

Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2019



Thanks to all who came to our Christmas Fair last week and helped to make it such a success. Also, a big vote of thanks to all of the PTA for their commitment and hard work.

The children and all of the staff have been working hard to prepare for the forthcoming Christmas productions - we hope you enjoy the performances, which are looking and sounding amazing.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas service on the last day of term.

Sandra Sutherland

Diary Dates

Fri 6 th Dec	2pm	Yr 6 Christmas Performance	
Sun 8 th Dec	4pm	Festival of Lights, Warwick	Choir to perform - Please go and support them!
Mon 9 th Dec	2pm	Yr 5 Christmas Performance	
Mon 9 th Dec	6pm	Yr 6 Christmas Performance	
Tues 10 th Dec	2pm	Yr 4 Christmas Performance	
Tues 10 th Dec	6pm	Yr 5 Christmas Performance	
Wed 11 th Dec	6pm	Yr 4 Christmas Performance	
Wed 11 th Dec		Yr 3,4,5,6 Nasal Flu Vaccs	Please make sure all consent forms are returned ASAP
Thurs 12 th Dec	2pm	Yr 3 Christmas Performance	
Fri 13 th Dec	am	Yr 6 to Bridge House Theatre	(A Christmas Carol) Please make sure payments are made on www.eduspot.co.uk by 11 th December
Mon 16 th Dec	6pm	Yr 3 Christmas Performance	
Tues 17 th Dec	4.15-5.45pm	Christmas Disco	£3 payable on the door.
Wed 18 th Dec		Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day	National Christmas Jumper Day is 13 th Dec but we like to hold ours when also having our Christmas lunch - the whole day then feels festive! Lunch must be pre ordered for this day even if your child always has a hot meal. Order from the shop area of www.eduspot.co.uk by Wed 11 th Dec at the latest.
Thurs 19 th Dec		Christmas parties	More info to follow
Fri 20 st Dec	9.30am	Christmas Church Service	All Welcome
Fri 20 st Dec		END OF TERM	
Sat 21 st Dec	6pm	Carols at the Castle	Choir performing at the castle, give them your support
Tues 7 th Jan		BACK TO SCHOOL	(Inset day Monday 6 th Jan)

What is Christmas Jumper Day?

During December, thousands of people up and down the UK will start their day by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause - to help create a brighter future for children. Our children will be learning about the work Save the Children do before our Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday 18th December. Your children can wear a festive knit and make a donation of £2, as suggested by the charity. By taking part, they will help solve some very serious problems, meaning that Save the Children can save even more children's lives around the world.

You certainly don't need to splash out on a snazzy sweater to take part - you could get them to decorate an old or plain jumper with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes to create unique crafty crackers. Or even simply wear something in a festive colour - eg red or green.

The main focus is on supporting this very worthy cause and for the children to remember that there are others who are less fortunate than themselves at this festive time of year.

Wednesday 18th December is our Christmas dinner day in school so children will really look festive for it. You can find out more information about the appeal on the website <https://christmasjumperday.org>

Piano Lessons

Individual tuition available during school hours; beginners a speciality; £10 for 30 minutes. Please contact school office for details or contact Suzanne on 07941 988 235.

Choir Performances for December and the New Year



Congratulations to the choir on their debut performance earlier this week at All Saints' Church singing for the Mothers' Union at their annual Advent Service. Please see below for a list of upcoming performances which the choir are looking forward to.

- Sunday 8th Dec 4pm, Warwick Lights of Love, Warwick Market Square
- Monday 16th December, Rohan Gardens
- Wednesday 18th December fundraising for the children's ward at Warwick Hospital
- Saturday 21st at the Carols at the Castle
- 27th January 2020 Young Voices concert in the Genting Arena. It's a fantastic event with thousands of children involved.

A big thanks goes to all the children and Mrs Hart for making both schools very proud!

Christmas with a....Sting at Warwick Hospital

On Sunday 22 December, we're expecting some special visitors at Warwick Hospital, 11am-3pm

Come along to The Court Yard, by the restaurant and meet the reindeer, Santa and the WASPS rugby players

Not only can you meet the stars of the show, but we'll also have a range of festive stalls for all the family to enjoy!

SWFT Charity will be raising funds for Children's A & E and Frailty at Warwick Hospital

Hope you can join us

Seating at church Christmas Service

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas service on Friday 20th Dec at 9.30am.

We are very proud of our children's singing abilities and enthusiasm but are conscious that you often lose the impact of the sound when seated behind them in church. Therefore, we'd like to invite all family to sit in the rows to the far right of the church as you enter. The whole school will then turn to face you to sing, enabling you as an 'audience' to get the full impact.

Christmas Lunch

Please make sure you have ordered your child's Christmas lunch for Wednesday 18th Dec. Even if your child has a school meal every day you must order separately for this day. Pay at www.eduspot.co.uk in the shop area before 11th December. **No orders will be taken on the day.** If your child is entitled to Free School Meals a dinner will be ordered for them unless you let us know otherwise.

Parking for Christmas Plays

Please note the playground will be open for parking for the Christmas Plays but if you park on the roads around school please park legally and considerately, thank you.



Warwickshire Welfare Rights Advice Service (WWRAS) is a free and confidential service that can help you identify any benefits that you may be entitled to, including Free School Meals.

Get in touch with WWRAS
Email: info@wrras.org.uk
Phone: 02476 372069
Visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Class	Attendance	Lates
3LW	95.4%	14
3AD	95.6%	5
4RG	95.2%	22
4MJ	96.8%	14
5DW	98%	7
5VK	95.4.5%	18
6SU	94.3%	15
6KC	97.2%	13

Best Wishes for Mrs Heffernan

Please see attached letter wishing Mrs Heffernan well, due to her retirement.

Year 4 Coventry Christingle Service

On Wednesday our Year 4's went to Coventry Cathedral for their Christingle Service. They performed "Hope of Heaven" which sounded wonderful! It is such a lovely event with lots of local schools attending and performing.



Year 6 Visit to St John's Museum

Thursday 28th November 2019, Year 6 went to St John's Museum to learn about life in the Victorian times. We had a great time, really enjoyed the activities and learnt a lot.

The different activities we did were:

- **Victorian Christmas Cooking:** We learnt about common food in the Victorian period (and the difference between rich and poor). Then, together as a group, we were shown how to make a Christmas Plum Pudding.

- **Victorian Christmas Arts and Crafts:** We learnt what the Victorians introduced concerning Christmas (e.g. Christmas trees and Christmas crackers). Then, we made Christmas Cards and cornucopia decorations.

- **Victorian Classroom:** This was a lot of children's favourite activity. An interactive experience of school life in the Victorian era. It was so interesting to see the vast differences from nowadays.



Talich String Quartet We were lucky enough to be visited by the Talich String Quartet. They are originally from the Czech Republic and began in 1964! They played us some music and explained how a story could be told through a piece. It was a really great way to end the day.

Inverse Advent: Linking to our termly theme, 'Compassion', we are doing an inverse advent calendar leading up to Christmas. Please send in contributions which can be donated to the food bank (tinned/dried goods) to support this.



The Shakespeare Hospice
2019 CHRISTMAS EVENTS
Fun for all the family!



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sat 9 Nov, 12 noon til 5.30pm
The Shakespeare Hospice (CV37 9UL)
Entrance: Adults £2, Children FREE
Join us in our magical
Winter Wonderland



FIRE & LEGO WALK

Sat 9 Nov, 4.30pm - 7pm
The Shakespeare Hospice (CV37 9UL)
Be a hero and face the burning coals
(adults only) or the lane of lego bricks
(children 6+)

5km Obstacle Course Santa Scramble

Sun 24 Nov, from 10am
Stratford Racecourse (CV37 9SE)
An inflatable obstacle course
the whole family will enjoy!
Tickets include Santa outfit and medal!



BOOK NOW:
01789 266852

www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk/event



LANGUAGE VOLUNTEERS

DO YOU SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?
WE ARE LOOKING FOR CLASSROOM HELPERS,
SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS WITH LITTLE OR NO
ENGLISH. LOCAL TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID!

CONTACT US: INFO@EALVOLUNTEERS.CO.UK

Warwick Lights of Love ★ 2019 Celebrate the ones you love

The Mayor and The Rotary
Club of Warwick invite you
to celebrate and remember
someone you love.

Please join us for a
Dedication Service
on Sunday 8th December
at 4pm in Market Square.

The lights will be turned
on as part of The Victorian
Evening celebrations
at 7pm on Thursday
28th November 2019.

Tree provided by
Barn Close
Nurseries

Photograph courtesy
of GIB Fletcher

Coventry Blaze wish you a Happy Holidays

Christmas Cracker Hockey Offer

Sunday 15th December
Vs. Dundee Stars (5.30pm)
Inc. FULL team signing post-game

Sunday 22nd December
Vs. Guildford Flames (5.30pm)
Inc. FREE Skate with the Blaze post-game

Saturday 28th December
Vs. Nottingham Panthers (7pm)

Adults £10 Under-16's £7
Per-game | Max 5 per-booking | Usual price £18 and £10

Collect and pay for the tickets (in cash) on the night of the game.

Sport in the Community programme in partnership with KITS Academy

To book email:
coventryblazehockey@gmail.com

Quote the name of our school

www.coventryblaze.co.uk
[@coventryblazehockey](https://www.facebook.com/coventryblazehockey)
[@coventryblaze](https://www.instagram.com/coventryblaze)
[/m/coventry-blaze-6041a16e/](https://www.youtube.com/coventryblazehockey)

Enjoy the show.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS ABOUT NOROVIRUS

We are following advice from Public Health England (PHE) West Midlands on managing an outbreak. We would be very grateful for the support of parents in helping us reduce the spread of the infection. If your child has symptoms of diarrhoea and or vomiting, please keep them at home until **at least 48 hours** after they are symptom free. A 48-hour exclusion period is advised in current clinical guidance; however, preference may be to practice a 72-hour exclusion period. During this time, they should not mix with other children outside the home or visit local venues.

Norovirus is commonly known as Winter Vomiting Disease and often occurs in the community and in schools and nurseries at this time of the year. If your child is ill, you may find the following information useful:

What are the symptoms?

- diarrhoea and vomiting usually lasting 1 -2 days

What should you do if your child is unwell?

- Make sure they get lots of rest.
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids, taking sips rather than gulps to avoid vomiting.
- Give infant Paracetamol or Ibuprofen, according to product instructions, to help keep their temperature down.
- If your child is unusually sleepy, won't take fluids or has other symptoms, such as blood in their diarrhoea, an unusual rash, headache, neck stiffness or difficulty breathing, ring NHS Direct (0845 4647), contact your GP or take your child to hospital.
- Please ring your child's nursery/ school and let them know that your child is ill and what symptoms they have.
- Keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. However, if your child has been suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting keep them at home until they have been free of symptoms for **at least 48 hours**.

How can you prevent the spread of these infections?

Hand washing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person looking after them.

Hands should always be washed, using liquid soap if possible:

- Before and after caring for your child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating or handling food
- After cleaning up a mess (vomit, faeces or urine)