



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

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Newsletter No.11

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the halfway mark in our school year and it is a great time to look back and reflect on all of the amazing learning that the children have been doing. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at our upcoming parents evenings – information on how to book this can be found below. It is also a time to look forward to the second half of the year when, hopefully, the weather will be brighter and the days longer. All of the classes have lots more exciting learning planned and I know that some super trips are on the horizon. Behind the scenes the governors and staff are working hard to consider the vision for our school over the next few years and several key policies are due to be rewritten. I will look forward to involving parents in this process and hearing your views as things progress.

New PTA Website

You should all have received emails regarding the PTA's new website and the PTA would like to thank all those parents who have registered so far.

Going forward it is the PTA's intention to sell tickets for events only through the website, which allows parents to pay electronically and avoids having to send cash into school. Therefore, if you have not yet registered, you can do so by following this link <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/cubbingtonpta>.

Once you have registered you can also add your details to your child's class list, but you will need the password from the original email sent to you.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the PTA on cubbingtonpta@outlook.com.

Parents evening dates

Parents Evenings will be held on the following dates:

- **Thursday 30th April from 5pm until 8pm**
- **Tuesday 4th April from 4pm until 7pm**

To make an appointment with your child's teacher please use the following link:

<https://cubbingtonprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

The appointments will be open on 27th February at 8am

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Perry in the office – 01926 422967

World Book Day

Here's what we will be doing on World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March:

- **Dressing up** as our favourite book characters on **Thursday 2nd March**.
- **Paired reading** with children in a different class for 20 minutes on several days that week to share different stories and authors.
- **Holding a book swap** – bring a book you have finished with to school any day that week and swap it for a different one. Take your book to your classroom, put in in the special swap box and make sure your teacher gives you a token. On **Thursday 2nd March** you can exchange your token for a different book from the swap box. (Make sure the book you want to swap is in good condition and you are happy to give it to someone else)
- **Extreme reading competition** – get someone to take a photo of you reading in an extreme or strange place (in the bath, up a tree, under your bed etc.) Email it to admin3144@welearn365.com or print it out and send it to the office. There will be prizes for the best entries and we will display your photos around school.

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Good news story



As part of a competition run by BID Leamington Isaac chose to walk around and spot the nutcrackers in 12 shops and then write down which shops were which of the 12 days of Christmas. Amazingly he won! The prize was a £200 shopping spree! He has picked to split the prize between toy shop vouchers and an ice cream party for some of his friends on Saturday. He's also going to share the vouchers with his little sister as she helped with the entry too! Well done Isaac



Important News: Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

Our school is part of a growing number of schools that is leading the way in school-led teacher training. This is really important to us because it means we can select the most talented people and develop them into teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for the children at Cubbington C E Primary School.

We have vacancies now to start training from September 2017 and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We're looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, GCSE A-C in Maths, English and Science and, most importantly, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

We'd love for you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting teacher training opportunities available. Or for more information please visit our School Direct Partnership website: www.gatewayalliance.co.uk (click on initial teacher training) or contact our School Direct Business manager Lisa Batchelor at info@gatewayalliance.co.uk or call 02476 347697. We can also provide you with support and guidance on your application form and offer you school experience if you just want a taster of what teaching could be like.

For any further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally, you can also visit <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching>.

Safeguarding

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.

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- 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'.

Big Bang fair at the NEC 18th March

"Book your FREE tickets to the UK's largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people, full of hands-on activities, interactive shows and excellent careers information."

If you want to show a 7-19 year old how what they learn at schools is used by real people in real jobs, register to bring them to The Fair.

The Fair gives young people the chance to hear from inspiring engineers and scientists from some of the UK's biggest companies and find out about the opportunities available in science and engineering.

The Big Bang Fair is an exceptional educational event, enjoyed by visitors of all ages.

Join us on a voyage of discovery of virtual reality, medicine, marine biology, film and TV, space exploration, explosive chemistry, crime-solving, robots, computer coding, microscopic bugs, giant trucks and more. Enjoy:

High-octane theatre shows

150+ interactive stands and workshops

Inspiring science and engineering projects

Careers information, resources and activities

<https://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/#>

Easter sports activities at Campion

Central Warwickshire Sports Partnership Easter fun days - April 10th and 11th 2017 9.30am-3pm @ Campion School.. Open to pupils in years 3-6 only.

£12 per child per day (25% discount for siblings)

Please click on the link for more information and to book.

<https://goo.gl/forms/QoewZK3KIQpr78XN2>

A message from Groove & Move

Thank-you to all the children who came along to the taster session on Monday and for making the session so much fun. Well done for taking part too! I really enjoyed grooving with you all and seeing so many smiles!

If you would like your child to take part in Groove & Move, the first block of sessions will start on Monday 27th February and will run for 6 weeks until the end of the spring term. The cost is £24 per child or £36 for 2 siblings. Payment is direct to myself, either by cash or cheque made payable to Lisa Roberts. I can collect it at the first session or you can hand it to school reception between now and 27th February.

Garden of Eden

Our wonderful gardeners are in need of some more volunteers to help the children to manage the Garden of Eden. The children usually help on a Wednesday lunchtime and we would love to add a second session in the week. If you think you might want to volunteer or you know someone who might then please contact Pam on 07792994811.

Parent Pay

Please can you ensure that you are checking Parent Pay regularly. www.parentpay.co.uk

We are preparing for the end of the financial year and will be writing to you if you have an outstanding debt on Parent Pay.

Sharing assemblies

We look forward to seeing parents and carers from the Year 3 Kingfishers in school on Friday 3rd March for their sharing assembly. The sharing assembly for Reception Wrens will be the week after on the 10th March.

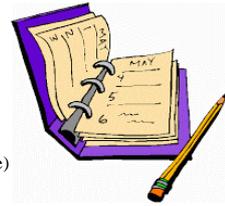
If you are unable to attend your child's sharing assembly you are most welcome to send other members of your family or friends to come along and join us in school. Young pre-school children are welcome to join us for these assemblies but we ask that if they get upset during the assembly please can you take them out so that the children can be heard when they are speaking.

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Some dates for your 2017 diaries...

Monday 27th February – Back to school after half term
Friday 3rd March – Year 3 sharing assembly 9.10am
Friday 10th March – Reception sharing assembly 9.10am
Friday 17th March – Year 5 Sharing assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 21st March – Year 3 and Year 4 Production – 2.15pm (tickets will be issued nearer the time)
Wednesday 22nd March – Year 3 and 4 Production – 9.30am
Friday 24th March – Year 1 Sharing assembly 9.10am
Thursday 30th March – Parents evening 5.00pm – 8.00pm (online booking will be available after half term)
Tuesday 4th April – Parents evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 6th April – BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Friday 7th April – Staff Training day – School is closed
Monday 24th April – start of the Summer term
Monday 8th May – Year 6 SAT's week
Wednesday 17th May – Y6 to The Grove
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June HALF TERM
Monday 5th June – Staff training day – School is closed
Thursday 22nd June – Year 4 Camping at school
Wednesday 28th June – Central area induction day for Year 6 children



Local events during half term

The Grand Reopening of Market Hall Museum

Saturday 18th February 10.30am - 5.00pm

Join us at 10.30am and be one of the first to step inside the new Warwickshire Museum!

Be amazed by the new displays and interactives, and join one of our special MusGuided Tours (from theatre company Talking Birds) for an alternative and offbeat look at the collection! Get creative and help us build a life size Warwickshire bear with Ruth and Adrian Spaak. Try out one of the new family museum trails and listen to a selection of Show and Tell talks by our museum curators and archivists. All activities are FREE, just drop in.

Arty Tots

Market Hall Museum, Warwick

Tuesday 21st February - 10.30am - 3.00pm

Bring along your little ones and let them discover the new museum. Play with pattern, design, and lots of lovely materials at this creative session.

Cost: £2.50 per child. Suitable for under 5s, older siblings welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book, just drop in.

Jurassic Beasts

Market Hall Museum, Warwick

Wednesday 22nd February 10.30am - 3.00pm

Discover more about Warwickshire's Jurassic past and get up close with fossils from the handling collections. Help us complete an underwater dinosaur diorama. Create an articulated sea beast that would have roamed Jurassic Warwickshire and make a terrifying dinosaur mask to wear home. £2.50 per child, children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book, just drop in

Plus visit Horace the Travelling Pliosaur Cinema

Market Place, 11.30am - 1.00pm and 2.30pm - 4.00pm.

Horace the Pliosaur is a giant, 35 foot-long sea lizard. Fresh out of the Jurassic ocean, Horace is 165 million years old. That's even older than your Grandad. Brought to you by performing professors and dotty groom Joe, audiences are invited to explore Horace and help prepare him for the day, brushing his teeth and massaging his paddles, before venturing inside his belly on a cinematic journey full of slimy surprises! Performances will be free but ticketed. Tickets can be collected from 10.30am from a steward stationed by Horace.

STEAMPunk Spectacular

Market Hall Museum, Warwick

Friday 24th February 10.30am - 3.00pm

Celebrate science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics with a day of

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STEAMPunk fun. Build a flapping bird and create some steampunk-style goggles! Follow the mathematical museum trail and find out if you can hold your nerve in a tea dueling competition. Come dressed up in your best STEAMPunk clothes or try on some replica costume. £2.50 per child. No need to book, just drop in, children must be accompanied by an adult. PLUS Take a FREE ride in 'Pif-Pafs' spectacular, theatrical vehicles, which will be taking trips around the Market Place during the day.

Sponsored by Phillips 66.

Jurassic Beasts at Leamington Library

Friday 24th February 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Discover some fascinating facts and handle some fossils from Warwickshire's Jurassic past. Create an articulated sea beast and a terrifying dinosaur mask.

Suitable for primary school children only. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations welcomed. Book tickets in advance at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk Search 'event name and location'.

Have a great half term and we will see you all back in school on Monday 27th February.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher