



Holbrook News



Newsletter Date: 15 September 2023

Building Independence

As parents and carers it can be easy to do lots for your children—initially it may make your life easier but your child needs to become independent, self confident and self reliant.

Building independence is definitely a case of home and school working as a team, where we both give children opportunities to learn and practise developing skills, offer suggestions and advice before stepping in to help. A great example of this is changing shoes and clothes for PE. By practising these skills each day at home when children get in from school, getting dressed for bed or in the morning, very quickly this supports children to be able to do this by themselves for school this means they can quickly change and be ready for PE!



Another part of being independent learners, as any parent with children at secondary school will already know, is children being ready for their day at school; with their bag ready with every thing they need for school that day—reading book & record, water bottle PE kit (It's listed on the newsletter when they need it.) You might need a list or pictures at home to help them organise themselves and for you to check over their bag at first, but as they move through the school your child will have learned these useful life skills.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you in school on Monday.

Mrs Mc Carthy

Forthcoming Events

PE will start properly so please make sure you have your PE kits in school!

Monday 18th Sept	PE—Year 6 & Year 5
Tuesday 19th	PE—Year 5, Year 2 & Year 4
Wednesday 20th	PE—Year 1 & Year 3
Thursday 21st	PE—Reception Year 1 & Year 2
Friday 22nd	PE—Year 3, 3G Swimming & Year 6 BEST ASSEMBLY—14:25 Year 2, 4 & 6

1	5E	100
1	5T	100
1	RH	100
4	RL	98
4	RW	98
6	4C	97
7	1B	96
7	1DR	96
7	6H	96
10	3AF	94
Whole School		93.2
11	2F	93
11	2J	93
11	2S	93
11	5P	93
15	6D	91
16	6S	90
17	3G	88
18	4H	87
19	3F	86
20	4R	84

Attendance Report

1...2...3! Yes 3 classes with 100% attendance on the first week back after the holidays. What a fantastic start 5E, 5T & RH keep it up!

Even with 9 classes above the government target of 96% with so much blue on our chart and even some red our overall attendance figure has taken a hit!

Good attendance at school even in Reception really helps pupils achieve their best outcomes at A-Levels!

So make sure you come to school every day and on time.

6—8 Sept





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On time... All the time!

The inner perimeter gates are locked from 8:45am as lessons start straight after registration, the end of the school day is 3pm and the gates will be opened to allow parents onto the playground from 2:55pm and will be locked at 3:10pm

Just being 5 minutes late each day adds up to a lot of missed learning over a year... nearly 16hours!

So, be on time, all the time!

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

We have only just returned at the start of the new school year and already Year 6 parents need to start considering where you will be sending your child in 2023!

The deadline for all applications is:-

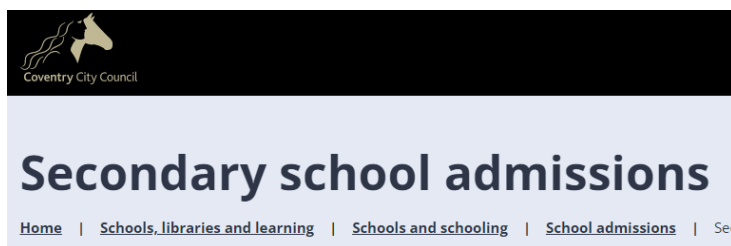
31 October 2023.

so you still have plenty of time to apply. PLEASE make sure you make one of your 3 choices is your [catchment area](#) school. You can find this on the [website](#).

Over the next few weeks secondary schools will be holding in person open days so you and your child can visit before making your online application. All the open days can be found online but please find the dates for a few local secondary schools.

Please click the link below to find out more about secondary school admissions.

[Website for Admissions](#)

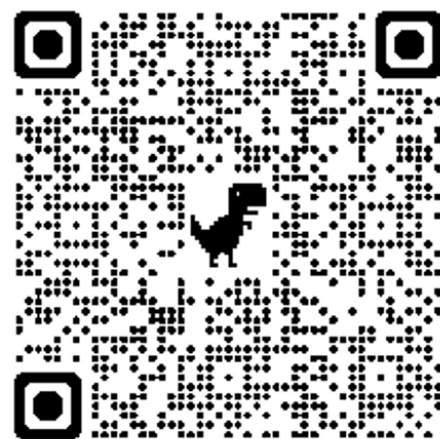


After School Club.

We are delighted to be able to offer a large range of extra curricular clubs, as we have a limited number of places they will book up quickly.

Just because you sign up doesn't guarantee your child a place! If your child has been already invited to an after school club on a Wednesday or Thursday they will not be able to get a place on one of these clubs.

Please scan the QR code or click the link here to sign up.





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ONLINE SAFETY

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING**

**COMPUTING &
COFFEE!**

Friday 29th September 9am

To tie in with Macmillan Cancer Support, the school is holding coffee computer and coffee morning for all parents.

We will look at the online systems we use in school and help parents and carers get access as well as an internet safety workshop.

Even if you think you already know everything, please come along and enjoy a relaxed coffee and a chat, and if you want to, make a donation to Macmillan. It would be great to see lots of parents in school.



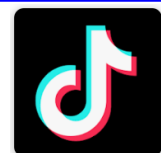
KNOW YOUR LIMITS!

The first few computing lessons in school for KS2 consolidate the prior learning on online safety and things that we need to do to keep ourselves safe online.

If you aren't a games player yourself, it can be hard to decide what is a suitable game for your child to play. Since 2012, PEGI has been the sole system used in the UK for new console and PC games. These ratings can help you decide if the game is suitable for your child.

The internet is also full of many excellent websites that are of great use <http://www.askaboutgames.com/> and <https://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/> have large databases of games and further information that are very easily searchable so parents can be informed, without having to play hundreds of games yourself!

TikTok



The app TikTok currently has a PEGI rating of 13 which means that it should not be used by anyone under the age of 13—so no children in Primary School at all!

Unfortunately, we have had a few reports of pupils creating TikToks. We have spoken to pupils and parents about this but ask that all parents check their children's phones to make sure they haven't got this app.

