyed parents in and around education will have spotted too that we have been advertising for another Deputy Headteacher. This is because Mr Beeston has decided to move away

from teaching and into a new adventure - we wish him every success with that. With Mrs. Farmer going off on maternity leave early in September as well as Mrs Pearson and Miss S Merrick, there is clearly more change to come which we will keep you in touch with as soon as possible. We look forward to an exciting new chapter for the school in September. Our aim will be to plan for as smooth a transition as possible and will seek opportunities to introduce the new faces around to the children before the end of term.

Best wishes

Ms Kate Guymer - Headteacher

## What's been happening in school this week?

### King's Coronation Celebrations

We hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend celebrating the King's coronation. Here is some information about how we have marked the coronation at Paddox:

**Coronation Celebration Lunch:** Today (Friday) we have enjoyed a special coronation menu of Great British fish & chips (or breaded vegetable fingers) with iced celebration cake (or ice cream).

**Assemblies:** The focus of our Phase Assemblies has been on the role of our King and celebrating his coronation. We have also learnt a special coronation song in Singing Assembly.

**Poster Competition:** Thanks to all who took part in the digital poster competition (see below for some of the fabulous entries)

**Writing Opportunity:** Every year group is going to produce a writing outcome linked to an aspect of the coronation.

**Paddox Art Gallery:** Next week, the children will be creating some Coronation art work. Each year group will focus on a different artist. We would love to invite you to visit our Art Gallery in the school hall on Monday 15 May, from 3.20pm-4pm and on Friday 19th May from 3.20 - 4pm to see what the children have achieved.

**Seed Planting:** Thanks to FOPS, every child is coming home with a packet of giant yellow sunflower seeds - which is King Charles III favourite flower. We'd love you to plant them, nurture them and watch them grow. Please do share photographs with your class teacher and/or share them on the Friends of Paddox School (FOPS) Facebook page. Thank you very much to FOPS for arranging the seeds for every child.

**The Big Help Out:** If you are at a loss on Monday 8 May, why not take part in the King's Big Help Out? <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

We would love to see photos on Class Dojo to celebrate what you have done.

Well done to all of the people who took part in the King's Coronation Poster competition. Here are some of the fabulous entries! Let's hope they win and we can see them on billboards around the country!







In Year 1 this term, we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London in History. We made houses and watched them burn to help us understand how and why the fire spread so quickly back in 1666.

## Winner!

Sreenidhi from Year 1 recently entered the Child Friendly Warwickshire Competition and she won the competition which includes a £2500 school prize. Last week Sreenidhi received her winner certificate and goody bag. Sreenidhi's amazing artwork has been published on the Warwickshire County Council website - click here<sup>1</sup> to have a look at all the winners!

Many congratulations and well done Sreenidhi, and we'll keep you all posted as to what school spends the £2500 on.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4127/child-friendly-warwickshire-competition-winners>





## P.E update from Mrs Knight



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1 - 2-1 win to Paddox this week against Rugby Free Primary School! 2 wins out of 2 in the league so far! Well done boys!

## The Orchard Before and Afterschool Club



2 - We have been enjoying being creative and exploring outside at The Orchard. We are focusing on the topic of Spring and growing.

## Information for our Paddox Families



3 - Please click here<sup>2</sup> to read find out more information and to book places.



4 - Please click here<sup>3</sup> to read the May Update from Connect for Health which includes information about Exam Stress and Sun Awareness Week.



<sup>2</sup><https://www.oxfordactive.co.uk/active-camps/bilton-grange-school/>

<sup>3</sup>[https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/May-newsletter.pdf?utm\\_source=WSHWBS&utm\\_campaign=b72c0f70d5-April Newsletter Professionals COPY 01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f00493dc86-b72c0f70d5-507357149](https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/May-newsletter.pdf?utm_source=WSHWBS&utm_campaign=b72c0f70d5-April%20Newsletter%20Professionals%20COPY%2001&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f00493dc86-b72c0f70d5-507357149)



5 - Please click [here](#)<sup>4</sup> to find your local cricket club and sign up!

## Kids and Cars Don't Mix



As we approach Walk to School week (week commencing 15 May), please can we remind **all** our Paddox families to be considerate, safe and adhering to the Highway Code when parking near to school. This includes keeping clear of yellow zig-zag markings, school entrances, dropped kerbs, junctions and residents' driveways.

If you see obstructions and/or dangerous driving you can report these incidents to Warwickshire Police by calling 01926 415000 or 101.

Please click [here](#)<sup>5</sup> to read more information from Warwickshire County Council regarding parking outside schools including the national campaign Kids and Cars Don't Mix.

Please remember the only vehicles permitted into school are people picking up children from The Orchard. We kindly remind drivers the speed limit within the school grounds is 4mph. Vehicles are **not** allowed onsite to collect children from **any** afterschool clubs.

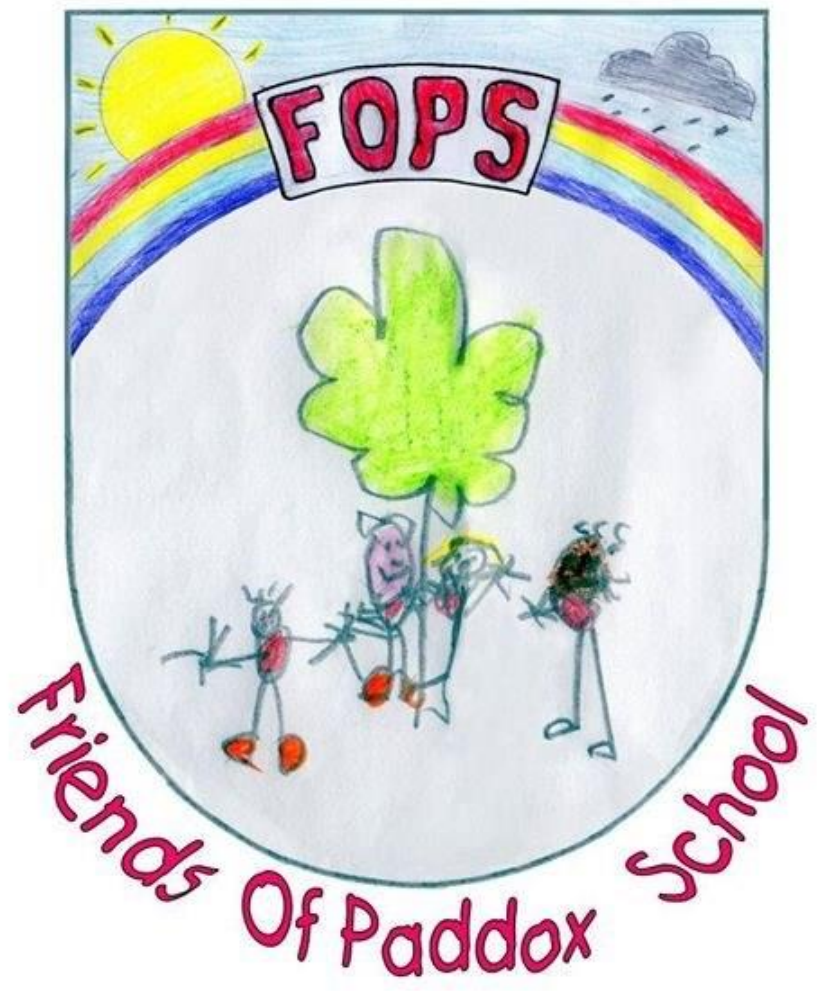
The driveway is closed to **all** vehicles between 840am-9am every morning and 310pm -330pm every afternoon. Outside of these times please make sure you are walking along the pathway (and not the driveway) as vehicles could be driving in and out of school. Thank you for your support with this.

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<sup>4</sup><https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/road-safety-education/parking-outside-schools>

## Friends of Paddox School (FOPS) Update



We're all very excited about Walk to School Week! If you haven't entered our Wheel to School poster competition yet, you have until Wednesday 10 May to hand your entry to the office.

Wednesday 17 May is our after school Scoot n' Ride event on the school field. See attached poster for details. To book your child's place, please click here<sup>6</sup> and either pay online or send cash to school (in a named envelope). The preloved uniform will also be available for donations at this event, plus a cake stall run by the children who attend the Rotakids club, so come along, bring a blanket and relax while the children have fun playing together on their bikes and scooters.

The clothes recycling bank was emptied for the fourth time this week, bringing the total raised so far to £281.60. There's currently plenty of room in it for more donations so please do keep them coming!

Looking ahead to this year's Summer Fair, on Friday 7 July - do you have a small business selling crafts or similar? Are you or your children part of a club or group who may like to perform at the fair? If you're interested in having a stall at the fair, or in your group performing, please email [friendsofpaddoxschool@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofpaddoxschool@outlook.com) for more details.

We're also looking for donations of raffle prizes. If you or your company or employer are able to donate a raffle prize then we'd hugely appreciate it and we'll credit you on our event publicity. Please get in touch if you can!



<sup>6</sup><https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVC77KBM36HBU07YqBIP26RXEJVpI2fRZvOdG-Zaml0hWTVg/viewform>



## 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>7</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 930am** on the day otherwise you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.
- **Appointments:** If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day please inform school - [admin2625@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com)<sup>8</sup> and your child's class teacher (via email or Class Dojo) 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.
- **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.
- **Persistent absence:** We still have 80 children who have attendance below 90%. This means that they are missing more than half a day at school every week so we need to keep working hard together to improve this figure and give children the best chance of being successful in school.

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### ***School Uniform***

*Our suppliers for sweatshirts and cardigans have increased their prices. From 1 June a sweatshirt will cost £11 and a school cardigan will cost £12.50. You can order these items by popping into the school office (card or cash payments) or order online at School Money (click here<sup>9</sup>) and we'll send the item(s) home with your child.*

### ***Footwear***

*We are noticing an increasing number of trainers being worn to school everyday. They are only appropriate for PE days so please make sure standard school shoes are worn at all other times.*

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<sup>9</sup><https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=20190314>

## Dates for your diary



**Bank Holiday:** Monday 8 May is a Public Bank Holiday - school will be closed to everyone

**Year 3 Swimming sessions (10 sessions in total):** Tuesday 2 -Friday 5 May inclusive and Tuesday 9 - Friday 12 May inclusive as well as two additional sessions Monday 15 -Thursday 18 May - emails have been sent informing parents which group your child is in. Children should come to school wearing normal school uniform each day they are going swimming

**Year 6 SATS (including optional breakfast club):** Tuesday 9-Friday 12 May

**Year 2 SATS:** Monday 15 -Friday 19 May

**Coronation Event:** Monday 15 May

**Walk to School Week:** Monday 15 -Friday 19 May (Grand opening of the **new bike racks** on Tuesday 16 May and after school **scoot 'n' ride** on Wednesday 17 May)

**Teddy Bears Picnic (Reception):** Tuesday 16 May

**Responsible Active Citizenship fundraising Year 6 and Reception:** Thursday 18 May - 330pm-430pm

**Year 3 Evening of Fun:** Friday 19 May

**Changing Me Week:** Monday 22-Friday 26 May

**Year 4 Camp Out:** Thursday 25-Friday 26 May

*Half term is Monday 29 May-Friday 2 June inclusive plus a Teacher Training day on Monday 5 June - children will return to school on **Tuesday 6 June***

**Please note Sports Morning and Afternoon dates have changed from the previously published calendar dates. The dates below are correct:**

- **Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Morning:** Tuesday 18 July 2023 - 9am-11am
- **Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Afternoon:** Tuesday 18 July 2023 - 1pm-3pm
- **Reception Sports Morning:** Thursday 20 July 2023 - 9am-11am
- **Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Afternoon:** Thursday 20 July 2023 - 1pm-3pm

All Summer Term dates are uploaded onto our school calendar on our website - please click here<sup>10</sup>

**Have an enjoyable Coronation Bank Holiday Weekend and we'll see everyone back at school on Tuesday 9 May 2023**



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<sup>10</sup><https://www.paddoxprimary.com/calendar/?calid=3&pid=3&viewid=28>