



Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we race towards the Easter holidays, I thought I'd drop you a line about some of the things happening in school. At CMS, we work hard to develop the whole child, wherever we can, enriching the curriculum and developing our pupils as well-rounded Codsall Citizens, so as usual, we have a lot going on.

Next week, we know our pupils will be excited to be welcoming mums into school for our Mother's Day lunches; the Magistrates Court Competition helps to develop important life skills and an understanding of the rule of law; the Easter Fayre will give pupils the chance to organize and run stalls to raise money for others; we have STEM workshops planned for pupils from St Nicholas and Birches First Schools, planned, organised and led by our STEM Ambassadors; we've celebrated Language Appreciation Day and Y7 enjoyed Mardi Gras Mask Making day, broadening our horizons; we're also welcoming our first volunteer parents into school to share their careers experiences with Year 8 pupils.

Staffing

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be without two important members of our Maths team. Mrs Cuthbert has had an accident and is currently recuperating, Mrs Morris is due to have an operation shortly. I am sure that parents will send their best wishes to them both, as we do, for a speedy recovery. We are doing our very best to provide high quality cover for those lessons so that the impact on pupils is minimal. We will often be using staff from inside school that pupils will already know - we do this so that we can be sure that there is continuity and quality of provision at a time when there are significant challenges in terms of recruitment and supply provision in education. We thank you for your patience and support as we're putting this in place.

World Book Day

A reminder that we won't be dressing-up as a character from a book this year, but we still have plenty of fun, exciting opportunities arranged for the pupils. Some of these are listed below:

- There is still a chance to 'dress for the occasion' - we are challenging pupils to design and produce their own headwear of their favourite character or a character that they like for the day.
- Design and decorate their own form class door with a book theme of their choice (prizes for the best decorated doors).
- Opportunities to bring in their favourite book and sharing their teacher's favourite book.
- Design their own bookmark.
- Experience some storytelling with some selected books that inspire written ideas.



Forthcoming Events

As always, we've got a busy few weeks ahead. Here are some dates for your diary – although we're sure more will be added as we go.

W/b 4 th March	Mothers' Day Lunches
Monday 4 th March	Y8 options presentation and careers assembly
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day celebration – Bookish Headwear!
Friday 8 th March	Girls into Sports event (Y5 and Sports Leaders)
Saturday 9 th March	Magistrates Court Competition
Monday 11 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 th March	Shared STEM Experience with MAT First School
Thursday 14 th March	Y8 Science Workshop with Codsall High School
Thursday 14 th March (5pm)	Residential Parents' Meeting - Boreatton Park Y5
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 18 th March	Y5 Severn Trent Water Day
Monday 18 th March (5pm)	Residential Parents' Meeting - Chasewater Y7&8
Tuesday 19 th March	Y8 Holocaust Talk
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	Y5 Writing Morning
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Fayre
Friday 22 nd March	School closes for Easter break at 3.15pm
Monday 8 th April	School reopens for Summer Term
Thursday 11 th April (5pm)	Residential Parents' Meeting Newbury Wiske Y6

Can you help us?

Careers

Mrs Deas is always looking for visitors into school who can talk to our pupils about careers and their own personal pathway to the workplace. We are really grateful to the parents who have already volunteered to come in and talk to Year 8 during assembly time. Please contact Mrs Deas at st@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk if you think you have any contacts who may help or you would be willing to talk to the pupils yourself.

Easter Fayre

Our form groups are excitedly planning their stalls for the Easter Fayre. If you can help to make this event the success and positive experience for our pupils that we would like it to be, we'd really appreciate it. You could support by...

- Donating prizes/materials for your child's form group stall
- Donating prizes for the Tombola and Water or Wine stalls
- Booking a table of your own
- Attending and enjoying the event



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**We will be hosting an Easter Fayre at school on the evening of
Thursday 21st March from 5pm-7pm**

We look forward to welcoming you to what should be a wonderful event !

There will be a variety of stalls run by our pupils. Food and beverage will also be available.

If you would like to be part of this Codsall Middle School Community event, we are offering parents , family and friends the opportunity to have a stall / table at a cost of £10.00. Payment in cash will be required upon confirmation to secure your place.

If you would like to book a pitch , please email e.brookes@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk

I look forward to seeing you at the Easter Fayre!

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help!

Yours sincerely

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Space Centre Visit



Reading Mentors



Food lesson



Art lesson



Girls' Football workshop



Rugby



Readathon Stars



Young Citizens



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