



Summer Term 2019

Friday 3rd May 2019

Welcome to Our Newsletter

Welcome Back—we hope you all enjoyed the Easter Break.

Maypole Dancing—we are maypole dancing on the 22nd May at 2.30pm on the top playground and parents are invited to come and watch.

Music Evening—On the 20th June we will be having a music evening for children to share their learning, invitations will be going out soon.

Attendance - well done to all the children who are collecting their 100% attendance badges.

This half term is really short so there is lots of opportunity for children who haven't managed to win one yet to get their own badge this half term. We will also be doing a sticker week next week for everyone who is in for the whole week.

Lates - Thank you to everyone who get their children to school in plenty of time. School starts at 8.50 and children should be in class by then. The doors are open at 8.40 to give the children 10 minutes to get their things put away and get settled in class. Children often get upset or anxious if they are late.

Parking—Please be mindful when parking around school, please do not block garages or driveways when parking.

Year 6—children have breakfast club from 8am on SATs week, please see the letter that has been sent home this week.

Family Reading - Family Reading continues on Friday mornings 8.40 - 9.00. Thank you to all parents who have attended. It would be lovely to see more parents attending especially parents from 1S, even if you can only spare 5 minutes it would be great.

Summer—Please can we remind you that children need to be prepared for the weather, coats, sun hats, 12 hr sun cream applied before school. If your child suffers from hay fever please can you administer any medication before school.

PE Kits - children need to wear the correct PE kit White t shirt or polo shirt, Black or navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms, black or white trainers or pumps. School jumper or blue or black sweat shirt.

Snacks—Please can we remind parents that we encourage you to send your children with healthy snacks instead of chocolate bars and "family-sizes" crisp bags.

Important Dates

7th May	3B Sharing Assembly	27th—31st May	Half Term
13th—17th May	Key Stage 2 SATS	20th June	Music Evening
21st May	FS2HM Sharing Assembly	10th July	Happys Circus see FOLLs for tickets
22nd May	Maypole Dancing—Top playground	12th July	Teacher Training Day (Children not in school)
23rd—24th May	Year 6 London Trip	19th July	Last Day of Term

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 29,703 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during the academic year 2017/18. This is an increase of 6,256 on the previous year.

HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents: Bikeability – May Half Term Holiday Courses 2019



LEVEL 2 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 5 & 6:

This training prepares students for cycling on the public highway for short journeys such as from home to school and will be run from Harris C of E Academy's Sports Centre in Rugby.

Course Dates (over 2 days. Both days must be attended):
Tuesday 28th May 2019 & Thursday 30th May 2019 from 9.15am to 12.30pm
Cost: £20 per person payable in advance.

LEVEL 1 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6:

This training teaches basic cycle control skills in a safe environment away from traffic and will be run at Harris C of E Academy's Sport Centre in Rugby. Children must be able to cycle independently (no stabilisers) before coming on the course.

Course: Tuesday 28th May 2019 from 1.00pm to 3.15pm
Cost: £12 per person payable in advance.

Early booking is essential as places are limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Courses will only run if minimum numbers are reached. Children will need to have their own bicycle and helmet.

For an additional charge, wrap around care in the Sports Centre holiday club may also be booked between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

For more information, or to book a place, please call Debbie on 01788 812549 extension 304 or email:

ssp@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

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Harris C of E Academy School Sports Partnership 11+ Holiday Tuition Programme (Wed 29th to Fri 31st May 2019)

We are delivering an 11+ tuition programme here at Harris during school holidays for children aged 8 – 11 years old. The programme will run on 3 consecutive days and for 3 hours per day.

Delivered by a qualified primary school teacher we will be teaching the 'Centre for Evaluation & Monitoring (CEM)' framework of verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and maths. CEM are the examining body for the 11+ tests in Warwickshire.

During this programme your child will work with an experienced teacher across the 3 key areas as above. As well as learning content, they will learn important 11+ exam techniques and will complete practice papers. With a maximum group size of 7, children will be able to progress quickly whilst working at their own pace and identifying their own areas of strength and areas for development.

We will run multiple programmes across the academic year, so your child will be able to attend future courses and pick up where they left off if further tuition is required. As well as receiving excellent, relevant tuition from our qualified primary school teacher your child will also receive 3 fantastic study books (verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and maths) complete with parents' guide, online resources and a practice paper, so that they may continue their practice at home.

May Half Term Course Details:

- Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May 2019 at Harris Sports Centre (Mellish Road, Rugby CV22 6BB).
- Each day will run from 10am to 1pm and will be classroom based but will also include elements of Active and Creative Learning, so as well as bringing stationery please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for learning outside.
- Course cost = £250 per child (to include 3 x study books).
- Wrap-around holiday club options are available.

How To Book:

Please email Ian Smart on pdm@harriscofeacademy.co.uk or call on 01788 812549 extension 305 to request a booking form. Please complete the booking form and return with payment (cash or cheque) in order to secure your booking.





Dear Parent,

We're contacting you to let you know that, as of 1st May 2019, there will be a change to how debit and credit card payments you make to us will appear on our payment pages and on your bank statements."

Why is a change needed?

Some of the payment services which we currently contract to Capita Business Services need to transfer to Pay360 Limited (also a Capita subsidiary) to ensure continued compliance with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) regulations. The regulations are industry-wide and this isn't specific to Capita-run payment services.

What is changing?

From 1st May 2019 you will notice the following differences:

- You will see Pay360 branding and company details on our payment pages
- The billing descriptor on your bank statement will change from "CAPITA*schoolname" to "Pay360*schoolname"

Anything else to be aware of?

In line with the upcoming regulatory changes, we have a legal obligation to perform customer due-diligence, also known as 'Know Your Customer' (KYC) checks. We will be sending you more information on what this means for you throughout May.

Thank you to all of you who have signed up to Sims Pay (previously Sims Agora). The school office are still able to issue invitation codes to parents who haven't set their accounts up yet. We are also able to issue barcodes to those of you who are unable to pay online.



Oral health

According to Public Health England almost a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay with an average 3 or 4 teeth being affected.

Prevention is always better than cure, therefore please encourage and supervise

your child/ren to clean their teeth twice a day and ensure they visit the dentist for a check-up every 6 months even if there are no problems with their teeth. **NHS dental care for children under 18 is free.** Children should also limit sugary food intake as we know that sugar harms teeth. You can speak to your Dentist if you have any concerns about your child's oral health. The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and the School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204 or confidentially text ChatHealth Parentline on 07520 619 376.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance for this week	
Nursery	92.9%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	95.1%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	95.2%

Children who do not attend school miss learning and have gaps that can affect their attainment. If they are not with us they cannot learn.