



# Cubbington C of E Primary School

Our aim is as simple as ABC

**Achieving, Belonging, Caring**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

Newsletter No.13

Dear Parents,

As we look forward to celebrating Holy next week in school we are very excited about the upcoming arrival of The Cross of Nails to our school. I will be taking some children from Year 3 to St Nicholas church in Kenilworth next Wednesday to receive the Cross of Nails and then we will bring it back to school. We will then take the Cross of Nails to St Mary's church where it will stay over the Easter break. You can follow the Cross of Nails on its pilgrimage at:

<https://cov100.org/cross-of-nails-pilgrimage/>

I have added lots of dates for the summer term so please make a note of these in your calendars.

## **Attendance**

The target set for attendance at our school is 97% and usually at this time of year we are very close to meeting this. Unfortunately this year our current attendance figure is 95.8% which is a significant drop for our school. I am aware that there have been a number of winter illnesses and that children must stay off school to recover from these but we are noticing lots of other absences that are all adding up.

Our school attendance policy states that:

*We will do all that we can to ensure maximum attendance for all children. We recognise that families have a vital role to play in the success of this policy and will ensure that we keep them fully informed of the purpose and practice in relation to attendance.*

*We aim to identify any problems that prevent attendance or punctuality and strive to address these in partnership with families as efficiently as possible.*

If your child's absence has dropped significantly then you will be receiving a letter from school to inform you. If you wish to discuss this further then please pop into school to make an appointment.

## **Massive Mini Church Challenge**

In 2018 the Diocese of Coventry reaches 100 years old and all sorts of things are happening at the cathedral to celebrate. One of these is to make a 3D map of the diocese in Coventry Cathedral, and they need help to make it! The idea is that every school and church in the diocese is invited to work together to make a model of their local church. In June all the church models are brought to the cathedral to make a massive mini diocese.

We will be doing this at school and sending a model to the exhibition but we thought that it would be nice to have an exhibition of our own in St Mary's church. We would like to invite children to create a model of St Mary's church over the Easter break and it will be entered into a competition and displayed at an exhibition in church. The base of the model needs to be about the size of a piece of A4 paper but no bigger than A3. The model can be made from any materials. The models need to be brought into school during the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> April and we will set up the exhibition and judge the competition the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> April. Happy modelling!

## **Warwickshire Education Strategy 2018-2023**

Warwickshire County Council is starting to look at its Education Strategy so that it reflects current challenges. It will have one unifying and overarching purpose: to improve educational outcomes, and thus the life chances, of learners in Warwickshire.

The new Education Strategy will guide and support education in Warwickshire for the next 5 years. It is very important that you have a say in what that strategy will be. To read more and give your views, please click on the link below:

<https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/communities-group/education-strategy/>

The views of children and young people are also important, and the Council will welcome drawings which could be used to illustrate the final version. Please email copies of drawings to:

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[educationstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:educationstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### **\*TOMORROW\* - PLEASE can you help?**

Garden of Eden 'Big Dig' 24th March 10:00 to 13:00

The Garden of Eden is an area in the school grounds, managed by volunteers over the Spring and Summer, who support children at weekly lunchtime sessions to:

- Experience planting, growing, harvesting, selling and eating their own produce
- Understand the role of nature/wildlife in gardening
- Gain basic gardening skills and understand of gardening safety issues

To enable the gardening year get off to a good start, we are holding a 'Big Dig' morning on 24th March.

If you could spare some time to help tidy up and re-vitalise the area, you would be very welcome.

For example: some paths & vegetable beds need new wooden surrounds; poly tunnel needs a clear out; nettles to be dug out; vegetable beds weeded).

As well as making a valuable contribution with your gardening and/or woodworking skills, it's an opportunity to catch up with old and new friends! Coffee/tea/squash and cake will be served in the Old School Room during the morning. If you have any questions, or would like to join the volunteers on a regular basis, please contact Pam (07792 994811 or 01926 719146)

### **Easter activities**

Market Hall Museum, Warwick has lots of activities this Easter for the family to enjoy. Make Easter crafts, go on an egg hunt and take on the Lego challenge. Take part in our museum trails and our new Great Fire of Warwick trail around the town. See the link for details <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/easter-holidays-at-market-hall-museum/>

### **Dates for your diaries**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March – BIG DIG at school 10.00am -1.00pm  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Easter Egg hunt in school  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening 4-7pm  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Cross of Nails arrives at Cubbington C E Primary School  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 9.10 am Year 2 Sharing assembly \*Rearranged from snow day\*  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Break up for Easter at 3.30pm  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – GOOD FRIDAY Bank Holiday  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Back to School  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April - 2.00pm Year 2 visiting Cubbington Mill  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April – 5.45pm PTA Family Bingo night  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – PTA cake sale for Year 6  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – School closed  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Spring Fair at school  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May – PTA cake sale for Year 1  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day – School closed for children  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Parish Council 'YOUTHFEST' in the village – more information to follow  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 camping at school  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Life Education Caravan at school  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm Year 5 and Year 6 performance 6pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 to The Grove  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Secondary School Induction day for Year 6 children  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – PTA cake sale for Reception  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Break up for the summer holiday

Summer term sharing assemblies will start in May and I will confirm the dates for each class in the next newsletter.

### **Inset days 2018-2019**

INSET days for the next academic year (2018-2019) will be on:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

You will find the term dates for the 2018-2019 academic year [here](#)

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and a super Easter break..

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones  
Head teacher



**Exercise classes in school**

**Tuesdays 7.15-8.15p.m**

Step Aerobics workout. Low impact. All welcome. £5.00 pay as you go. Bring a drink!

**Thursdays 6.45-7.45p.m**

Core strength class based on a mixture of Pilates & Yoga stretching exercises with optional hand held weights. (supplied) This is great low impact class for flexibility, fitness & overall core wellbeing. All abilities catered for. £5.00 pay as you go. Bring a drink!

Call Lynne 07787554105 for further details.



**Are you looking for after school care?**

Butterflies are going to be offering a walking collection service from Cubbington School to our 'Kidzone' after school club. There are limited spaces and at the moment we are only able to offer after school care, although before school care will also be available in the near future!

Prices are as follows:

- School finish – 5.00pm is £5.15 including a light snack
- School finish – 6.00pm is £9.27 including a light snack plus tea

Please contact Mary or Lauren on 01926426932 or email

[maggielbutterflies@hotmail.com](mailto:maggielbutterflies@hotmail.com)

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# Warwickshire Children's Chorus

*Come along and join in the fun!*

**Come and sing with the Warwickshire Children's Chorus**

**Saturday 24th March**

**Warwick Hall - Warwick School**

**10.00am – 12.30pm**

The Warwickshire Children's Chorus is for children aged 7 - 11 and will:

**Be Fun!**

**Signpost singers to local singing groups**

**Create happy children for you to take home**

Workshop leaders

**Jeremy Dibb** - Director Warwickshire Music

**Rebecca Ledgard** - Director of Education Ex Cathedra and 'Singing Playgrounds'

Go to [www.warwickshiremusichub.org](http://www.warwickshiremusichub.org) and register **NOW** for this **FREE** workshop



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