



MARSHBROOK NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates:

September

October

Wednesday 6th October - Nursery and School Photos (further information to follow)

Friday 22nd - INSET day

Monday 25th to Friday 29th - Half term

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a small number of staff and children test positive for coronavirus since we returned to school. The cases are mostly unconnected, so at this stage there is no need to return to bubbles. There is no requirement for children to isolate if there is a case in their class. Test and trace will contact individuals who are considered close contacts.

We do ask, however, that everybody remains vigilant. If your child or anybody in your household has any of the following symptoms:

A high temperature

A new, continuous cough

A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

then please get a PCR test and remain at home until you receive the results (usually the next day).

Rapid lateral flow tests are free to everybody from the local chemists. It is recommended that they are used twice weekly. They are quick and good for identifying anybody who is asymptomatic.

Thank you for your continued support,

Dawn Spiers

(Headteacher)

[We Need You!](#)

Parent Teachers Association (grandparents are extremely welcome too!) Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on Wednesday 10th November at 9.00am in school.

This is an opportunity for all parents or grandparents to come along and find out more about the PTA. It is also the time when we elect our new Committee. The committee consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer and Secretary, plus ordinary committee members.

The PTA committee play an important role in the life of the school, organising discos, Easter egg hunts, summer fairs and other social events, not to mention the many thousands of pounds the PTA raise, which is spent on enhancing our children's education and the facilities in school in general. Please come along. You do not have to have any particular skills and your help and support, no matter how big or small, is truly appreciated. It's also a good way to meet other parents and families too.

Snacks at Break Time

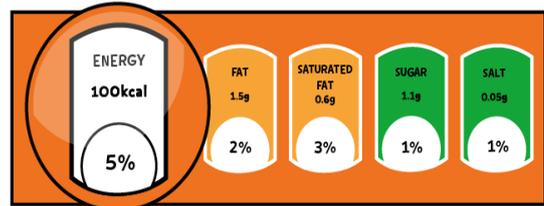
We all want our children to live longer and healthier lives, so as a school we try to support children to adopt a healthy lifestyle, of which healthy eating plays a large part.

Children in Nursery and Reception class are provided with a healthy snack in the morning and afternoon, but children in other classes can bring a healthy snack in for 1 playtime if they wish. Parents have asked for some guidance around what constitutes a healthy snack.

Fruit or vegetables are the best snacks to provide, but if you want to provide alternatives, as a general rule, snacks should be less than 100 calories and contain only green or amber food labels (i.e. no red).

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Malt loaf slice
- Lower-fat, lower-sugar fromage frais
- Fresh or tinned fruit salad
- Carrot, cucumber, pepper sticks
- Chopped vegetables and lower-fat hummus
- Plain rice cakes or crackers with lower-fat cheese
- Oatcake
- Sugar-free jelly
- One scotch pancake
- Banana chips
- $\frac{1}{2}$ a sandwich
- $\frac{1}{2}$ a savoury filled wrap
- Piece of wholemeal pitta bread
- $\frac{1}{2}$ a bagel
- Dairylea triangle
- Dried fruit
- Unsalted seeds



Children should not bring

- Any type of confectionery e.g. chocolate products, sweets and sugar free chewing gum
- High sugar cereal bars (check the traffic lights)
- Crisps
- Cakes, pastries and chocolate biscuits that are high fat/sugar.

Remember to always check the label as products may vary.

Not all packaged food has traffic light labels, but you can find out what you need to know about your snacks with a free Food Scanner app which can be downloaded from

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

Phonics Screening Checks Update for Parents of Year 2 Children

Due to the pandemic, children currently in Year 2 did not take their Phonics Screening Check at the end of Year 1. As a result, they will be taking it in the 2nd half of the Autumn term this year instead.

The phonics screening check measures how many of 40 words and non-words pupils can decode successfully and helps to identify who may need further support. It would be great if you could provide your child with some extra opportunities to practise their phonics skills over the summer break. Mrs Green will be sending some ideas home. You can have a go at some

past tests using this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screeningcheck->

[2019-materials](#) The pass score is 32 out of 40.

There are lots of DfE funded phonic lessons available at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw/featured?disable_polymer=1

Alphablocks videos are also really good. It's phase/level 5 that children will need most support with

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=alphablocks+level+5&sp=eAE%253D

www.phonicsplay.co.uk also has great games for practising blending and continues to be free.

Behaviour Policy

Every September, we review our behaviour policy. Our behaviour policy is based upon recommendations from Paul Dix, who is a behaviour specialist.

We have 3 school rules:

Be ready (e.g. follow instructions, listen, have equipment ready, complete homework etc)

Be respectful (e.g. speak nicely to each other, kind hands, manners, tolerant of differences, look after things etc)

Be safe (physically and mentally, on and off line)

In September teachers explore the meaning of these rules with the children. If children break these rules, they are given a reminder, an explanation of why the particular behaviour is not ready, respectful or safe and told what the consequence will be if they continue to behave in that way (children can't follow rules if they don't understand them).

If they continue with the behaviour, they will have the chose/most appropriate sanction. Our sanctions are:

- Counselling, advice or support;
- Verbal discussion or reprimand;
- Confiscation of banned articles;
- Time out of class or playtime;
- Withdrawal of school privileges;
- Negative Dojo or letters to parents or carers;
- Meetings with parents or carers;
- Referring matter to Assistant Head or Headteacher
- An individual behaviour plan may be started;
- Referral to external agencies;
- Social Exclusions - Isolation at break time and lunchtime;
- A 'Managed Move' to another school
- Fixed Term Exclusion
- Permanent Exclusion

Following this, they will have a repair chat, which will include questions such as:

What happened? What were you thinking at the time? What have you thought since? How did this make people feel?

Who has been affected? How can you make sure this doesn't happen again?

Please visit our website to read the full policy.

Job Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies for cleaners across our Trust, as follows:

St Mary & St Chad's First School - Lunchtime Cleaner, 12.00pm till 1.00pm Monday to Friday

Princefield First School - Evening Cleaner, 3.30pm till 6.00pm Monday to Friday

The Rural Enterprise Academy - Morning Cleaner, 6.00am till 8.30am Monday to Friday

Wolgarston High School - Evening Cleaner 3.30pm till 6.30pm and daytime cleaner 11.30am till 2.30pm Monday to Friday

For any more information, go to the job vacancies on Penk Valley website

<https://www.penkvalley.co.uk/work-with-us/job-vacancies/>



South Staffs Work Clubs
(Charity no:- 1149436)

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**OUR DOORS ARE
OPEN TO ALL!!**

Contact Val Chapman on 07718 911367
or Email Val.chapman3@btinternet.com



We have clubs in all areas of South Staffs. If you are a business who could offer jobs or training or are a potential job seeker, please drop in at one of our friendly clubs or contact us.

**Penkridge Work Club, fortnightly on Tuesdays,
2.15 p.m. to 4.00p.m. @ Penkridge Methodist Church
Hall, Clay Street, Penkridge ST19 5AF**

Being a parent can be challenging especially when our children are struggling with their emotional well-being. We often think we're getting it wrong, feel alone and have no where to turn.



Join HOPE zoom parent support sessions;
a safe place to find information, chat and learn from
each other through shared experience.

Tuesday 21st September, 7pm

Become App Aware !

Do we know and understand what our children and young people are accessing? Where do we find information and guidance? How do we start the conversation so they enjoy the internet safely and with confidence?

October theme:

**SELF HARM OR
SAFE HARM ?**

Relevant for families
with children and
young people

19/10 7pm

21/10 10am

To find out more contact your HOPE
mentor in school or Keddie on
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Register HERE



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HOPE
Helping
our Pupils'
Emotions

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde6gqT0jG9Z1P-U0lckA4Y7KBzYDihxU>

Family Support Service by SCTSP in Partnership with Staffordshire County Council
South Staffordshire



FREE ONLINE BEHAVIOUR & WELLBEING
WORKSHOPS/PROGRAMMES

Programme for Parents

**4- week Programme Understanding and Managing
Defiant Behaviours and Anger in Children and Young people**

Start Date: Wednesday 3rd November: 1.30pm-2.30pm

Workshops for Parents: October –December 2021

Parent Wellbeing session

**Topics covered: Understanding emotions, building confidence & feeling more
positive**

Date: Monday 18th October: 1.30pm-2.30pm

Helping children to develop a Positive attitude and Growth Mind-set

Date: Monday 15th November: 1.30pm-2.30pm

Helping children manage anxiety and worries

Date: Wednesday 8th December: 1.30pm-2.30pm

To book your place please email your **name, date of programme and phone number** to raminderdhaliwal.fss@sctsp.org.uk or text/phone with your **name, date of programme and email address** to **07741645691** .

Once you have booked onto you will be sent instructions on how to access the Workshop/Programme.