



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been an exciting week in school as the children have witnessed the construction of a new cabin. This was requested by the School Council last year as a space to promote wellbeing, and made possible by the PTFA. Remember that all are invited to the PTFA AGM next week, on Thursday 10th October at 2pm.

A reminder that children are able to use the field all year round if they bring either their wellies, or a spare pair of outdoor shoes into school. The welly rack has a few remaining spaces for children to store their boots. Please ensure these are clearly named and easily identifiable by the children. Children are also welcome to bring a snack into school for their morning break, however we do request that this is something nutritional such as fruit, vegetable sticks or crackers. There is always fruit available for the children in school. Thank you for your support.

We have had 2 parent information sessions this week. Mr Pearce hosted a Maths talk on Wednesday in the afternoon and evening. Thank you to everyone who was able to join for this. Please look on Classlist to see the Maths updates from Mr Pearce. This morning, Mrs Evans welcomed parents in Reception and Key Stage 1 for a Phonics Workshop. Again, thank you to those parents who were able to join. If you would like any additional information, or have questions, please do catch either Mr Pearce or Mrs Evans in the playground.

Next week, on Monday (7th) and Tuesday (8th) you will be able to sign-up for a parents evening appointment. Sheets will be in the hall before and after school. If your child has a One Plan, then you do not need to sign-up for an additional meeting with the class teacher. Mrs Lewis will be in touch about One Plan meetings shortly.

There is an opportunity next week, on Friday 11th, to join your child in class for 'share and learn'. The school gate will open at 2:30pm. This is the perfect opportunity to find out more about what your child has been learning about and see inside the classroom.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Charlotte Cornelius

WOOFYT Experience at New Hall

Write up by Margot and Olivia

First, we went swimming, then we walked across fantastic greenery to the chapel. Mr Turner met us and the person who invented the WOOFYT came in too. We did some musical exercises together, including clapping our hands to the beat. Afterwards, a few people were chosen to pump air to inflate a bag that was at the start of the WOOFYT. The bag had tubes from it that ran into an organ pipe. Some people were then picked to push the bag down and others pressed buttons on the organ pipes at the same time to make a tune. We managed to play Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star with harmony. We also learnt about gravity and how the air particles helped the tubes to work and air to flow. Lunch was also delicious, we had fish and chips. It was a day like no other.

School Council

Introducing our new team for the year ahead:

- Year 1-** Ava
- Year 2-** Tommy
- Year 3-** Ben
- Year 4-** Samia
- Year 5-** Olivia
- Year 6-** Luke
- Chair-** Neve
- Vice-Chair-** Olly
- Secretary-** Charlie





Fundraising

Thanks to all of your generous donations, we raised an impressive £158.42 through the bake sale and afternoon tea. Macmillan Cancer Support replied to the school's tweet to let us know that the money we raised could pay for 200 copies of 'How are you Feeling? The Emotional Effects of Cancer', a book that is given to cancer patients. A fabulous effort from all- thank you!



Harvest Collection

As we prepare for our Harvest Festival at All Saints Church on Tuesday 22nd October, we would once again like to support [The Little Ed Foundation](#) with donations for their food bank.

They are a small local charity who supply food parcels and support for vulnerable children and their families in the local area via their food bank. Please drop any items into the school office. Thank you.

Items suitable for donation include:

- Bags of pasta and rice
- Tinned foods such as soups and vegetables
- Jars with jams or cooking sauces
- Personal hygiene products like shower gel



Online Safety

Instagram

Instagram is one of the most well-known social media platforms around, frequented by users of all ages all over the world, and allowing them to share photos and videos with friends, family and the wider public if they wish. The site has many younger users, allowing people as young as 13 to create an account and engage with its community.

As a popular choice of platform for young people, it's vital that parents and educators understand the risks associated with the site and what can be done to mitigate them. [This free guide](#) lets you know about the most prominent safety concerns on Instagram, offering expert advice on how to make young people's experiences on the app as secure as possible.

School Attendance

At Messing, we encourage good attendance in a number of positive ways. These include:

- welcoming children with a smile and a warm greeting when they arrive each morning
- giving out attendance certificates for children who have had 100% attendance for the term
- making our curriculum as interesting and engaging as we can, and ensuring children have trips, visits and exciting experiences to look forward to
- developing strong relationships across the school, with all of the adults knowing all of the children well
- keeping our class sizes small, with plenty of adult support for children who need it
- exciting sports clubs before and after school
- meeting with parents to discuss any issues and plan any necessary support.

There are changes regarding school attendance, specifically for unauthorised attendance. There is an additional page to the newsletter this week to highlight this for your information.

Free Write Friday



As a school, we are focussing on writing this year to ensure all children reach their potential. The children have taken part in their first 'Free Write Friday' today and are very excited to share what they have started in school! We hope they are able to finish off at home. Please celebrate and share their final pieces with your child's class teacher!

The New Cabin



With your help, the PTFA were able to raise enough funds for our new cabin. The newly elected School Council have been thinking about what they would like inside to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. We look forward to the children being able to use the space and make it their own. There will be a 'grand opening' on Friday 25th October, at 2:40pm. More information on this will be shared by the PTFA soon.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

You can find dates for the year ahead on the school planner- [linked here](#).

Mon 7th & Tues 8th Oct- Parent teacher sign-ups

Thurs 10th Oct- PTFA AGM 2pm

Fri 11th Oct- 'Stay and Play' / 'Share and Learn' 2.30pm

Mon 14th Oct- KS2 Girls Festival of Sports

Tues 15th & Thurs 17th Oct- Parent teacher consultations

Tues 22nd Oct- Harvest Festival at All Saints Church 9:45am

Fri 25th Oct- Non-school uniform in exchange for chocolates/ PTFA Cabin grand opening at 2.40pm/ Last day of term

26th-27th Oct- ARU Family Science weekend

Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools after 19th August 2024.

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court.

Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.