



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

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Newsletter No.3

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a wonderful way to start the week by holding our harvest festivals on Monday morning. The church was packed for both services and the children sang and read beautifully. The generous gifts of food that were donated have been shared out in the local community and at Leamington Food Bank. As part of the work that the food for life squad has done over the last year to gain our Bronze award they had to plan an event to sell healthy produce. This week the children have been very busy baking healthy snacks to sell at breaktime and today was sale day. It was a huge success and we want to thank you for supporting this event – the recipes are at the bottom of the newsletter if you fancy some baking this weekend. The new food for life committee will select a food related charity to donate the money to.



I'm sure that you have been told that our adventure playground is now complete and all children have had a go on it. We will be having a celebratory event to officially open it very soon.

Welcome

We have many volunteers in school carrying out all sorts of tasks with the children and this term I would like to welcome some new faces. Kirsty Crouch is a final placement PGCE student who is working with Year 6, Claire Bailles is undertaking a teaching assistant course and will be working alongside Year 3, Charlotte Davis is completing an early childhood course and will be working with Year 1 and Year 2 and finally Harriet Pugsley is a final year Warwick University student who will be volunteering regularly with the aim of going into teaching. We look forward to having all of these new faces in school and know that the children will benefit from having extra adults in class to support their learning.

Arriving at the start of the day

We have noticed that some children are arriving at school unaccompanied before the official start time of 8.45am. Please ensure that your children arrive at school at the correct time to ensure that they are safe and supervised. If you are arriving with children on the top playground please can I ask that you do not sit on the new games tables as these have perspex tops and it would be horrible if these new resources were to be damaged as the children are really enjoying playing on them at breaktime and lunchtime.

Wellies for the Wrens

The wetter weather (ie mud) is on its way and we want the children to use the outdoor classroom as much as possible without caking school shoes in mud. If you are able to send your reception child into school with a pair of wellies that can stay in the classroom it would be really helpful. We understand that this may not be an option for all families so if you have any unused/outgrown pairs of wellies lying around please could you consider donating them to the Wrens class.

E-Safety meeting

We are very pleased to be hosting an E-safety information evening for parents on Wednesday 18th October at 5.30 in the hall. Letters have been sent home to enable you to return the slip to let us know if you are coming. The evening will contain very important messages for parents of children of all ages and we hope that you will

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be able to come. If you do not have childcare and need to bring your child please provide them with an activity to keep them occupied quietly. The meeting is not suitable for children to take part in.

Parent helpers

Mrs Greenway has emailed out the link to enable you to get a DBS check for school. Once you have done this you will need to have a safeguarding interview with Mrs Jones. If you have volunteered for a while and not received a safeguarding interview then please pop in and make an appointment.

Open Days

We held our first open Day this week and the Year 6 house captains took responsibility for being the tour guides and answering questions about our school. They all did a super job and received many compliments from our visitors.

We have 3 more Open Days in Autumn/Spring for prospective parents. These are:

Thursday 09 November at 2 pm

Thursday 30 November at 2 pm

Wednesday 10 January at 10 am

Please let your family and friends know these dates if they have children who will be starting school in September 2018.

Sharing assembly dates for this term

20th October – Year 6

3rd November – Year 4

10th November – Year 2

17th November – Year 1

24th November – Year 4

1st December – Year 3

8th December – Reception

*All dates are subject to change and we will let you know as quickly as possible if things have to be altered.

Sharing assemblies start at 9.10 on Friday mornings and usually last around 20-30 minutes. You are welcome to bring friends and relatives (or send someone else in your absence). We ask that if you bring young children please sit by the door so that you can take them out if they become upset or noisy.

Keeping children safe

As promoted by Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board's Taking Care Scheme please do not teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to children. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. E.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety e.g.

- not to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- not leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member. Sometimes a password system is used so that children are only released into the care of an adult who can give the correct password – this is usually changed as soon as it has been used once.
- not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- If someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite...etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

Please reinforce these safety messages to the children regularly without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'.

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Message from the local police

We have received a complaint from a local resident that due to inconsiderate parking they have been unable to drive down New Street during school drop-off/pick-up.

Parking Guidelines:

- To provide visibility for other road users, you should not park within 10 metres of a junction.
- To allow persons to utilise the footpaths without having to enter the road unnecessarily, you must not obstruct the footpaths and/or drop kerbs.
- You must keep pedestrian crossings clear and not park/wait on yellow/white zigzag lines.
- Allow room for traffic flow/emergency vehicles.

To report an incident/crime dial 101 for non-emergencies and 999 in an emergency.

PARK SAFELY - THINK OF OTHERS SAFETY - WOULD YOU WANT YOUR CHILD ETC, TO BE HARMED DUE TO INCONSIDERATE PARKING?

Regards,

Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team, Jubilee House Kenilworth CV8 1QG

Autumn term dates for your diaries

Friday 13th October – Year 5 Viking day in school

Friday 13th October – Year 6 visit to Stratford (to be confirmed)

Tuesday 17th October – Phonics meeting for parents Reception – 6.00pm, Year 1 and 2 – 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th October – E-safety meeting 5.30pm All welcome

Friday 20th October – Break up for half term

Thursday 30th November – Parents evening 4-7pm

Tuesday 5th December – Parents evening 4-7pm

Thursday 14th December – 2.30 KS1 production

Friday 15th December – 9.30 KS1 Production

Tuesday 19th December – Pantomime at school for all children

Wednesday 20th December – KS2 Carol service in school 2.30

Friday 22nd December – 2.45 Christmas sing a long

Friday 22nd December – Break up for Christmas

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend. Please keep scrolling down to find the recipes from the Food for Life squad.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher

Banana cake

Children work in pairs to make a loaf

You will need these ingredients:

- 125g self-raising flour
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder
- 2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
- 75g sultanas
- 50g melted butter
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon of milk
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed

You will need these too:

- 450 gram loaf tin
- greaseproof paper
- small balloon whisk
- potato masher
- fork
- wooden spoon
- weighing scales

What you do:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/ 160C fan/ gas mark 4.

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2. Grease and line the loaf tin with greaseproof paper.
3. Weigh the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and sultanas into a bowl and mix with a wooden spoon.
4. Mash the bananas with the potato masher.
5. Beat the egg with the fork.
6. Then weigh the butter, vanilla essence, egg, milk and mashed bananas and put into another bowl and mix with a small balloon whisk.
7. Pour the 'wet' banana mixture into the 'dry' flour mixture and combine thoroughly with a wooden spoon.
8. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 30 - 40 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean. Remove from the oven.
9. Allow to cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out.

Fruit Cookies

Children work in pairs to make 24 cookies

You will each need these ingredients:

- 100g wholemeal plain flour
- 100g prunes
- 100g soft butter
- 250g porridge oats
- 50g soft brown sugar
- 50g caster sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate soda
- 25g sunflower seeds
- 1 egg

You will need these too:

- 2 baking trays
- greaseproof paper
- scissors
- 2 bowls
- wooden spoon
- weighing scales

What you do:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/ 350C fan/ gas mark 5.
2. Line 2 trays with greaseproof paper.
3. Weight the prunes and then cut them into small pieces.
4. Weigh the flour, mixed spice, bicarbonate of soda, oats and seeds and put into a mixing bowl and mix well together.
5. In another bowl, cream the soft butter and sugars together with a wooden spoon until light and fluffy. Crack in the egg and beat to combine.
6. Tip in all the dry ingredients and stir together – it should come together, but you might need to squelch it together with your hands to get everything properly mixed.
7. Bring the dough together into one big ball, then break into 24 equal-sized lumps.
8. Roll each into a ball, then squash onto the greaseproof paper with the palm of your hand.
9. Bake in the oven for 8 to 10 minutes until lightly golden. Leave on the tray to cool.

Oatie Cookies

Children each make 10 cookies

You will each need these ingredients:

- 85g self-raising flour
- 50g ready to eat apricots
- 50g soft butter
- 50g porridge oats
- 2 tablespoons of condensed milk
- 50g light brown sugar

You will need these too:

- baking tray
- greaseproof paper
- scissors
- bowl
- wooden spoon
- weighing scales

What you do:

1. Preheat the oven to 150C/ 130C fan/ gas mark 2.
2. Line the tray with greaseproof paper.
3. Weight the apricots and then cut them into small pieces.
4. Weigh the butter and sugar and put into a mixing bowl and beat well with a wooden spoon.
5. Measure out and then add the condensed milk, beat well.
6. Weigh the oats. Then add them and apricots, and mix well again.
7. Finally, weigh the flour and mix it in until it starts to disappear.
8. Bring the dough together into one big ball, then break into 10 equal-sized lumps.
9. Roll each into a ball, then squash onto the greaseproof paper with the palm of your hand.
10. Bake for 25-30 minutes until golden on the edges. Leave to cool on the tray.

This recipe makes approx. 10 cookies.