



Codsall Chronicle

News from Codsall Middle School

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Welcome to our first chronicle of the new academic year. In particular, welcome to all new pupils, parents and families to our school community. It is wonderful to see the school so active already, with pupils obviously excited to be here and eager to learn. I am sure this will be maintained throughout the school year! I look forward to working with you all this year as we strive to make this year the best we have ever had. Mr P Bowers, Headteacher



I hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and is raring to go for another busy academic year. Codsall Middle School is full for 2017-18; a reflection of the success and

popularity of the school in recent years, and, as staff, we continue to aspire to providing excellent learning opportunities for all pupils across a wide curriculum, ensuring all pupils achieve their full potential and developing our pupils as life long learners and citizens fit for an ever changing 21st century.

We are aware of the continuing need to improve our communication with parents. In addition to the existing parents texts, letters, website information and Chronicle Newsletter, we aim to explore additional communication methods this year. Hopefully, we can further improve our communication to offer a range that suits all families needs. To start with, our Chronicle will be published monthly with the aim to be a more informative document.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Baker, Deputy Head Teacher



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Access to the Car Park

A polite reminder to all parents that after 8.10am in a morning the school car park is unavailable for parent use. The car park is both full with staff vehicles as well as coaches and minibuses who drop off/pick up many pupils. Therefore to ensure the health and safety of all site users we restrict car park use. If you need to come onto site during the day to collect/return a child who is ill/injured or has a medical appointment then please take great care, follow the 5 mph speed rule and watch out at the tight bend. For assemblies and lunches when parents visit, we do endeavour to provide additional car parking on the play ground but please be aware that space is limited and that extra care should be taken. If you could park off site or walk to school to help us out, this would be greatly appreciated.



Important dates for September

Thursday 14th September: 'Meet the Instrumental staff' 5-6pm, Hall



A chance for parents and pupils to meet the peripatetic music tutors who teach a variety of instruments, and to find out how pupils can get involved and learn an instrument if they are interested. Ms Smith (Music Teacher) is coordinating this provision again this year.

Wednesday 20th September: 'New Parents Meeting' 5.30pm, Hall

An opportunity for parents of any new starter to come and meet a variety of key members of staff for important information including: Literacy, Numeracy, Attendance, Assessment, Extra Curricular clubs and residential trips.

Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th September: 'Grandparents Lunch Days'

Please look out for information letter which will be coming home shortly. Places must be booked in advance as space is limited.

Week commencing 2nd October 2017

Year 7 residential to Boreatton Park final payment required by 8th September 2017.



Summer Club

During the summer holidays 90 of our new Year 5's spent a week in school doing a wide range of fun activities, getting to know key members of our staff and making new friends.

Activities included cooking pizzas, friendship blanket, team building games, fitness boot camp and lots more. Many of the Year 5's who took up this opportunity have started school with increased confidence. Thanks to Mrs Brookes, Mrs Davis, Mrs Alford and Mrs Stevens for organising this event.

School Site Improvements

Funds raised by the children's sponsored walk have meant we have been able to install new additions to the timber trail outside over the summer, as well as waterproof flooring to make our outside play equipment accessible even when the grass is wet. This will complement the new playground game markings which were laid down during the summer term.

After our recent conversion to an Academy we have been very fortunate to secure a grant to improve the condition of our building. This has allowed us to replace all the old wood/steel windows and doors with new UPVC, both improving the appearance of our school as well as making savings on our energy bills.

ICT 1, our main computing area has had a refurb over the break. Pupils will have access to a full suite of new desk tops in their ICT lessons.

Breakfast Club

From 8.00 – 8.30am in the dining area

Pupils are welcome to join the breakfast club to do homework, read or relax on those mornings when you have to leave home early. We just ask that they purchase at least a drink or a slice of toast. There are plenty of delicious breakfast options too.

If you would like a cooked breakfast e.g., sausage, bacon, eggs, etc. please book this the day before.

Bacon Sandwich	50p
Sausage Sandwich	50p
Beans or Cheese on Toast	50p
Poached Egg on Toast	50p
Pancakes (with Jam/Chocolate spread)	50p
Pain au Chocolat	25p
Toast	20p
Assorted Cereals	50p
Tea, Fruit juice	30p
Hot Chocolate	30p
Fruit	30p
Yoghurt	50p



Welcome to New Staff

We are fortunate to have a number of talented new staff joining the team at Codsall Middle:

Miss N Felton and Miss L Davis join the English Department

Miss A Caws joins Design & Technology

Miss E Cox joins PE

Mr C Evans joins History

Miss E Watson joins computing

In addition to teaching staff our SEND department welcomes new Teaching Assistants:

Mrs T Steventon, Miss L Woolley, Miss S Tamoseviciute

Mrs Dunn joins our support team as Codsall Multi Academy Trust Business Manager.



ABSENCE

If your child is unwell please call school and leave a message on our absence line before 8.30am (01902 843177). It would be helpful for us to know your child's name and form, reason for absence and expected return date. If your child's absence is a prolonged one please keep in touch with our Pastoral Team who can help support a successful return to school.

Testing

Over the coming weeks pupils will be completing on-line GL



Testing so wherever possible pupils should bring their own set of headphones so that they can listen to as well as read the on-line tests. Cheap headphones would be best rather than expensive ones which, if lost, causes real upset. Testing begins week commencing 11th September.
Thank you.

Uniform

Its wonderful to see the pupils so smart in their new school uniforms. Can we suggest that parents make sure all uniform and PE kit is named. Lots of uniform is left all around school on a daily basis; if its named we can return it. Can we also verify that black Adidas or Nike, etc. trainers are not suitable as school shoes. Whilst they can be worn for PE lessons black shoes must be worn for lessons. Remember, you can check the pupil planner for a list of school uniform items.

PE Extra Curricular Clubs

Please see the website for the latest PE after school activities to commence from Monday 11th September.

SOCIAL MEDIA

From a safeguarding point of view, if your child uses social media please monitor and check privacy settings. Recently we have concerns re "Musical.ly" and "Snap Chat" apps.

