

Paddox Primary Newsletter 14 July 2023

Dear parents / carers,

At the end of a very wet day, I hope your child's end of year report has arrived home safely. It is great to share a reflection of the year with you. I have read and commented on them and they have been proof-read as far as possible so please forgive any minor errors you may find. Congratulations to all the children on their school year and I wish you a happy weekend.

Best wishes

Kate Guymer - Headteacher

What's been happening in school this week?



1 - Many congratulations to Sreenidhi in Year 1 who won a recent competition organised by Datagraphic¹. Her drawing will be used on the front cover of a souvenir book to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. And as a school we have won £250 which Datagraphic came to present to Sreenidhi and Ms Guymer this week.

You can see Sreenidhi's winning design by clicking here².

¹<u>https://datagraphic.co.uk/sustainability/</u>

²https://datagraphic.co.uk/news/the-results-of-the-datagraphic-paper-recycling-project/



2 - Years 2, 3 and 4 performance at the Temple Speech Rooms

On Wednesday, we were thrilled to take over 100 pupils from year 2, 3 and 4 to Rugby School's Temple Speech Rooms. They participated in a concert with other schools from our seven star Federation. The whole event was a huge success- the children's singing was phenomenal and their energy and enthusiasm was infectious. Thank you to all of the staff who made this event possible: class teachers for rehearsing with the children, Mrs Brown, Mrs Ayris and Mrs Pearson for leading the choirs, the support staff who accompanied us on the trip, the admin staff for their amazing organisation and FOPs for providing refreshments. We raised over £1200 for our school fund. Thanks for all of your support: it was lovely to hear and read such positive comments after the event. Well done Team Paddox!

The Year 6s have embraced their inner Broadway and put on a phenomenal 'Shrek The Musical' performance this week. We are so incredibly proud of the time, effort and dedication they have poured into being a part of it and it has been brilliant to see them so excited to showcase their talents! We would like to thank all parents for their support in encouraging children to learn their lines and assist with costumes. We would also like to give a special mention to Mrs Hamill who has done a wonderful job with the props team in creating all the items that were needed as well as a beautiful backdrop for the show.



3 - Shrek The Musical performed by Year 6

Please look within the Newsletter section of ParentApps Connect and you will find a summer reading booklist. It includes some top tips to make reading fun and keep children engaged during the summer holidays. You will also find a fantastic summer booklist packed with the latest releases for children of all ages. The list includes a mix of picture books, poetry, older fiction and non-fiction, so there's something for every child!



4 - Please check if your child has any of the Paddox team sports kit at home. If so, please wash and return to school ASAP ready for next years fixtures.



5 - Paddox sports kit



6 - If you're interested in becoming a Midday Supervisor at Paddox Primary school please contact Mrs Randall randall.a@welearn365.com³

³https://randall.a@welearn365.com/

Paddox Baby News



7 - Miss Merrick and Mr Baldwin wanted to take the opportunity to announce to you all the safe arrival of their baby girl, Florence Rose Baldwin. Florie was born on Thursday 6th July at 3:01am weighing 7lb10. She is settling in well at home, enjoying lots of sleep and cuddles.

A week in numbers

Here are the numbers for this week:

- 2,125 school dinners served
- 114 late arrivals recorded (totalling 797 minutes of missed time in class)
 - 96.93% overall attendance
- 22 children either left school early or came to school late due to various appointments (e.g. drs, dentist etc)
 - 299 tickets sold for the Year 6 Production of Shrek

• 250 tickets sold for the Year 2 and Years 3 & 4 Temple Speech Room Concerts

Important Reminders



Please ensure any overdue school lunch balances are settled on or before Monday 17 July.

Pay 360 Education Payments is being discontinued; any outstanding school lunch money balances will be transferred to the new system. If your child is leaving Paddox Primary, refunds will be processed after the end of term.

School Lunch Menu: the menu next week will be number **1** - all menus are within the Meals Menu section of ParentApps Connect.

Update from The Orchard before and afterschool club





8 - The children have been enjoying lots of under the sea activities, and designing their own cartoons.

Booking availability for The Orchard for Tuesday 5 - Friday 8 September 2023 will be opened next week. These dates are the only ones that will be currently available to book until the new academic year starts. This is to enable all new families joining Paddox to be admitted onto the School Money booking system once their child has started school in September. The booking slots for the following weeks will then be made available to all parents for booking.

Any new families joining Paddox Primary School in September need to complete the registration form and contract for The Orchard ASAP (no later than Monday 17 July!). These can be found within The Orchard section on ParentApps Connect or on our school website - click here⁴

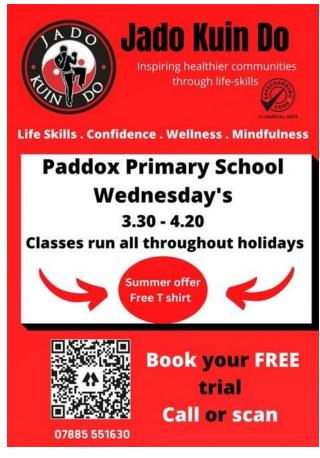
Information for Paddox Families

Click here⁵ for the July/Sept digital version of **Allsorts magazine.**

You can tap straight to advertisers' websites when viewing the magazine on your phone (please mention Allsorts). There are lots of attractions to visit and services to help your family plus a competition to enter.

⁴<u>https://www.paddoxprimary.com/page/?title=The+Orchard&pid=580</u>

⁵https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_JULYSEPT23



9 - Places available from September 2023 -call or scan the QR code to book a FREE trial!



10 - The GEC Rec Junior Parkrun is a great way to get fit and make new friends - and it's completely free!

Held every Sunday morning at 9am at the GEC Recreational Ground on Hillmorton Road, Junior Parkrun is a free, weekly, 2km timed event for children aged four to 14. Every Parkrun is a positive and inclusive experience: there's no time limit and everyone is welcome to walk, jog or run.



11 - Free Play Ranger Summer Activities

Click here⁶ to read more about all the summer sport activities available from **Rugby Borough Council** or click here⁷ to book.

Click here⁸ to download Summer Sport 2023 Brochure.

⁶<u>https://www.rugby.gov.uk/summersport</u>

⁷https://rugbycouncil.sports-booker.com/customer/home

⁸https://www.rugby.gov.uk/downloads/download/438/summer_sport_2023



12 - Play day 2 August 2023

Enjoy an adventurous summer of family events from **Heritage and Culture Warwickshire.** Dig for fossils at Cross Hand Quarry, meet the Lowe Ranger and her baby dinosaurs, go Bug Hunting in the County Record Office gardens, take on a Knights Quest, meet Mini Beast LIVE and much more... Please note some events require booking. Click here⁹ for more information.



⁹https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/whats

13 - Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Road Safety Partners are offering free Scootability Level 1 training throughout Warwickshire during 7th - 11th August 2023. Training is suitable for children aged 5 – 10 years and is being held at the following locations:

- Monday 7th August: Long Itchington Community Centre, Long Itchington
- Tuesday 8th August: Coleshill Memorial Park (basketball courts), Coleshill
 - Wednesday 9th August: Bailey Park, Bedworth
- Thursday 10th August: Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre, Leamington Spa

• Friday 11th August: GEC Car Park, Rugby

During the course, children will learn essential skills and knowledge to help them scoot safely, including:

- learning about the parts of the scooter and the safety gear

- learning the basics of pushing, balancing and turning

- learning how to do slow and fast stops

- learning how to navigate stationary and moving obstacles

- learning how to do one handed signalling

- learning about road safety rules

All equipment, including scooters, helmets and pads, is provided. Booking is required and spaces are limited.

To find out more and book training for your child please visit: <u>https://warksroadsafety.org/scooter-training/</u> or visit: <u>https://teamrubicon.co.uk/scootability-sign-up/</u>.



14 - TT Country Events are now working with **Warwickshire Family Information Service** providing a fun day for all the family. More information can be found by clicking here¹⁰.

The event is free of charge and open to all but places should be booked by clicking here¹¹.

¹⁰https://fb.me/e/2qsc4BvS2

¹¹https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-fun-day-craft-fair-brownsover-hall-rugby-tickets-495427175017



15 - Summer Reading Challenge

About the Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for children, presented by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries. The Challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to keep reading during the school summer holidays. They set a reading goal and can read anything they enjoy! Public libraries issued over 12 million children's books (including eBooks and audiobooks) during last year's Challenge. The Challenge is proven to significantly improve children's reading confidence, making sure they are ready for their return to school in the autumn. It also gives families the chance to access books and fun family activities throughout the summer – all for free. The Challenge reaches around 700,000 children each year, and 75% of children taking part last year improved their reading skills over the holidays.

Ready, Set, Read!

Ready, Set, Read! This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about games and sports. Children will join a fictional team (and their animal mascots!) as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course. Developed in collaboration with the Youth Sport Trust, the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge will celebrate play and participation, encouraging children to engage in games and sports in any way that best suits them.

How it Works

Children of primary school age can join up at their local Warwickshire County Council library from Saturday 8th July. They will borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks, collect special stickers and rewards for reading, attend fun, free events throughout the holidays and collect a medal & certificate for completing the challenge. Children can also take part via the official Summer Reading Challenge website, where they can sign up for a free Challenge profile and get book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home. They can review books, unlock digital rewards, and access competitions, videos and games.

Dates for your diary



Year 6 Bikeability Course at school (selected children only): Last remaining session is Thursday 20 July - 9am - 1115am. The children will need their bike and helmet.

Sports Morning/Afternoon:

- Year 3 and Year 4 Sports morning: Tuesday 18 July 9am-11am
- Year 5 and Year 6 Sports afternoon: Tuesday 18 July 1pm-3pm
- Reception Sports morning: Thursday 20 July 9am-11am

• Year 1 and Year 2 Sports afternoon: Thursday 20 July 1pm-3pm

Year 6 Disco and Leavers Picnic: Thursday 20 July 330pm-5pm and 5pm-630pm

The last day of Summer Term and this academic year is **Friday 21 July** - normal school hours (850am-320pm).

Please note Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 July are Teacher Training Days and school is closed to all children.

Autumn Term 2023/24

Teacher training day (school closed to all children): Friday 1 September

Teacher training day (school closed to all children): Monday 4 September

School reopens to children (Year 1-Year 6): Tuesday 5 September - Gates open at 840am for 850am start of the day

New **Reception** parents have been notified of the specific start times for **Tuesday 5 September** and the remainder of that first week.

Half term: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November inclusive

Teacher training day (school closed to all children): Wednesday 8 November

Christmas holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January inclusive

Teacher training day (school closed to all children): Monday 8 January

All Summer and Autumn Term dates are updated on the calendar within ParentApps Connect.