

Reminder: Being LATE for school upsets children. They miss the start of the day when the timetable for the day is explained.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cross Country Club 12.30-1pm KS2 Football 3-4pm KS1 Multisports 3-4pm KS1 Word Wizards 3-4pm	Class Photographs		Falcon Class to Holocaust Centre KS2 Athletics 3-4pm	Quad Kids at Polesworth Celebration Assembly 2.40

Our Teachers

Our teachers are our 'lead professionals' in our schools. They are responsible for managing not only the children in their class, but all the support staff within it, as well as the resources and planning and delivering the day to day curriculum.

Feedback from our parents following Parents Evenings, is overwhelmingly positive about our teachers. Parents write about our teacher's excellent relationships with children, their care and efforts for our pupils. Our teachers were also praised for their imaginative and exciting lessons, originality of homework tasks, their hard work and dedication to the children.

Our teachers are appointed following a very rigorous and searching process. Not only are they interviewed by panels of Governors and education professionals, but are also observed teaching, completing problem solving tasks, as well as a group activity and lesson planning activity. Our rigorous interview process is extremely tough. Only the very best teachers win through to the end and we are proud and eager for them to join our 'outstanding schools'

On a daily basis our teachers make us very proud. Each and every one of them goes the extra mile for our children and they are an extraordinarily talented group of people I am privileged to work with. Our teachers never do a '9-5 day'. They are often in school by 7.30am (or before!) and seldom leave before 5, and despite common misconceptions don't have '12 weeks off a year' since they work much of it planning lessons or preparing classrooms and resources.

As a result of our continued growth, over the past few weeks across our academy schools we have interviewed for new staff and promoted others to senior posts. I am delighted to report that we have employed additional 'outstanding teachers' to join our schools and also further strengthen leadership teams.

I remain very grateful to our teachers for their dedication to our children. Without their hard work, skill and tireless enthusiasm to give our children the best, our schools would not be the places they are.

Mr May
Executive Headteacher



Peacock class and their special visitors

All photographs can be purchased for £3 per A4 colour copy. Please see the school office for one.

Spot Light on Excellence...

SATS tests

Well done to our Year Six children. They have **worked** really hard this week. Even though the expectations have increased, the pupils approached all of the tests with a positive attitude. Their resilience is amazing. Next week, Year Two will do their tests and we are sure they will be equally brilliant!

What does your child most enjoy about school?

A selection of comments from our most recent parental questionnaire which we are extremely proud of... (names removed for anonymity!)



"I think you are doing a great job with my daughter, thank you."

Reminder

Parents are always very welcome in school. Unfortunately, teachers priority must be the 30 or so children in their class, so it is often very difficult to see parents at the start and end of the school day. We much prefer parents to leave a note, asking teachers to call back when they can offer quality, rather than rushed time.

Weekly Safety Question

Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:



'If you wake up at night and the house is full of smoke, what would you do?'



IPad App of the week

Cato's Hike

A Programming & Logic Odyssey by Hesham Wahba (£2.99 / £1.49 VPP)



One fine day Cato was playing outside when a portal to another world opened up in front of him! Cato stepped through and discovered that this world unlike his own didn't follow the same rules. He discovers the rules in this universe: by writing a program for himself!

Charity Update

Money raised so far for



Polesworth Group
Homes Ltd.

£630.39

Sun Awareness

Following an extended period of really wet weather, in which we seemed to have been constantly reminding children to bring coats to school, we are now reminding them to bring sun hats! Last week in assemblies we spent time reminding children about the dangers of too much sun and how to keep safe.

We are currently encouraging children to drink as much water as possible. In school we installed two super-cooled, filtered water dispensers. Although fruit juices are permitted at break and lunch time, anything other than water is not encouraged in the classroom. Apart from the obvious health concerns over sugary drinks, it is easy to imagine the huge problems a school of 200 children has with wasps and ants etc if we allow sticky drinks into the classroom. Closing classroom windows and putting out poisons is not an option.

We also encourage parents to apply sun screen/ cream to children before they come into school. There are now a large number of long lasting 'all day' creams available from supermarkets which protect children way beyond 1.00pm when children come in from lunch. Unfortunately, school staff are not permitted to apply creams etc so please do not send in sun creams, sprays or lotions for your child to apply in school. Reluctantly we ask that children do not bring in sun creams or sprays into school because of the potential for accidents to themselves, others or property. As ever, we are happy to discuss any issues with parents whose children need to make alternative arrangements because of a Doctor's medical advise. Children are also advised to wear hats at break and lunchtime

During sunny weather a close eye is kept on children to make sure they don't burn. We encourage them to take cover in shade and even bring them in earlier if it becomes too hot. We always appreciate parents supporting us by reminding children to drink plenty of water, wear a hat and take shade.

05/09/16 - Staff Development Day
06/09/16 - Autumn Term starts
21/10/16 - Staff Development Day
24/10/16 - 28/10/16 - Half Term
16/12/16 - Term ends school
finishes at 1pm

03/01/17 - Staff Development Day
04/01/17 - Spring Term Starts
20/02/17 - 24/02/17 - Half Term
07/04/17 - Spring Term ends

24/04/17 - Staff Development Day
25/04/17 - Summer Term starts
29/05/17 - 02/06/17 - Half Term
21/07/17 - Term ends school
finishes at 1pm

Due to the rise in children, Jack and Jill Before and After School Club is looking for an enthusiastic member to join the team part time.

You must be level 3 qualified and be willing to undergo a DBS check. Please contact 01827 899551 and ask for Carly or Sarah for more details. Closing date is 20th May and interviews will take place after the half term holiday.

For more details about the job and an application form see the Warwickshire Jobs web site or contact countycaterers@warwickshire.gov.uk or call out main office on 01926 412999



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Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face

***'He's lost another sweat shirt again,
the school don't bother looking for them'.***

We actually spend hours helping the children look after their uniforms and 'training' children how to ensure items are not left behind. Apart from providing each child with a 'named peg', we also spend a lot of time reminding children constantly about 'putting items away', placing them in bags and on pegs. 'Cloakroom sweeps' occur regularly every few weeks we conduct 'forensic investigations' trying to identify 'worn out' or badly written name tags.

Parents will sometimes come in to school and tell us that an item of uniform is missing, but that '*it has no name tag*'. It is sometimes difficult to get some parents to understand why it might be rather difficult to find the item!!!

Attendance

<u>Last weeks</u>	★			
<u>Postcards Home</u>	★	Last Week	Year	
Peacock = Katrina	★	Peacock	93.3%	96.8%
Kingfisher = Jayden	★	Kingfisher	92.1%	96.5%
Swan = Aaron	★	Swan	95.8%	97.1%
Owl = Ella	★	Owl	96.6%	96.8%
Swift = Jake	★	Swift	96.6%	97.3%
Hawk = Jay	★	Hawk	96.8%	96.9%
Falcon = Harvey	★	Falcon	98.3%	97.3%

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