



Cubbington C of E Primary School

Our aim is as simple as ABC

Achieving, Belonging, Caring

10th June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so hard to believe that we are in the final half term of this academic year. Every half term has its key events and is always jam packed and busy but the final one always seems the busiest. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and the children can get outside for lots of learning and playtimes. There are a number of school trips planned, productions for KS1 and Years 5 and 6, sporting events, fundraising events, assemblies and so much more. This week we met with the parents of the new children that will be starting with us in Reception in September and we will be welcoming these children into school for story and play sessions over the next few weeks. The class teachers are starting to assess children against the objectives for their year groups and are working on preparing your child's end of year report. There is always a happy atmosphere in school in the Summer term so I am really looking forward to experiencing all of these events with you and your children.

PTA News

The PTA are busy organising a range of events for children and families in the run up to the end of term. Please encourage your child to find a small amount of sponsorship for the walk in National Sports week so that we can make this a really successful event.

We are very close to the deadline for the Summer Party at Hilltop Farm so if you would like to come give the office a call. It will be a lovely evening in a great setting and the PTA are working extremely hard to make it successful.

Parent Pay

Thank you so much to all the parents that have already signed up to ParentPay. I hope you have found it easy to use?! Please could we request if you haven't already registered to use your ParentPay account, please would you do so ASAP. As of September we will only be processing payments via ParentPay so it is essential that you register. If you have any questions or need any help then please do contact us in the school office. Many thanks.

Lost property

Now that it is getting warmer the children appear to be removing items of clothing at break times and lunch times and if unnamed these items make their way to the buckets in the hall. At the moment these buckets are particularly full. If your child is missing items of clothing please feel free to pop into school to have a look through the buckets. If items are named (sew in or iron on labels) we try our best to return them to their owners

Please enter this competition for us....

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Just enter the competition online, it only takes a minute: <http://po.st/schoolprize>

Local area sports

A large number of our KS2 children took part in the local area sports event at Telford Junior School earlier this week. All of the children represented the school fantastically and we are immensely proud of their achievements. We look forward to cheering some of them on at the County sports event in a few weeks. One of our parents took some brilliant photographs of the event and they are now on display in the corridor just off the entrance hall.

Message for parents of children in Y2

As your children will be transitioning to Keystage 2 in September we would like to invite you to a meeting on Wednesday 6th July at 6pm to discuss the transition process and the key differences that you and your children will experience. Please put the date in your diaries.

Safeguarding reminder

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'.

Staffing for next year

Mr Pattison will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. We have appointed Miss Watts who will join the team as the Year 5 teacher next year. The rest of the teaching staff will remain in the same year groups next year. The children will have the opportunity to spend some time with their new teacher on Thursday 14th July and parents will be able to meet them during open evening on the same day between 4-6pm.

We will also say goodbye to Mrs Roy who has been a teaching assistant with us for the past 18 months.

Parent Governor Opportunity

The Governing Body will be holding an election for a new Parent Governor in July. If you think you might like to stand and so want to find out more about the role Nick Wylie (Chair of Governors) will be available in school on Wednesday 15th June between 15.30-17.30 for a no obligations informal chat. (If you can't make this time please email admin3144@we-learn.com so we can arrange another time for you to talk to Nick).

Message from the Department for Education to headteachers

I am writing to set out the Government's position on unauthorised school absence and next steps following the judgment by the High Court on Friday 13 May regarding the case of the Isle of Wight Council v Jon Platt.

I am disappointed with the High Court ruling. I am clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances.

Over the past six years, schools and local authorities have taken the lead in reducing overall absence to make sure more children attend school every day. Overall absence in primary, secondary and special schools has been on a downward trend since 2010/11. In particular, since introducing the changes to the regulations in 2013 so that absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances, the rate of absence due to term time holidays has decreased by more than a third.

This is a significant achievement. As you will be aware there is clear evidence that absence from school is linked to lower levels of attainment. The Department's latest analysis published in March shows that every extra day missed was associated with lower attainment at age 11 and at age 16. In other words, every extra day of school that is missed can affect a pupil's chance of gaining good GCSE results.

It remains the case - as set out in the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 amended in 2013 - that headteachers continue to have the power to authorise leave of absence, but only in exceptional circumstances. While family holidays are enriching experiences, the school year is designed to give families the opportunity for these breaks without having to disrupt their children's education. It is for schools to consider the specific details and relevant context behind each request. Schools know their pupils best and are well placed to make those judgements.

*I am clear that we need to continue reducing absence, building on the success schools and local authorities have already achieved, to support attainment and ensure all pupils fulfil their potential. **Nick Gibb DfE***

St Mary's Church Summer Fete

The Summer Fete will be held at Cubbington Village Hall and adjoining playing fields between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 11th June. I have been invited to open the fete so I look forward to seeing some of you there tomorrow.

Offchurch KnittiGraffiti - Visit Offchurch and see the village in a different light!

Woolly creepy crawlies, fluffy flowers and hairy horses. Miles and miles of wool and a riot of colour.

You won't have seen YARNBOMBING like this.

Open every day from 18th June to the 3rd July from 10am to 4pm

Teas served from 11am-4pm at weekends and 2pm to 4pm on weekdays.

Free admission. All proceeds to be shared between the Acorns Hospice for children and the fund to build a toilet for St Gregory's Church, Offchurch.

Please note that Warwickshire Open Studios with 5 artists displaying their work will be in the church during the same two weeks but not open on a Tuesday.

For more information go to: <http://offchurchcrafts.blogspot.co.uk/> and for Open Studios go to <https://www.warwickshireopenstudios.org/>

Message from the local Police - Property marking event

Cliff Cleaver Community Pavilion - Saturday 11th June 2016, 10am – 1pm

This event is open to residents of Cubbington. A member of your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team and a representative from Warwickshire Rural Watch shall be present to mark gardening equipment, tools etc. We shall also have relevant crime prevention material available and will be happy to answer any crime prevention questions that you may have. If you would like your lawn mower, strimmer etc, to be visibly property marked, please attend this event. Should certain items not be viable to bring along there is potential for us to attend your property at a later date. We look forward to seeing you there. Warwick Rural East SNT – 01926 684471 – wre.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

On Saturday 18-JUN-2016, WRE SNT shall be holding a 'Village Tidy Up' event between 10am and 12pm. Please attend Cubbington village hall at 10am should you wish to take part. For further information about the event and to register your name as a volunteer on the day, please contact PCSO Sharron Underwood on the below contact details provided.

Year 1 request

Mrs Lester is after a number of one pint milk containers to enable her class to do an art project next half term. If you have any then please drop them into the office.

Term dates for 2016/2017 are as follows:

INSET days 01/09/16 and 02/09/16

Autumn term 05/09 — 16/12/16

Half-term 24—28/10/16

Spring term 04/01—06/04/17

Half-term 20 — 24/02/17

INSET days 03/01/17 and 07/04/17

Summer term 24/04 — 21/07/17

Half term 29/05 — 02/06/17

INSET day 05/06/17

New parents Open days

If you know anyone looking for a school for their child from September 2017 we are holding open day events to allow them to see our school in action. Please pass the dates on to anyone who might be interested.

Tuesday 27th September 2.00pm

Wednesday 12th October 9.30am

Thursday 3rd November 2.00pm

Dates for the Summer term

Tuesday 14th June – Year 3 trip to Cadbury's world

Friday 17th June – Year 1 sharing assembly 9.00am/ PTA camping event overnight at school

Week beginning 20th June – National Sports week including PTA sponsored walk
Wednesday 22nd June – Year 5/6 Production 9.30 am and 6.00pm
Thursday 24th June - Year 4 Camping overnight at school
Wednesday 29th June – Year 6 Induction day
Thursday 30th June – Edmonscoote County athletics for selected children 6.00pm
Monday 4th July – KS1 Sports afternoon
Wednesday 6th July – Meeting for Year 2 parents 6.00pm
Friday 8th July – Year 4 sharing assembly/ Year 6 cake sale after school
Thursday 14th July – Class swaps – spend time with new teacher
 - KS1 Production 2.30pm
 - Open evening 4.00-6.00pm
Friday 15th July – KS1 Production 9.30am
 - PTA disco after school
Sunday 17th July – Cubbington Fun Day at the Pavillion
Wednesday 20th July – Year 6 leavers assembly
Friday 22nd July – Last day of the academic year

I hope that you have great weekend.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher