



Newsletter 12th June 2020

Earlier this week the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, made an announcement regarding the possibility of more pupils returning to school. Back in May plans were announced which led to most schools taking more children from June 1st. The government also expressed a desire for all primary aged pupils to have some time in school before the end of the Summer term. This week's announcement saw the government change their mind about more children attending.

This change appears to relate to the political backlash from the government's original plan, rather than because new evidence has emerged about infection rates and the risk of children and staff attending school. Our experiences at both our schools have been positive. This week we have had 35% of children at the Infants and Nursery attending and 28% of Junior school pupils attending. This compares to 16% of primary pupils across Warwickshire. With no children or staff reporting symptoms of coronavirus we can say that the steps taken have been a success so far.

From Monday we have around thirty more children back in school who are in the year groups eligible to return. With each 'bubble' having a maximum of 15 children and needing two staff, we have almost all staff back on the school site. This means there may be less monitoring of SeeSaw.

We would like to continue to offer time in school for more children, but this needs to be done in as safe a way as possible; clearly we have already gone further than most schools and it is important that we don't overstretch ourselves. It is important to say that the government's announcement this week was not stating that schools couldn't have more children, it was more that it was no longer expected. At the moment, myself and my colleagues are considering ways in which we could give all children the chance to come back for at least some time before the Summer holidays. This will take a considerable amount of planning and may not be possible, but I will share with you any details as soon as I can.

One of the reasons we would still like to have more children in school is that we know how difficult home schooling can be. The teachers have noticed in both schools that the quantity and quality of the work is on the wane for some children. If you are able to keep helping your children it would be appreciated and assist their learning in the long-term. As before, I know it is tricky balancing home schooling with other demands, please do what you can.

Next Friday is a teacher training day. Some staff will be doing First Aid training, while other staff will be working with me on a document called The Self-Evaluation Form. This document summarises how well the school is doing against various benchmarks such as the OFSTED framework and from it we will write action plans for the school next year.

Our virtual balloon race has now closed. Joshua Eastwood won the Infants and Nursery race, while Dexter Robinson won at the juniors. Thank you to Mr. Saker for helping us set up the race. We raised £322 for The Children's Society. Thank you to all those who took part.

At the Infant school we have had some new computers installed in the computer room. The PTA have agreed to give the school £2,500 towards the computers. My thanks to them and all those who have supported PTA events.

A group of parents at the Infant school have approached me and explained an idea they have for raising some money for the school by doing a sponsored run, walk and cycle. The fourteen Mums are aiming to cover 1,000KM between 15th June and 12th July. They are asking for people to sponsor them through this link. I am grateful that they have thought about us at this time when there are other things to worry about. The financial implications for other organisations and businesses have been greater by comparison to schools, which are lucky that the bulk of their income is secure. However, fee income for before and after school care and nursery fees amount to around £70,000 across both the schools for the Summer term. On top of this, we have increased costs. So all in all, the offer of help from the parents is much appreciated.

Woody's Blog

Hello Everyone

I'm getting used to the arrows around school and making sure I'm going the right way and I can see all the children are doing a marvellous job.

There have been some lovely art projects at both schools this week, including colourful smiles, bright sunshines, mobiles and creative painting. I hope some of you at home have enjoyed being creative too.

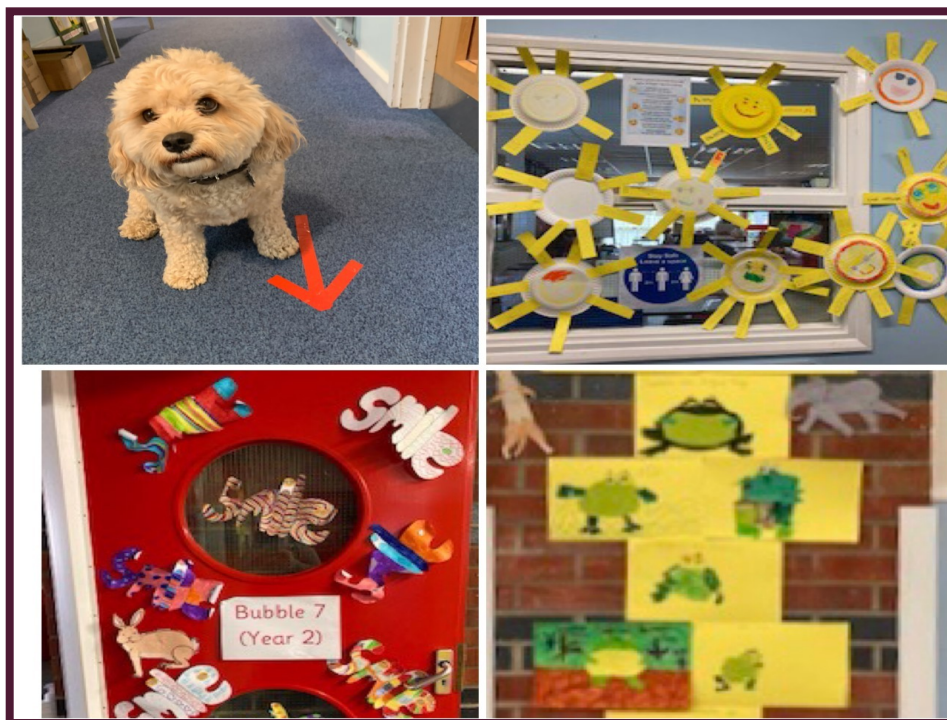
The Junior school children have been set a family music challenge and the teachers are enjoying your great productions on SeeSaw.

I will be joining in with the Draycote Walk Challenge. I love going for a walk everyday and if I'm lucky, I get two or even three!

I know you've all been busy at home and in school working on SeeSaw to continue your learning. Keep up the good work, you really are doing so well.

Have a good weekend.

Love from Woody.



Happy birthday to...

George K

Sofia

Alexander

Emily M

Oliver

Olivia H

Orla

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery

Tilly F
Suzie

Alfred E
Michael E

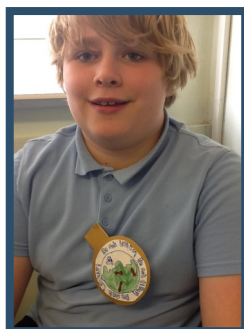
Dexter M
Ewan G

Leilani

Connor D

Dunchurch Boughton C. of E. Junior School

Children In School



Home to School Transport Consultation Communication

Warwickshire County Council are proposing a change to the definition of the qualifying school for a pupil to mean either the closest qualifying school to the pupil's home address, with places available, that provides education appropriate to the age, ability, and aptitude of the pupil and takes into account any special educational needs that the pupil may have, or the priority area school in which the pupil resides. At the moment, a pupil's qualifying school is defined by Warwickshire County Council to mean only the pupil's closest school to home with a space available for the pupil by the shortest available route. This may not be the priority area school but will be the one physically closest to the student's home address.

Further information on the proposal and ways to provide feedback can be found on the Ask Warwickshire consultation pages <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

The deadline for comments is Friday 17th July 2020

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Young Musician of the Week: A message from Warwickshire Music Hub.

To enter, please email a video of your child's performance along with their name, age, school, school year, teacher's name, plus the title and composer of the piece to music@warwickshire.gov.uk. The winner will be posted on our social media channels every Friday. Please submit only one piece per week. You will need to submit a photo consent form in order for your child to take part - this can be found on the 'Parents' area of our website, warwickshiremusichub.org. Only your child's first name and title of the piece will be posted if they are the winner. Entries must be received by 1pm every Wednesday - any entries received after this will be added to the competition for the following week. Good luck!

Remote Music Tuition:

Warwickshire Music is now able to offer online teaching to all pupils. This will be on a first come, first served basis and where possible, existing students will be matched up with their current teachers. Please visit <https://www.warwickshiremusichub.org/online-tuition> for more information and to submit your application

Virtual Balloon Race

Thank you to everyone who bought a virtual balloon for our balloon races which finished on 8th June. We raised £322 for The Children's Society.

Infants Results.

1	Joshua E
2	Rory N
3	Pippa F

Junior Results.

1	Dexter R
2	Miss Fairbrother
3	Oliver B 2



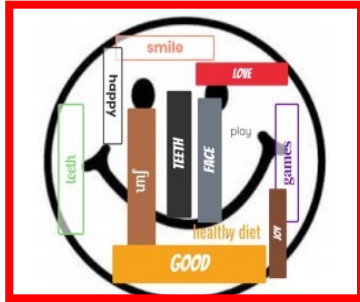
A big thank you to Mr. Saker for helping us run this event.

WCC Family Information Service.

To access Warwickshire County Council's latest Family Information Service Newsletter, follow this link.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=3e17c31a02>

The Infants and Nursery



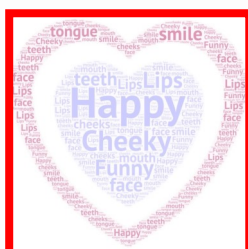
My Smile Word
Cloud of some of
my favourite
things that
make me smile.



i went out into my
garden and collected
leaves and flowers. i
then used my coloring
pencils to shade over
the top of them on my
paper.



Tiddalik
Tiddalik was a ~~big~~ frog!
He was grumpy and selfish.
He drank and gulped water and ate all the slimy
things.
He lived in the desert with kookaburras and
kookaburras.
He liked to sleep and drink.
He was large and ugly.
In the end he gave up the water bucket.



Tiddalik the Frog

Tiddalik is a frog,
Grumpy and lazy,
Opening wide, drinking then snoozing,
Beside the water, under the sun, beneath the cloud and on the dry mud,
He slept, snored and snoozed after he drank,
He was big and careless,
Was tiddalik the giant frog.



The Juniors

