



Week 2



Be somebody who makes everybody feel like somebody.

24th March 2017

Dates for your diary

April 5 th	Year 8 leavers' photographs.
April 7 th	Finish for Easter. Return Monday 24 th April.
April 12 th & 13 th	Provisionally Easter School
May 8 th	Year 6 SATs week.

Safety at the end of the day.

We have had a couple of local residents complaining that cars are being parked carelessly and dangerously around the school entrance. Whilst we realise it is very busy and sometimes hard to park please can everyone try to park as safely as possible? Thank you to the vast majority of parents who are very patient at the end of the day.



Star Pupil of the Week

Week Beginning 13^h March 2017

Year 5

Grace Capewell	5JB
Ava Howard	5LM
Jessi Bradford	5CWK
Millie Lewis	5SC

Year 7

Nathan Howes	7LW
Harrison Owen	7EN
Jake Howard	7JW
Zak Turner	7KM

Year 6

Olivia Wenlock-Evans	6SB
Ben Sheldon-Ward	6AP
Faith Kettle	6LK
Sophia Barber	6CA

Year 8

Luke Keane	8SS
Sami Smith	8RC
Rochelle Heyhoe	8CWT

Pupil achievements

Young Enterprise / STEM club

For the past 4 weeks you have probably noticed for a few days each week, we have been selling sweets at lunch time. This wasn't just a pointless (unhealthy) exercise; it was a group of young entrepreneurs running a business, to make money for a fantastic cause.

Holly Lake, Carmen Shea, Polly Ballance, Katie Roberts, Amber Pendry, Casey Shea, Emily Smith and Naomi Painter have given up **hours** of their own time over the past 2 months, planning and delivering this event. Young Enterprise gave them £80 which they had to turn into as much money as they possibly could, over 4 weeks. They made a business plan, bought and sold stock, and have been tracking their progress throughout.

I am **SO** proud to announce that they made a **profit of £518.43!!!**

This money is going to be put into the Year 7 STEM club, this year and next year, to enhance the learning and to buy resources that we couldn't buy before. STEM activities provide young people with the skills they need, to shape the future, and it is something that I am very passionate about.

Well done, and **thank you** 😊

STEM club will be returning after Easter; dates to be confirmed soon.

Miss. Northwood

Trial SATs – Y6 only

Y6 will be completing their final trial SATs over the next 2 weeks: Reading on Wednesday 29th March and the other English and Maths papers over the following Monday to Wednesday. Teachers will be using these final tests to spot gaps in learning that we can address prior to the real SATs which are during the third week back after Easter, week beginning 8th May.



23rd March 2017



Dear Parent / Carer,

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (HOLIDAYS) IN TERM TIME

The Wolgarston Collaboration is aiming to keep the attendance rates of all its pupils as high as possible. Due to consistency between schools we have made significant improvements to attendance rates across all eleven schools since the attendance agreement within the Collaboration.

Following the recent High Court Judgement regarding a Parent's holiday request we have been contacted by Nick Gibb, MP who has reiterated the guidance that leave of absence should only be granted in exceptional circumstances. These are classed as 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short'.

These are still at the discretion of the Headteacher in each school. The Department of Education is due to send out further guidance to schools in the near future.

Should the school decide not to grant leave of absence and parents still take their child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, which may then be referred to the Education Welfare Worker for further action. We would urge you to support the schools and your child's progress by ensuring they are in school as much as possible and holidays are not taken in term time.

ATTENDANCE WEEK—Monday 27th March to Friday 31st March

In order for our children to reach their full potential, it is important that they attend school every day and arrive on time

For the week of 27 to 31 March, we will focus on school attendance as a priority. The Education Welfare Service and other agencies will be working closely with us during this week to tackle any attendance or punctuality issues which emerge.

Our focus on attendance for this week will mean that:

- You may receive a home visit from Education Welfare, or other agencies, if your child does not attend school during this week or if there are any current or on-going concerns, such as with a child's punctuality.
- School Assemblies/Collective Worship are likely to have a strong attendance focus.
- Your child may meet with an Education Welfare Officer in school to discuss their school attendance and ways of improving their percentage attendance.
- Education Welfare Officers and the Police will be conducting truancy patrols.
- A target of 100% attendance is the goal for all of our children.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Yours sincerely,

G Yates

J Grundy

K Roberts

H Johnson

S Lamond

Mrs G Yates
Executive Headteacher
St Leonard's CE
First School,
DUNSTON

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First School,
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First School,
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First School,
PENKRIDGE

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CE First School,
BREWOOD

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School,
PENKRIDGE

Mrs D Spiers
Headteacher
Marshbrook First School,
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Mr D Swift
Executive Headteacher
Brewood CE Middle School,
BREWOOD &
St Mary's CE First School,
WHEATON ASTON

Year 6 only

Easter School – April 12th & 13th

We would like to run an Easter school for 2 days during the Easter holidays to do some fun activities to help us prepare for SATs. If students attend they will also be treated to a special activity on each day. On one day we will be having a special visit from some animals and on the other day we will be having an ambulance come to school and students will be able to see how it works etc. Many of the activities on the days will promote revision but through very fun and practical tasks such as an Easter egg hunt. We propose to run the days from 9.30am until 2.30pm on 12th and 13th April. There will be no cost to the days but we must know names and numbers as soon as possible so that we can plan staffing and activities. Children do not need to wear uniform but will be required to bring a packed lunch. We may not be able to accommodate all students so please sign up quickly. If you would like your child to attend please complete the slip and return it to the school office or ask your child to pass it to their Y6 class teacher.

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Easter School

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I would like my child to attend the Easter school.

Signature.....

If they gain a place on the Easter school I will collect them at 2.30pm/ let them walk/cycle home themselves. (Delete as appropriate)