



500 Words competition

Radio 2 launched their annual writing competition last week. Any child can enter if they are aged between 5 and 13 on the 8th June 2018.

All they need to do is to write a story (it must be made up and all their own work) in 500 words or less. We talked about it in assembly and a few children have entered already.

If your child would like to enter, they can do so in two ways:

- 1) Write a story at home and then submit it online (see below)
- 2) Write a story at home and then bring it into school and we will submit it for them.

The closing date for entries is 22nd February 2018. If you would like school to submit the entry online, it must be handed in by Friday 16th February as each entry has to be typed in to be submitted.

To find out more details or to submit a story go to:

www.bbc.co.uk

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Family Support

The school has a new family support worker. Jenny will be visiting us every other Wednesday from 9—10am. She offers informal and relaxed support for any kind of issues families may be facing such as poor sleep, eating problems or any kinds of behavioural problems. She will be able to either support you herself or signpost you to other agencies you may need. The following dates are sessions which will be held at Hollymount.

Wednesday 31st January
Wednesday 14th February
Wednesday 7th March
Wednesday 21st March

Clubs start

Monday 29th January: Rock climbing 2MH,

Tuesday 30th January: Year 5 swimming **Coach will leave at 8.50am;** Gym 2KB, Tennis 2AH; clubs: Choir, ICT, Dance, Cross Stitch

Wednesday 31st January: Family support worker Jenny 9—10am; clubs: Netball, Imagineering (Year 6 booster club—invited pupils only)

Thursday 1st February: Year 1 swimming **Coach will leave at 8.50am;** Gym 1SS; clubs: Art, Stay and Play, Rugby

Friday 2nd February: 1SS class assembly 9.50am, Gardening. Football (Years 2 and 3 only)

Reading Stars

Well done to the following children for reading lots of books:

Bronze (25 books)

Morgan 1EM

Silver (50 books)

Maya 2KB

Nasan 2KB

Kacper 1EM

Lawrence 1EM

Laurinda 1EM

Omar 2DD

Successful Learners

Well done to the following children this week:

Tia 1EM

Tommy 1EL

Leilani 1SS

Ivan 1JH

Olga 2MH

Becky 2KB

Daniel 2JL

Harvey 2ZH

Robert 2LA

Denis 2EP

Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club again during the February half-term (19th—23rd February).

The club will be open each day from 8—4.30pm for children aged 3—11.

Children can be booked in for half days (£5) or full-days (£10)

If you are interested in a place for your child/ children, please call in at the school office for a form, alternatively ring 01905 23159 and we will send one home with your child.

Places will be strictly limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment.

Worcester Community Trust are looking for Assistant Youth Workers. If you, or someone you know, are interested, posters giving more details are displayed in the lobby area.

Online Safety

Over the last year, the numbers of children being reported to us as being upset by online activities or putting themselves in danger online has increased rapidly. The vast majority of these incidents have occurred in the home and via mobile phone apps (social media) or tablets.

Recent surveys have shown that 1 in 3 children have been the victims of online bullying. Do you know if your children are safe?

A number of local organisations, have come together to provide support to parents in helping their children to stay safe online. They have sent us a leaflet which includes the following information:

“For children, there is no difference between online and offline life. To them, it’s just life. There’s no doubt that the internet and social media give children amazing opportunities to learn, to develop new skills, to make connections and friendships and to interact with others. We should not be afraid to embrace it.

At the same time, it’s the job of parents, teachers, and policy-makers to make sure that children are making informed choices, are protected and are not left to wander around the digital world on their own. You wouldn’t drop a 12-year-old in the middle of a big city and expect them to fend for themselves. The same should be true online.

We are holding a drop-in event to help raise awareness of on-line safety and help you to protect your children from online bullying and harassment.”

Next drop in event:

Wednesday 7th February 1pm—5pm at “The Hive”, The Butts, Worcester WR1 3PD

Officers from West Mercia Police are going to begin to work with the school and its pupils on a number of areas, they have also provided the following steps which parents can take to keep their children safe online:

- **Keep computers and games consoles in family rooms where you can monitor activity. Also, make sure the games your child plays online or via disks are age appropriate.**
- **Install parental control software or activate parent controls through your internet to prevent access to inappropriate content.**
- **“Friend” or “follow” your child on social networking sites, so you can see how they are using them.**
- **Check they are old enough to join any websites or social networks with age restrictions.**
- **Advise your child not to post personal information or any images they wouldn’t want anyone else to see.**
- **Avoid using webcams unless talking to close friends or family. Consider covering your webcam (tape over lens) when it’s not in use.**
- **Monitor your child’s internet usage and be watchful for any secretive behaviour.**
- **Encourage your child to be open about what they do online and who to talk to.**
- **Remind your children not to give their phone, tablet or games console to anyone else to use.**

Tuesday 6th February is internet safety day. We will be doing further work to support our constant safety message on this day.

Attendance has been particularly poor in some classes this week. There have been a few illnesses, but there are still children missing school and no reason is being given. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that if a child misses 10 sessions of school without an authorised reason being given, this has to be reported to the educational investigation service and a fine ultimately given. If you are struggling to get your child to school for any reason, please ask to make an appointment with Mrs Hussain and she will be able to offer you support and guidance.

RDR	87.04
RHW	89.1
1EL	91.67
1EM	96.83
1JH	96.47

1SS	92.36
2KB	92.92
2MH	97.73
2ZH	97.5
2JL	95.28

2DD	100
2AH	95.1
2SR	100
2LA	96.67
2EP	93.5
Whole School	94.29

On a positive note, 89 Reception—Year 6 pupils still have 100% attendance for the year and 219 have 96% or above. Well done—stay healthy!