



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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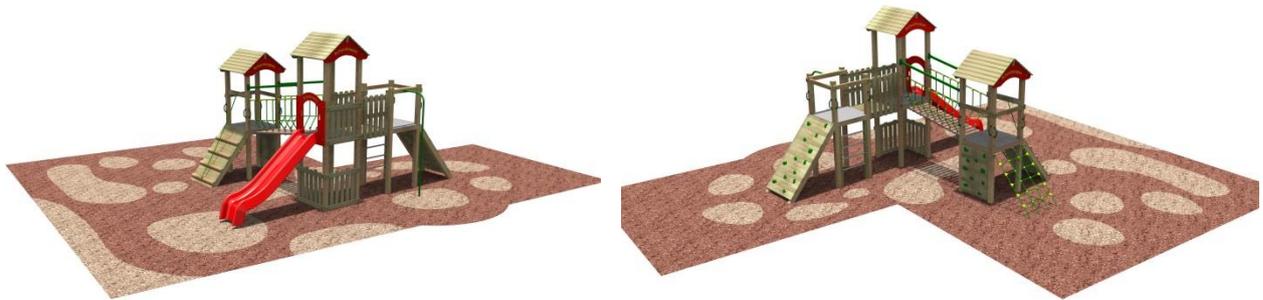
Achieving, Belonging, Caring

8th September 2017

Newsletter No.1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope that you have all had a great summer and that you managed to get some well-deserved family time. The children look so smart this week in their new uniforms and shiny shoes and it is lovely to see how grown up they are all looking. I'm sure that the children have told you that over the summer the old section of the adventure playground was removed and that the builders have started to install our brand new one. This has all been made possible in such a short space of time because of the generous donation from the PTA last year, a donation from Thwaites earlier in the year, a significant amount of time and resources given to us by O'Brien's and the finally the substantial grant from the Big Lottery. We are hoping that it will be finished by the middle of next week and then we can officially open it. There is a picture of the planned installation below.



Open the book

What is **Open the Book**? It's a programme run by the Bible Society which has been going nationally for 17 years. It involves telling stories from the Bible to children at school. We have a team of storytellers at St. Mary's Cubbington who have been telling stories to classes at Cubbington Primary School over the last two years, and we're looking forward to the new school year.

Children love stories – especially Bible stories when they're interactive, engaging and fun. Today, so many children could miss out on the great classic stories from the Bible – Noah, Daniel and the life of Jesus could be closed chapters if youngsters don't get an opportunity to engage with the Bible. **Open the Book** is a three-year rolling programme of themed and dramatized storytelling at no charge to primary schools. Teams of volunteers use drama, mime, props, costume – and even the children and staff themselves – to present the Bible stories in lively and informative ways. It's a programme which creates an opportunity for all children to learn something about the Bible stories that we learnt about when we were young, not just the children who go to Sunday Schools.

Would you like to know more, or better still would you like to get involved? It won't mean learning lines or developing your acting skills – though that might happen. It does mean putting on basic costumes and reading and enacting stories from *The Lion Storyteller Bible*. Please contact me on 01926 258623, or email mike.young.barn@gmail.com

Harvest

Our harvest festival will be on Monday 2nd October in St Mary's church and we invite parents to join us to celebrate. The Reception and KS1 service will be at 9.30 and the KS2 service will be at 10.30. If you would like to send your child into school with a donation of food for the community then these will be taken to church and displayed before being distributed.

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Welcome meetings

We will be holding welcome meetings for the new academic year and this will be an opportunity for you to hear all about the curriculum for your child and to hear about and specific arrangements for their class. You will also have the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and ask any questions.

Tuesday 12th September – Year 3 - 5.00pm, Year 4 - 5.30pm, Year 5 – 6.00pm and Year 6 – 6.30pm

Thursday 14th September – Reception – 5.00pm, Year 1 – 5.30pm, Year 2 – 6.00pm

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform and belongings are named and that they have the correct equipment for the school day. We have a large amount of unnamed lost property in school and this will be on display in the hall during both sets of welcome meetings. After this we will donate items to charity or give them to the PTA uniform sale.

Behaviour

We are in the process of launching a new behavior policy in school and this will be on the website as soon as it has been finalised. This week we have introduced the children to 'Our Golden Rules' and we have explained the rewards and sanctions that go alongside it. You will hear more about this at the welcome meetings.

Our Golden Rules

- A Accept and follow what adults in school say**
- B Be responsible for what you do and say**
- C Care for and respect everybody and everything**

When you behave well you can:

- Receive house points
- Receive merits
- Earn a reward from your teacher
- Receive Christian Value Certificates
- Visit Mrs Jenks or Mrs Edmonds
- Visit Mrs Jones
- Receive a Head Teacher's award

Children who do not follow the rules:

- Lose playtimes
- Complete a 'think' sheet
- Have a letter sent home to parents
- See Mrs Jenks or Mrs Edmonds
- See Mrs Jones
- Have a meeting with parents and Mrs Jones

Cyber Safe Warwickshire

Warwickshire's Cyber Crime Advisors have recently launched a brand new website for people to get the latest news, advice and information about online safety and cyber crime.

The site can be found via www.cybersafewarwickshire.com and contains a dedicated section which young people can access for information of importance and use to them.

Information and contact details for reporting any cyber crime issue, and where to access relevant support is also found on the site. You can also follow the site on social media; on Facebook (Cyber Safe Warwickshire);

Twitter (@CyberSafeWarks); and Instagram (cyber_safe_warks).

Admissions process for Year 7 Secondary transfer - September 2018 (Current Year 5 children)

The coordinated admissions process, for entry into Year 7 in September 2018, is now underway. Parents can apply for secondary school places online using the Warwickshire Parent Portal:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

Parents must only submit one application and this needs to be through their home authority, naming all the schools they are interested in applying for on that one application. This includes any grammar school choices they may be interested in and schools across other counties, but does not include schools in the independent sector. If a parent wishes to enquire, and/or apply, for a private school then they are advised to contact that school for further information about their independent admissions process.

The national closing date for secondary school applications to be submitted is Tuesday 31 October 2017 (5pm). Applications made after this date may be classed as late and will not then be considered for places until after national offer day – 01 March 2018. We would therefore encourage all primary and junior schools within the county to reiterate this deadline to families, and assist parents with completing their application for a secondary school place, if it is felt that this may be required in certain cases.

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Parent helpers

If you would like to volunteer to help in class and have not done in the past please contact the office to receive the relevant information and paperwork. New volunteers will require a safeguarding interview with Mrs Jones. If you think you might help during any occasion in school this year it is worth organising a DBS check at the start of the year. Please see Mrs Greenway in the office to get this started.

Open Days

We have 4 Open Days in Autumn/Spring for prospective parents. These are:

Tuesday 03 October at 10 am

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.

Autumn term dates for your diaries

Tuesday 12th September – KS2 welcome meetings Y3 5.00pm, Y4 5.30pm, Y5 6.00pm, Y6 6.30pm

Thursday 14th September – KS1 and Reception welcome meetings Reception 5.00pm, Y1 5.30pm, Y2 6.00pm

Monday 2nd October – Harvest festivals 9.30 R and KS1, 10.30 KS2

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

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

Thank you from staff

The staff would like to say a big thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts that they received from the children at the end of the last academic year.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher

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