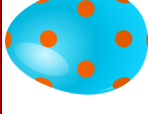
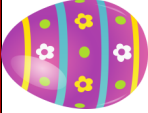
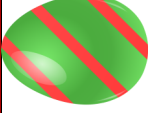
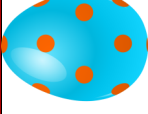
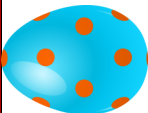
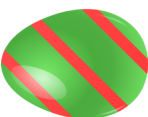
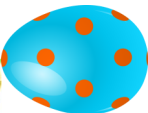


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Thank you

Thank you, as always for all your support and feedback over the last half term. It was already due to be a short one but was made even shorter by the unexpected closure of school due to our boiler problems, and then the snow. I really do apologise for the disruption this caused to everyone.



Despite it being a half term of only five weeks, we have enjoyed many lovely events in and outside of school. As part of World Book Day, children in Year 4 had a great time meeting Sir Lenny Henry at Brierley Hill Civic Hall. He has recently published a children's book, and as part of the launch he met with local children. You may have seen some of our pupils on the news that day as television crews were there to report on this exciting event. Then in school, all children took part in World Book Day to celebrate the wonderful gift of reading. Thank you to families for supporting children to make wooden spoon book characters, and thank you to Mrs Barrett and other staff for arranging the activities that took place in school.

Our Science Day also proved to be a great success. We have certainly got some talented scientists in school! Well done to all those children who created and shared experiments, and to those children who won prizes. And thank you Mrs Coulter for organising this event. Another 'well done' must go to our Year 5 choir who took part in the Festival of Song at Dudley Town Hall last week. It was such a pleasure to see and hear our children sing so brilliantly with pupils from other local schools, and I share the immense pride that Withymoor families clearly had watching their children perform.

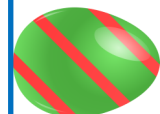
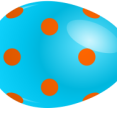
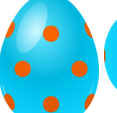
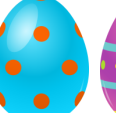


This week we have also had Easter bonnet parades, a Rock Steady concert and our parent consultation evenings. It is always great to see parents and carers in school and I look forward very much to seeing you all again after the holiday. Many thanks to one of our lovely parents

Mr Crook, whose bakery donated hot cross buns for our Easter events in school
Have a wonderful Easter break!
Alison Wootton
Headteacher

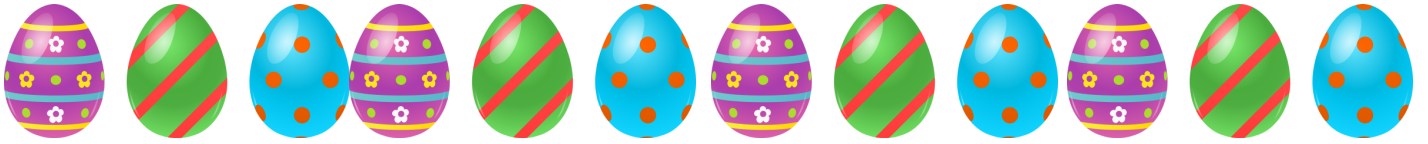


A big thank you to Friends of Withymoor for their massive support and organisation of a number of events and initiatives to raise much-needed funds for school. As part of our celebrations for the King's Coronation, we plan to have another picnic on the field on the afternoon of Friday 5th May (weather permitting). The last one we had (for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee) was such a success so we want to do this again. The parents and carers who run Friends of Withymoor have kindly offered to help us with this. Please 'save the date'; more information to follow.



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School Newsletter



Dates for the diary

New term starts Monday 17th April
 Wednesday 26th April - School disco
 Year 2 statutory assessments (during May)
 Monday 1st May - **Bank Holiday – school closed**
 Thursday 4th May - **School closed for Local Elections**
 Friday 5th May - Coronation Picnic (weather permitting)
 Monday 8th May - **Coronation Bank Holiday**
 Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs
 Thursday 25th May - children break up for the half term holiday
 Friday 26th May - **INSET day – school closed to pupils**
 Monday 5th June - School reopens after half term holiday
 w/c 5th & 12th June - Year 4 to complete multiplication checks
 w/c 12th June - Year 1 phonics screening
 Wednesday 21st June - Sports Day
 Friday 7th July - Summer Fayre
 Wednesday 12th July - Reserve date for Sports Day
 Monday 24th July - Year 6 Presentation evening
 Tuesday 25th July - end of term - children break up for the summer

This week we say a sad farewell to one of our staff Mrs Wheatcroft who is leaving Withymoor after teaching here for eight years. We wish Mrs Wheatcroft all the best for the future and would like to thank her for her hard work, commitment and friendship.



Charity Events



Thank you so much for your generosity towards recent charity events in school. School raised £278.28 for Comic Relief and we collected 15 bags of food for the Black Country Food Bank.



Parking around school

Parking is an issue for many schools nationally. When dropping off and collecting by car, please park responsibly and avoid parking on the yellow lines/zig zags outside school or on the kerb opposite our school gate. We have had complaints recently about parking, including parking across people's drives, and have been informed by the local Council that parking wardens will be patrolling around our school. Thank you for your co-operation.



Toys and bags

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school unless an arrangement has been made with school staff or we have a specific 'Toy Day'. This includes football cards etc.



Also, as we have extremely limited storage space in school, please restrict what your child brings to school.

We unfortunately do not have the room, particularly in Reception and Key Stage One, for bags other than book bags and small lunch boxes. Thank you for your support with this.

