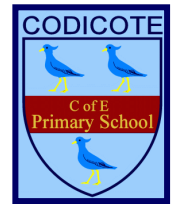


Newsletter



Newsletter 13

13th March 2026

**Assembly themes - Next week: Feelings & St. Patrick's Day
Week after: Easter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all been enjoying the spring sunshine after so many weeks of rain! We are looking forward to further developing our outdoor space with School Grounds Day on 17th April – thank you to everyone who has offered to help and for the resources pledged so far.

The children have been very busy, and it has been a pleasure to see their learning displayed around the school. We now have an action-packed couple of weeks ahead of us in the run up to Easter, including a number of competitions! I have included a mini calendar at the foot of the newsletter for your convenience.



Competitions



Mimram are running an inter-house competition to decorate a craft egg for Easter. Led by Amber in Year 6, the children can work on their own, or in pairs. Eggs and further instructions are available from Amber; entries need to be brought in by Thursday 26th March.



The School Council are running two competitions. On Friday 27th March, there will be a Junior Bake Off. All year groups are welcome to enter and after judging, the cakes will be sold off, after school, for charity. Entries can be brought into school on the morning.



The second competition is a story competition. Children are invited to write a story of up to 500 words on any topic or theme they like. Younger children can dictate their story to an adult if they would like. Entries need to be brought into school by Thursday 16th April, ready for the judging panel.

All of these are optional; good luck to our contestants!



Books

Thank you for all the effort you put into the children's costumes for World Book Day – they looked amazing! We all enjoyed the workshops from Venessa Taylor and Su Murley, including the surprise visit from Alex the Lion from Madagascar – your children were telling the truth when they said there was a 7 foot lion in school last week!

Next week, on Thursday 19th March, the independent Hitchin bookseller, Next Page Books will be running a book fair after school in the hall, with the school receiving commission on all sales, enabling us to buy more beautiful books for our library. We hope you can make it!



Masked Singer

Tickets are now on sale for the Codicote PTFA Masked Singer, which takes place on Saturday 21st March from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are available via Arbor or the School Office at £6.00 for an adult and £4.00 for a child.



School Disco

The School Disco takes place on Thursday 26th March, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Entry is £3, and payments can be made via Arbor, or on the door. Children may bring a small amount of money with them for refreshments. No mobile phones can be brought. All children who attend the school are welcome to come along – I am sure we will have a great evening!



Spring Raffle reminder

Please could you return your raffle tickets by the morning of Friday 27th March – we will be drawing the raffle after school finishes at 2.15pm. This will be outside if the weather permits, or in the hall if it is raining!



Chess

We have been approached regarding Chess Coaching as an extra-curricular activity. This would be for Key Stage 2 children. There are two possible options:

- Fundraise £1,000 to pay for the club, to enable any child who wants to, to take part.
- Provide the premises, as an after-school club, with parents paying approximately £6 per week – this would need to be paid in advance, with a commitment to the year, to ensure the costs could be met.

If you are interested in either of these options, please follow this link to complete a short form: [Chess](#)
Depending on the responses given, we will then decide which is the best way forward.



Talent Show

Our annual talent show – one of the absolute highlights of our year - takes place on the morning of Wednesday 25th March. Due to the numbers involved, this event is limited to staff and children. Any soundtracks can be shared on a memory stick, or as a link to a website; costumes and accessories can be brought in on the morning. If anyone needs to bring in a larger item (previous items have included drum kits and even a harp) you are welcome to use the school car park for dropping off.



Attendance

Whilst we understand that sometimes children are too ill to be able to attend school, it is extremely important for children's learning, friendships and wellbeing to be in school every day they can. Their weeks are very busy and the curriculum moves at a fast pace. Whilst there are times when illness means that your child needs to be off for infection control – for example, sickness and diarrhoea, or chicken pox – we can

support them being in school if they are well enough to attend. We can administer medicine, pain relief and ice/heat packs – there is a form available from the office.

It has been some time since I wrote about absences for reasons other than illness in the school newsletter and I am aware that some people may not be aware of the legal requirements regarding this. These can only be authorised for exceptional circumstances – reasons which could be categorised as: “rare, significant, unavoidable and short”. Neither term time holidays, or days out for treats such as birthdays, can be authorised.

The laws regarding unauthorised absences are as follows:

- A fine can be issued when a child has an unauthorised absence of 5 days or more.
- Fines are £80 per child, per parent, if paid within 21 days. The amount increased to £160 is paid between 22 and 28 days. If still not paid, it is referred to court.
- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within 3 years, the fine increases to £160 per child, per parent, if paid within 21 days. After this, a parenting order or prosecution is considered. Prosecution can result in a £2,500 fine.
- All money goes directly to the local authority to pay for the attendance improvement system.
- There is no right of appeal.

Further details regarding attendance are available on the school website, as well as the form which needs to be filled in, should you be planning to take your child out of school during term time. The link is here: [Codicote C of E Primary School » Attendance](#)

If you have any queries regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office and we will be happy to help or advise.



Countdown to Easter

Monday 23 rd March	Tuesday 24 th March	Wednesday 25 th March	Thursday 26 th March	Friday 27 th March
Design & Technology Challenge Day		Talent Show	Easter Egg Competition Children’s Disco 5:30 – 7pm	Junior Bake-off Easter Service at St. Giles (children & Staff) School finishes at 2:15 p.m. Cake Sale Spring Raffle Draw

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER



Community News



Alex Kirk Football coaching

One of our former pupils, Alex Kirk, who became a professional footballer, has now set up his own coaching company, alongside his career playing. Alex was an exemplary member of our sports teams, showing hard work, tenacity and a fantastic attitude in all he did. I am sure he will bring these skills to his coaching work. The link to an expression of interest is here: [Alex Kirk Coaching](#)



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