



Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we race towards the Easter holidays, I thought I'd drop you a line about some of the things happening in school. At CMS, we work hard to develop the whole child, wherever we can, enriching the curriculum and developing our pupils as well-rounded Codsall Citizens, so as usual, we have a lot going on.

Next week, we know our pupils will be excited to be welcoming mums into school for our Mother's Day lunches; the Magistrates Court Competition which happens this weekend, helps to develop important life skills and an understanding of the rule of law; the Easter Fayre will give pupils the chance to organize and run stalls to raise money for others; we have had STEM workshops for pupils from St Nicholas and Birches First Schools, planned, organised and led by our STEM Ambassadors; we've celebrated Red Nose Day and World Book Day and Y5 have enjoyed 'Bringing Bools to Life' workshops; we'll also be welcoming our first volunteer parents into school to share their careers experiences with Year 8 pupils.

Staffing

We have a few staffing changes happening at the end of the term. Firstly, Mrs Machin is retiring from teaching after nineteen years at CMS. She has always been a highly valued colleague who has contributed so much to the life of our school over the years, attending residentials and running her popular French Chocco Lotto club as well as teaching French to many years of our pupils. We wish her all the very best for her retirement and very much hope she will stay in touch. In the summer term, she will be replaced by Mrs Croot, who many of the children will already have met around school.

Also leaving us at the end of term is Miss Evans, who is moving on to pastures new outside teaching. We'd like to thank her for all of the contributions she has made to our school. We will be covering Miss Evans's timetable internally with Maths teachers that pupils already know. Mrs Wafer, our school receptionist, has also moved on to a promoted position elsewhere and Mrs Hydon will be taking on this important 'front of house' role for us.

Social Media Use

We know that a lot of parents will very much understand our frustration about our pupils' use of social media. Our pastoral staff are spending a huge amount of time in school dealing with online friendship issues and name-calling that have happened while pupils are at home – time which could be better spent supporting our pupils with their wellbeing and their learning.

We always want to help as much as we can but it is very difficult for us to make any sizeable impact. Over the last few weeks, I have spoken to pupils about taking the following steps to keep themselves happy and safe online. We would very much appreciate your support in repeating these steps at home and checking that your child is following them.

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Simple steps to keep yourself safe and happy on social media

These are all easily in your power to do so take control

The safest of all is to remember the legal age for social media like WhatsApp and Snapchat is **13**. This is when experts deem that young people are mature enough to use the platforms safely.

Advice for those who do use social media...

1. Don't join large groups – stick with small groups of friends you know and trust.
2. If people add you to groups that you don't want to be in, leave immediately.
3. As soon as you see unpleasant or bullying comments in a group, leave it.
4. Block people who say unkind or insulting things about other people. They may behave that way to you at another time.
5. Think very carefully about what you say – once it's written down on line it lasts forever.

If you're worried about dealing with unpleasant behaviour online, speak to a parent who can help you by following these 5 steps or reporting the comment.

There several links that can help with online safety on our website at <https://www.codsallmiddleschool.com/safeguarding>

Advice from Staffordshire Police about [online bullying or harassment](#)

Forthcoming Events

As always, we've got a busy few weeks ahead. Here are some dates for your diary – although we're sure more will be added as we go.

W/b 24 th March	Mothers' Day Lunches
Monday 24 th March	Y8 Careers Assembly
Tuesday 25 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 26 th March	Y8 Careers Day at County Hospital
Wednesday 26 th March	Y5 Residential Parents' Meeting – Boreatton, 5pm
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Fayre 5pm -7pm
Friday 4 th April	Y5 Severn Trent Water day
W/b 7 th April	Netherlands sports tour
Thursday 10 th April	Soloists' Soiree
Friday 11 th April	School closes for Easter at 3.15pm
Monday 28 th April	School reopens for Summer Term
Monday 5 th May	School closed – bank holiday
Tues 6 th – Fri 9 th May	Y5 Boreatton residential
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th May	KS2 SATs for Y6
Friday 16 th May	Y6 post-SATs trip to Cinebowl
w/b 19 th May	Y7 Art Enrichment week 'Save the Bees'
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for half term at 3.15
Monday 2 nd June	School reopens
w/b 2 nd June	Y7/8 Bryntysilio residential



Can you help us?

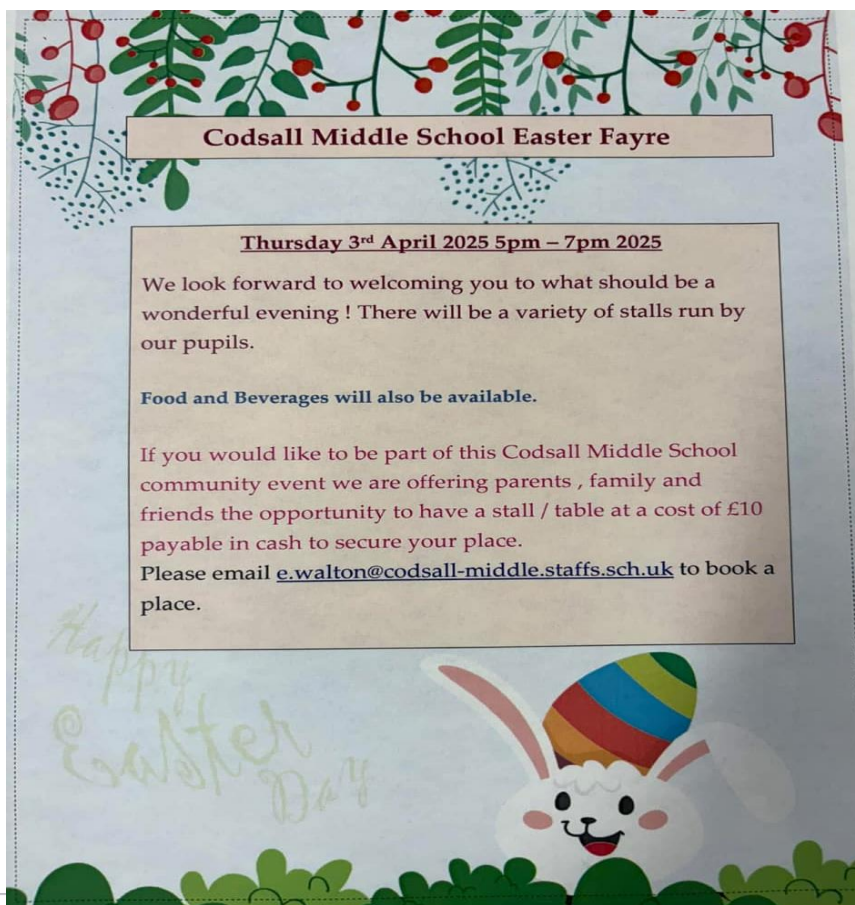
Careers

Mrs Deas is always looking for visitors into school who can talk to our pupils about careers and their own personal pathway to the workplace. We are really grateful to the parents who have already volunteered to come in and talk to Year 8 during assembly time. Please contact Mrs Deas at st@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk if you think you have any contacts who may help or you would be willing to talk to the pupils yourself.

Easter Fayre

Our form groups are excitedly planning their stalls for the Easter Fayre. If you can help to make this event the success and positive experience for our pupils that we would like it to be, we'd really appreciate it. You could support by...

- Donating prizes/materials for your child's form group stall
- Donating prizes for the Tombola and Water or Wine stalls
- Booking a table of your own
- Attending and enjoying the event



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I look forward to seeing you at the Easter Fayre!

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help!

Yours sincerely

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Mrs K Reade
Headteacher