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Newsletter 24

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Believe and Achieve

Important information about the school day is on the second side of this newsletter

Easter Celebrations

We are very excited to announce that today we are launching our annual Easter Bonnet Parade for Foundation and Key Stage One children and the painted egg competition for Key Stage Two. All eggs should be **hard boiled!**

The competition should be a bit of fun and I would encourage parents to support their children in making their entries themselves rather than relying on Mum or Dad!

All bonnets and eggs should be brought in on the morning of **Friday 31st March**. Every child who enters will receive an Easter egg and there will be some additional prizes for the most inventive and creative designs.



GOLD AWARD

The School Day

The government white paper, “Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child” set an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools will deliver a minimum length of school week of 32.5 hours as soon as they can, and from September 2023 at the latest. And although the White Paper has now been scrapped there is still an expectation that this instruction will be introduced.

The 32.5 hour minimum expectation includes the time in each day from the official start of the school day (i.e. morning registration) to the official end to the compulsory school day (i.e. official home time). The 32.5 hour minimum includes breaks and lunch times as well as teaching time and any extra-curricular activities that all pupils are expected to attend.

The governors and staff have been looking at options since the paper was published and would now like to give parents an opportunity to voice their preference.

To achieve the allocated time we have decided, that as a minimum, to make the doors opening at **8:50am** the official start of the day, with the expectation that all pupils will all be on site and ready to learn (**At the moment doors open at 8:50am but the school day does not officially start until 9:00am**). However, this will still leave the school 25 minutes short over the week, or 5 minutes short everyday.

So there are two options

- A) Increase the morning start to 8:45am. With an expectation that all pupils will be ready to come through the school doors at that time. The school day would finish at 3:15pm, as it does presently.
- B) Increase the morning start to 8:50am. With an expectation that all pupils will be ready to come through the school doors at that time. Increase the ending of the school day to 3:20pm.

A separate form to express your preference will be sent to you later today through Parentmail.

Please express your preference for either:

- A) 8:45am start. With a 3:15pm finish.
- B) 8:50am start. With a 3:20pm finish
- C) To express that you really do not mind and will be happy with whatever the school decides.

The survey will close on Friday 24th March.

The governors are hoping to make a final decision in April. The new times will then be introduced in September 2023.

We are very aware that with other school drop offs or work commitments this will not be ideal for everyone, but to repeat this is a government instruction that the school must adopt.

Easter Holiday Sports Clubs



FREE
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SUPER MULTI ACTIVITY SPORT HOLIDAYS!

£15

Per Day
(without
HAF code)

9.30AM
TO
3.30PM

3rd-6th
April &
11th-14th
April

Free
Holiday
Club*



*Children must have a valid HAF code issued to them by Warwickshire County Council to access the activities free of charge

- FOOTBALL
- ATHLETICS
- HOCKEY
- CRICKET
- GOLF
- RUGBY
- TENNIS
- NETBALL
- ROUNDERS
- BASKETBALL
- AND MUCH MORE...



Lunch
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The Pingles Stadium, Avenue Road, Nuneaton, CV11 4LX

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