

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

6th July 2018

Headteacher: Mr Peter Hawksworth

**KEY DIARY DATES**

July 2018

- 13th KS3 Assembly
- 17th School Production Dress Rehearsal
- 18th School Production, 1.30pm
- 19th School Production, 1.30pm
- 20th School closes

August 2018

- 23rd GCSE Exam Results, 10.00am - 11.00am

September 2018

- 3rd INSET day (no children in school)
- 4th INSET day (no children in school)
- 5th School opens for students

**INSET DATES**

- 3rd September 2018
- 4th September 2018
- 1st February 2019
- 22nd March 2019
- 22nd July 2019

**Start of the day procedures**

We have been looking at ways to improve our start of the day procedures and will be trialling a new system from Monday 9th July 2018.

The gates will be opened at 8.40am. Children who need to be brought onto the school site by either their parent/carer and escorts will need to be taken into the hall. The children will then be collected from the hall by their class teaching assistant.

Thank you for your support with this.

**Mr Hawksworth**  
*Headteacher*

**Makaton Sign of the Week**



**Sign of the Week**  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018

This week's sign is Different!

Join in with our Sign of the Week. Make and share your own video using the hashtag #wetalkmakaton to appear on our video wall on wetalkmakaton.org



Index fingers move apart with upward twist

Different

Different



**80 D&T**

80 have made a super job of their thermometer projects. They have learnt a lot about different temperatures and degrees Celsius. They have also produced some super designs. Well done folks...great job.



**Mr Stubbs**  
*Head of D&T*

**New Text and Email Messaging Service**

We are seeking to introduce a text and email messaging service for parents/carers during September to alert everyone to key notices regarding school. In order to set this up, we will need your consent to use your personal data in this way.



A consent form has been sent home today. Please complete the form and return it to school before the end of term.

We have provided you with these signs and/or symbols free of charge. With your help The Makaton Charity can help more people communicate, please donate online at [justgiving.com/makaton](http://justgiving.com/makaton).

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Learn a new word every week and be inspired to get signing via the following link:

<https://wetalkmakaton.org/>

## Maths

### World Cup Fever

England are through to the quarter finals of the 2018 World Cup. Did you know this means there are only 8 teams left in the competition?



The World Cup competition provides us with lots of statistics to interpret. Something that many of the classes are learning about during this term.

Harry Kane, who plays for England, is the leading goal scorer at the moment with 6 goals. Do you think he will still be the lead goal scorer after the quarter finals have been played? This is a prediction (a guess). Could you make a prediction for the result of the England game?

Last week's problem: Well done to everyone who knew there were 32 teams and 23 players in a squad, which means there were 736 players at the start of the tournament.

### Maths Development at Queen's Croft



At Queen's Croft, we are always looking for new and innovative ways of teaching Maths. Johnny Ball has inspired generations of mathematicians and I was fortunate to hear him speak at a recent Maths Hub conference. His key message of making Mathematics fun, exciting and inspiring is everything we believe within the school

community.

**Miss Bradbury**  
**Maths Coordinator**

## Race for Life update!

Thank you so much for all the sponsor money sent in so far. I'm really pleased to say we have broken the £1,000 barrier! The support this event receives is always amazing so thank you again for your continued support! Any remaining sponsor money can be brought into school up until the end of term.



Our Race for Life raffle is being drawn on Tuesday 10th July so it's your last chance to buy tickets. Tickets cost £1.00 each and we have some brilliant prizes including vouchers from shops and restaurants in Lichfield, a signed Birmingham City Football and many more! You've got to be in it to win it!

**Miss Bird**  
**Head of Complex Needs**

## Puppet Parade

We have reluctantly taken the decision not to participate in the puppet parade through Lichfield city centre on Saturday 7th July 2018 due to health and safety concerns relating to the current hot weather and England's world cup match which is taking place on the same afternoon.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.

**Mr Hawksworth**  
**Headteacher**

## Lichfield Fuse Festival 2018



The Lichfield Fuse Festival takes place in Beacon Park, Lichfield, from Friday 13th until Sunday 15th July. There will be lots of events for the whole family to enjoy, including Music, Art, Storytelling, Workshops, etc. The festival is free to attend and hopefully the weather will be good too.

On Friday night at 7.30pm young people will be taking over the Imaginarium Marquee to perform and run their own festival. Come and watch the boys and girls aged between 11 and 18 perform on stage, operate the sound and lights, manage the stage and handle the MCing, offering them an inclusive and immersive musical experience.

For more information about Lichfield Fuse Festival, please visit <https://fuselichfield.org.uk/>.

## Data Collection Forms



Please could all parents/carers return the data collection sheet and photograph consent form which were sent home before half term.

Many thanks.

## Word Workout

Good luck with this week's Word Workout, everyone!

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**Mrs Ratcliffe**  
**Reading, Writing and Communication Coordinator**

## Environmental Tip!

This week's environmental tip is to switch from plastic stemmed to card stemmed cotton buds. These will biodegrade and are harmless to the marine environment. 90 have been finding out about this during DT lessons this week. Plastic cotton buds represent one of the most common litter issues on beaches and rivers and are extremely bad for animals and birds. They also look horrible.



Good research folks and an easy fix.

**Mr Stubbs**  
**Head of DT**