

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**21st September 2018**

**Headteacher: Mr Peter Hawksworth**

**KEY DIARY DATES**

September 2018

- 26th Open Morning for Prospective Parents, 9.00am - 11.00 am
- 26th Friends of Queen's Croft AGM, 7.00 p.m. (Duke of York Pub Function Room, Lichfield)

October 2018

- 4th Governors' FF&R Sub-Committee, 6.30pm
- 5th School Photographs
- 17th Year 7 Coffee Afternoon, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
- 25th Governors' TLSO Sub-Committee, 6.30pm
- 26th School closes for Half Term

November 2018

- 5th School opens
- 22nd Full Governors' Meeting, 6.30pm

December 2018

- 7th Pantomime
- 18th Carol Service
- 21st Christmas Dinner
- 21st End of Term

January 2018

- 7th School opens

**INSET DATES**

1st February 2019  
22nd March 2019  
22nd July 2019

**Update on St John's Car Park**

A short term pay and display meter with appropriate signage will be installed in the overflow section of St John's car park early next week. This section is the first area you encounter on entering through the gate on the right hand side of the school drive, and is easily distinguishable from the main car park as it has no painted markings. Until the pay and display machine is installed, parents/carers can park in this area free of charge during drop off and pick up times only. When the machine has been installed next week, **20p will be charged for each visit**. This will be apparent from the signage.

Parents who park on the main St John's car park during pick up and drop off will be required to pay **£1 per visit**.

**Single Use Plastics**

We are trying to reduce the amount of single use plastic within school and we would like to encourage parents and carers to think about this too. Please watch the following YouTube clip from Sir David Attenborough for more details:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW3jE1YBFzg&safe=active>

**School Uniform**

Please ensure ALL clothing brought to school, including outdoor coats etc, are clearly labelled with your child's name. This means that any lost property can be quickly returned to the owner.

**Year 11 Spaghetti Bridge Project**



Year 11 DT have been learning about structures and bridges and have designed and built a spaghetti bridge.

Amazingly, they were so well made, they were able to hold more than 3.5kg!

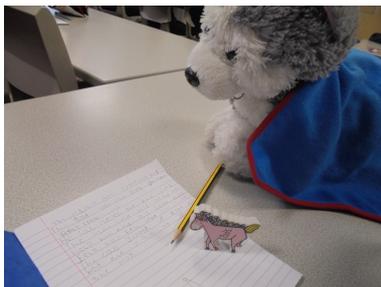


Top work team.

**Mr Stubbs  
Head of DT**

**Lunar**

We had a special visitor to 7O last week called Lunar. Lunar has been on many long journeys to stay with different youngsters with diabetes. Amelia was very excited to have Lunar to stay with her. Lunar enjoyed joining in with spellings in 7O! She also went to the hospital with Amelia in the afternoon. Lunar is a very clever dog-she even keeps her own travel journal of all the places that she has visited.



**Mrs Barr  
Class Teacher**

## Maths

This week in maths we have been counting. We can use a variety of items to count, they don't have to belong in the classroom. You could count cars, trees and even conkers on the trees!

If you are out and about this weekend, encourage your child to count. Ask what would one more be or one less. Can they say the number? Can they write the number?

This week's challenge!

There are three baskets, a brown one, a red one and a pink one, holding a total of ten eggs.

The brown basket has one more egg in it than the red basket.

The red basket has three fewer eggs than the pink basket.



How many eggs are in each basket?

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

## Year 9 Dragons against the clock

Year 9 have had a super start to DT this year with a 'Dragons Against the Clock!' design and make exercise. They had just 10 minutes exactly to think of an idea, make it and present it to the group. Top work everyone...



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

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September, we will be holding a coffee morning in school for pupils and staff in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be cakes on sale, so students are encouraged to bring in some money to purchase cakes to support a very worthy cause.



Any cake donations will be gratefully received. Please send them to Class D (Room 8).

## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

If you are buying shoes, either for yourselves or your child, please remember to save the adult size shoe boxes and bring them into school during September so that we can fill them with gifts for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Thank you very much for your support .

**Mrs Ulanowski**  
**Teaching Assistant**

## Makaton Sign of the Week



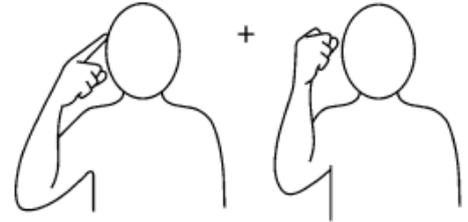
### Sign of the Week

17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

This week's sign is To Remember!

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](http://wetalkmakaton.org)

To Remember



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

<https://wetalkmakaton.org/>

## Word Workout

This week we are back to our Weekly Word Workout. Well done to Issy, in 7B, who managed to find 75 combinations out of a possible 410 on the last Word Workout! Do you think you could find 75 different words? Have a go and let me know – good luck!

U	Y	C	U
T	F	L	D
D	I	B	R
X	E	N	S

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