

**29th March 2018**

**Monday 16th April**

**Start of the Summer Term**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April Year 1 Parents Phonics Screening Meeting 5pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April Year 1&2 Film Night 4.45-7pm

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday – school closed

14<sup>th</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May AM - Infant Sponsored Bounce

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May PM - Year 6 End of SATs party

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Year 5 Puberty Talk

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Reception Sept 2018 new parents meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 Puberty Talk

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 PGL Meeting 3.30pm

28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June Half Term Holiday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June School closed Teacher Training Day

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 to PGL

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June Non Uniform Day (children to bring in sweets for Street Market)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June Alcester Street Market

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June Y6 & Reception Group Photographs

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 Parent's Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 Road Safety Assembly

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 AM Road Safety

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June Y2 Meeting – moving to Juniors 3.30pm

**Next Newsletter 27th April.**

**Parents' Consultation Evenings**

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended parents meetings this term. If you were unable to book or had to cancel please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient date and time.

**After School Clubs :** Football Y5/6, Tennis & Recorder. Due to snow closure these three clubs were cancelled on 2nd March. The sessions have been rearranged and will now take place on Friday 20th April.

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 to Edgmond Hall**



The Year 4 children and staff had an amazing time at Edgmond Hall. During the activities, they showed fantastic perseverance and collaboration, really supporting each other, letting everybody have a go and be involved. The children were unbelievable, a massive credit to the school and their parents.

**School Library—Friends**



We invited 'The Friends' to join their children in our library to share some of our new books. Without their continuous hard work, support and generous donations, we would not have been able to stock our library so fully. Thank you so much.

**Pop UK Weds 28th March**



What an amazing and uplifting experience! The children were amazing and made us all so proud. Thank you for your support and for all the lovely comments that we received. "It was an outstanding day and all the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed it!" "We had an amazing experience that we will never forget!" Hannah W, Emmeline C and Alice C Yr 6

**Tuesday 20th March Transport Museum & Herbert Art Gallery Year 2**



"We liked it when we went into the Blitz classroom and learned about evacuees." "I liked it when we went into the Herbert and we watched a video about the cathedral." "It was really fun!"

**Monty and Jessica Yr 2 RECEPTION Exit Point - Visit to China**

The children were very excited as they got out their suitcases and passports ready to get on the aeroplane. They went through check in at the airport. and had to go through security! After boarding the



aircraft they listened to the safety announcement.

Then they took off, had a drink and biscuit during the flight and listened to the instructions for landing. Upon arrived in China, the children unpacked and put on their holiday clothes.



Then they sampled real Chinese food and for pudding had the jelly that had been made during Science Day.



**SPORT RELIEF**

A big thank you to everyone that supported Sport Relief £178 was donated.

**Sport update**

Congratulations to the football team who won their Inter Primary Football League Match on 28th March. The Netball Competition that was due to take place on 19th March will now take place on 24th April. Letters have been sent home. Good luck to the netball team in their other competition due to take place tonight after school.



Well done to the Gymnastics team who performed well at their final on 26th March and to our swimmers who achieved some very good results at a Gala on 21st March.

**Tennis Camps at Alcester Tennis Club** – fun tennis and sports sessions for ages 4-14 years and all abilities. Learn new skills, make new friends, stay active!

**EASTER**

Tuesday 3 – Friday 6 April  
Monday 9 – Friday 13 April

**MAY HALF TERM**

Thurs 31 May – Friday 1 June

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Mon 23 – Friday 27 July  
Mon 30 July – Friday 3 August,  
Mon 6 – Friday 10 August,  
Mon13 – Friday 17 August

9am – 12/3pm Early drop off at 8.30am and late pick up at 4pm now available.

ALL BOOKINGS VIA this <https://alcester.i2cplaytennis.co.uk/Coaching/Camps>  
Or go to [alcester.i2cplaytennis.co.uk](https://alcester.i2cplaytennis.co.uk)

The staff, Governors and I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

**Thursday 29th March Break up for Easter**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday**

**Children return to school Monday 16th April**



**Mrs Karen O'Shea  
Head of School**

## Stranger Awareness

We have been talking to the children in assembly about the importance of stranger awareness and we would ask that you also speak to children about this and how they can keep themselves safe.

Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board ask us to not teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to children. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. E.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have been separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

**However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety e.g.**

- not to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- not leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member.
- not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- If someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite...etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

It is a good idea to reinforce these safety messages to children regularly without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'.

## Threadworms

Threadworms, also known as pinworms, are tiny parasitic worms that infect the large intestine of humans. Threadworms are a common type of worm infection in the UK, particularly in children under the age of 10. The worms are white and look like small pieces of thread. You may notice them around your child's bottom or in their poo. They don't always cause symptoms, but people often experience itchiness around their bottom or vagina. It can be worse at night and disturb sleep.

### When to see your GP

If you think you or your child may have threadworms, you can usually treat the infection yourself with medication available at pharmacies without a prescription. You only need to see your GP if you think you have threadworms and you're pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you think your child has threadworms and they're under 2 years old. In these circumstances, the recommended treatment is usually different.

### How threadworms are spread

Threadworms lay their eggs around an infected person's anus (bottom), usually at night. Along with the eggs, the worm also secretes a mucus that causes itching.

If the eggs get stuck on the person's fingertips when they scratch, they can be transferred to their mouth or on to surfaces and clothes. If other people touch an infected surface, they can then transfer the eggs to their mouth.

Threadworm eggs can survive for up to 2 weeks before hatching. If the eggs hatch around the anus, the newborn worms can re-enter the bowel. Eggs that have been swallowed will hatch inside the intestine. After 2 weeks, the worms reach adult size and begin to reproduce, starting the cycle again.

### Treating threadworms

If you or your child has threadworms, everyone in your household will need to be treated as there's a high risk of the infection spreading. This includes those who don't have any symptoms of an infection.

For most people, treatment will involve taking a single dose of a medication called mebendazole to kill the worms. If necessary, another dose can be taken after 2 weeks.

During treatment and for a few weeks afterwards, it's also important to follow strict hygiene measures to avoid spreading the threadworm eggs. This includes regularly vacuuming your house and thoroughly washing your bathroom and kitchen.

If you're pregnant or breastfeeding, hygiene measures are usually recommended without medication. This is also often the case for young children.

### Preventing threadworms

It's not always possible to prevent a threadworm infection, but you can significantly reduce your risk by always maintaining good hygiene and encouraging children to do the same.

Children should wash their hands regularly, particularly after going to the toilet and before mealtimes. Kitchen and bathroom surfaces should be kept clean.

If your child is infected, encouraging them not to scratch the affected area around their anus or vagina will help prevent reinfection and reduce the risk of the infection spreading to others.