



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

22nd September 2017

Newsletter No.2

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at the welcome meetings that class teachers hosted last week. We hope that you found it useful to hear some key messages for the year that will help you to support your child. The next opportunity for you to meet with the class teacher will be at the parents evenings in November but please don't hesitate to arrange to speak to them sooner if you need to.

The adventure playground has been awaiting the arrival of a final piece to complete it and I am hoping that the children will all get to play on it next week – fingers crossed!

Pupil responsibilities

Year 6 always think carefully about their roles and responsibilities around school. All children apply by letter for the role of House Captain and they select other roles around school which they feel best suit their skills and interests. The letters of application were of a high standard this year, which made it an even more difficult decision. Congratulations to Zoe, Jack, Ava, Ryan, Jamie, Felix, Maisie and Felicity who are our Year 6 House Captains for this year and to all of Year 6 who have many important jobs around school, we couldn't do it without you!

We also have house captains in Year 2 and these children had to apply by making a video for us to explain why they would be great in the role. Congratulations to Jessica, Finley, Ben, Iona, Iris, Mollie, Edward and Thomas.

Other pupil responsibilities have also been allocated this week such as Year 6 monitors, librarians and school councillors and we look forward to watching the children take on these elements of leadership which help our school run smoothly.

Food for Life snack sale

On Friday 6th October the Food For Life representatives will be hosting a healthy snack sale during morning break time. Children in KS1 and KS2 will be able to buy a savoury muffin or slice for a donation of 20p. Year 4 children will be busy that week baking savoury muffins and loaves for the sale. All money raised by the sale will be donated to a charity to be agreed by Food For Life representatives. If your child has any particular food allergies, please could you let their class teacher know.

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

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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.

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.

E-Safety advice for parents

Keeping under fives safe online (ChildNet)

Ofcom research in 2016 showed that almost 40% of 3-4 year olds and two thirds of 5-7 year olds go online. We know that children need support in these environments, to get the best out of using the internet, and there are real advantages in making sure that children are supported in their internet use right from the start. ChildNet has prepared a guide for the parents of under-7s to help them think about the issues involved.

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Keeping-Under-Fives-Safe-Online.pdf>

Keeping Children Safe Online (for parents) (NSPCC)

The NSPCC have drawn together lots of advice for parents, including Being Share Aware, MineCraft Safety Advice, and how to stay safe using apps. The information can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

Parents' Online Safety Helpline (NSPCC)

Parents can also contact the free NSPCC Online Safety Helpline with questions about parental controls or concerns about a social network their children are using on **0808 8005002**

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 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 5

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.

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Autumn term dates for your diaries

Monday 2nd October – Harvest festivals 9.30 R and KS1, 10.30 KS2
Friday 6th October – Food for Life healthy snack sale
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

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher