

Friday 16th September 2022

Weekly Bulletin



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A prayer on the death of
Her Majesty The Queen

Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The book of condolence will be in the entrance hall for members of the community to sign until 5pm on Sunday 18th September.

The Civic Service for the Queen will be held at 2pm on Sunday 18th September at St Oswald's. Everyone is welcome. Some portraits, prayers and poems by the children will be on display in church from Saturday. Church will be open 11am-4pm

School will be closed on Monday 19th September to mark the bank holiday for the Queen's funeral.

"Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."

Queen Elizabeth II



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Reception Parents Meeting

We continue to be impressed by how quickly our new reception children have settled into their first full time week of school. Our meeting for Reception parents is now 2:15pm on Wednesday 21st September. We look forward to seeing you there.

Teddy Bears

Our next session is on 22nd September and features a story telling experience!

Amazon Smile

Did you know that money from your online purchases can go directly to school. Our PTA have made a short video with more information which can be found on the PTA section of our website.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

School and St Oswald’s Church will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 30th September. Please come along and join us in the school hall 10am—11:30am.



Underwear

Our stocks of spare underwear for children are very low. If you are throwing away any underwear (age 4-9) which is still in good condition, please consider donating it to school. Many thanks.

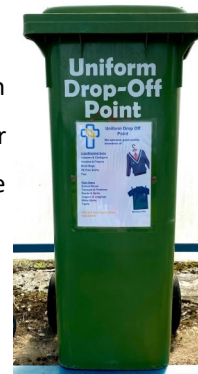


Water Bottles

Water Bottles are now back in stock. Make a payment of £1.50 on ParentPay and we will deliver the bottle to your child’s classroom.

Uniform

You can now drop off any old uniform which is still in good condition at our new uniform drop off point just inside the front gate to school.



Reading Challenges

Our Patron of Reading, Mrs Winward, has launched our new reading challenges. Mrs Wood has e-mailed parents with further information and we look forward to receiving our first set of reviews.

Help Needed!

We have a new summer house which will become our outdoor reading den. It is in flatpack form and we would like to put it together on Wednesday 21st September. If you could spare a short time to help after dropping children off we would be most grateful.

Dates

- Monday 19th September—School Closed—Bank holiday for the Queen’s funeral.
- Wednesday 21st September - Reception Parent’s Meeting 2:15pm
- Wednesday 28th September - Year 1 visit to Cheshire Ploughing Match
- Friday 30th September - Year 5 Singfest rehearsal at HCCS
- Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October—Y6 Bikeability
- Friday 7th October—Harvest
- W/B 17th October—Parent Consultation phone calls.
- Wednesday 19th October—Y4 Bikeability
- Tuesday 22nd November—Whole school visit to Chester zoo.



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Holiday Request

Please be aware, we cannot authorise holidays during term time. Despite being an academy, Cheshire East are still responsible for monitoring attendance and they ensure that we follow the correct procedures and report all periods of unauthorised absences of five days or more (ten sessions). Cheshire East then decide whether to administer a fixed penalty fine. This does not come to the school but to the local authority. Click on the image to find out more.

Children and Families Service
Education Welfare Service Cheshire East Council
Reviewed September 2106

TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME
A guide for parents and carers

Frequently asked questions

Am I entitled to take my child out of school for a family holiday?

- No. Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school or the alternative provision on a regular basis
- The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to "fail to secure their child's regular attendance at the school"
- The amendments to the 2008 Regulations remove any reference to family holidays, extended leave and the statutory threshold of ten school days.
- The amendments make clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**
- The amendments give parents **no entitlement** to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time
- The Head Teacher and Governing Body will determine what the exceptional circumstances are

If we decide to take a holiday during term time what should we do?

- The parent/carer with whom the child resides must apply in writing to the school
- The letter/application must explain the exceptional circumstance surrounding the request for the leave of absence

What will the school do then?

- The Head Teacher will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies, if not the application will be declined
 - Only the Headteacher (or the Deputy) has the power to approve leave of absence applications. When making the decision the protocols and criteria laid down in the school's attendance policy must be followed.
 - Each academic year, schools inform parents/carers via a letter, newsletter or some other communication; that they may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if their child has unauthorised absences in term time
- You will receive a written response from the Headteacher (or the Deputy) letting you know if your application has been approved
- If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined the absence will be recorded as unauthorised

Income Related Free School Meals

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the [Household Support Fund](#). Last year, eligible families received supermarket vouchers, utility vouchers and access to free holiday clubs.

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We suggest you do make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 as the school can claim additional funding (pupil premium). This can be used to cover the cost of your child's trips and residentials.

To apply click on the image below.



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The John Holford Charity can support families with uniform costs etc.



Who we are
The John Holford Charity has been in existence since 1712.
Our aims and objectives are to help and support those most in need and hardship.
We operate across the area of the former Congleton Borough, including the following parishes: Alsager, Astbury, Breerton, Church Lawton, Congleton, Eaton, Goostrey, Holmes Chapel, Hulme Wolffield, Middlewich, Mow Cop, North Rode, Odd Rode, Rode Heath, Sandbach, Sandbach Heath, Smallwood, Swettenham, Wheelock. We also operate in the parish of Clurton, West Cheshire.

What are grants for?
The charity will give to individuals in need or hardship. In the past this has included white goods and furniture.
We are able to support families with school related costs such as school uniforms and school trips.
Please note, we won't give grants to eradicate debt but can signpost to organisations that can help. In the past we have made grants to assist support charities to help their work.
We also work closely with local foodbanks and as well as helping to fund their work, have also given supermarket vouchers to foodbank clients during the Christmas season.

Visyon

Visyon offer support to young people and parents. If you would be interested in finding out more about their services, please speak to Mrs McLean.

Autumn Term 2022

WHAT'S ON AT VISYON:



CREATE AND CONNECT
Mondays 5.30-6.30pm (on Zoom) Age 11+
Mondays 6-7pm (Crewe base) Years 6-8 - starting 12th September for 8 weeks

Enjoy some time out to do something creative alongside other like-minded people. These small (max 6 people) creative groups are designed to help you relax, have fun and connect with others.



EXPLORING EMOTIONS
Tuesdays 6-7.15pm (Congleton Base) Age 14+

A chance to explore emotions in a creative way and to use art as a therapeutic tool. A small, supportive group provides a safe place to be yourself and find ways to cope when things are tough. Runs on a rolling 8 week programme.



OUR VISYON
Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm (on Zoom and Congleton Base) Age 14+

A supportive group for people who are interested in mental health, campaigning, rights and having a voice on all things that matter to young people.



PRACTICAL STRATEGIES SESSIONS
Recording Library Available Ages 11+

A series of webinars for young people to explore topics pertinent to mental health and to learn practical tools to help manage overwhelming emotions. Recording library available - see www.visyon.org.uk

There is also the option to book one to four 1:1 sessions to work on the practical ideas from the webinars.

To find out more about the groups and activities or to book please phone Visyon on 01260 290000. These sessions are free of charge and open to all in Cheshire East. We also have parent webinars and workshops - please see the website for more info.

Upcoming Parent Workshops at Visyon this Half Term

(Workshops held at Visyon, Fellowship House, Congleton, CW12 4DP)

Table with 4 columns: Week Beg., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Lists various workshops like Sleep Workshop, Helping Children Manage Worries and Anxiety, Healthy Relationships, etc.

For further information/and or to book a place, please email the FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.



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Reception 2023

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Come and explore our wonderful school and meet our fantastic staff, parents and pupils on Saturday 15th October.

10am - Presentation in the hall

10:30 - Tour of the school

Excellent curriculum provision • Caring, dedicated staff • Family feel

Wide range of enrichment activities • Beautiful grounds • Forest School

Wrap around care • A village school at the heart of the community

Parents and carers are incredibly positive about the work of school leaders. Many parents praised the high levels of care that their children receive from staff.

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