



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

28th April 2017

Newsletter No.15

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a super Easter break and you managed to spend some time with your families. It is hard to believe that we are now in the summer term. It is lovely to see the children starting to wear their summer uniforms and playing on the field at playtimes.

I have added as many dates as I can to the diary section to help you to plan for the term. I have also now set the INSET days for 2017/2018 to enable you to plan these into your diaries.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Ready Steady Read sponsored event over the holidays. We have raised a significant amount of money which will enable us to buy a great number of books for our libraries. We will keep you and the children informed with what we decide to buy – Thank you so much.

Roll up...Roll up...

Cubbington PTA is very excited to announce that on the evening of Tuesday 27th June... (drum roll) ...the circus is coming to town! Complete with iconic big top, hilarious clowns and amazing acrobats, Happy's Circus has long specialised in working with schools and PTA groups, to rave reviews, and we are delighted to welcome them to our school field for one night only!

As our main event of the summer (in place of the spring fair) we'll be lighting up the barbecue, stocking the freezer with ice creams and generally making a fabulous night for all! Doors open at 5pm, showtime is from 6-8pm, with a 20 min interval. Tickets go on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/cubbingtonpta with a fantastic early bird price of only £7* per person (under 3's go free). No-one will want to miss out on this unique event, so book your tickets now and start practicing your 'ooohs' and 'aaahs'!

*Earlybird price ends on 26th May, full price ticket is £8 per person.

Sharing assembly dates for this term

19th May – Reception

26th May – Year 6

9th June – Year 2

16th June – Year 1

23rd June – Year 3

30th June – Year 4

7th July – Year 5

Parent lunches

We are very proud of the positive relationship that we have with Warwickshire County Caterers and the staff that they provide for our kitchen. The team work very hard behind the shutters all morning to prepare lunches for approximately 150 children (and some staff) every day. We know that you only get to see the pictures on the menus occasionally and we wanted to take the opportunity to invite you in to have a lunch with your child. As the Year 6 children are away for a few days we thought that this would give us the capacity to feed a few more people so if you would like to join your child for lunch there will be the opportunity on these dates:

Wednesday 17 May for parents of children in Reception and Year 1

Thursday 18th May for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 3

Friday 19th May for parents of children in Year 4 and Year 5

If you have children in multiple classes then please choose the day that suits you best.

There will be a letter going out with the menu choices and a form for you to complete if you would like to take up this opportunity.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME - UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who are absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Garden of Eden

The Garden of Eden is back up and running and the children are doing a great job working alongside our volunteers. They have asked for donations of wellies of any size so if you have any spare please drop them into the office.

PTA call for help

Our amazing PTA have been working so hard this year to raise a significant amount of money to help to replace part of our adventure playground over the next year. We are extremely grateful to the effort and energy that the members put in and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the egg hunt that has been going on in school today. Unfortunately some of the key roles in the PTA will come to a natural end as parents move on so we are desperately looking for a treasurer and a secretary to hand over to in July to be able to start in September. If you are interested in either of these roles then please drop us a line and we can explain a bit more about each role to you. A small amount of commitment can make a huge difference to our school – Please consider what you might be able to do to help.

Summer term dates for your diaries

Monday 1st May – School closed for the Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May – Year 6 SAT's week

Friday 12th May – PTA quiz (evening)

Wednesday 17th May – Y6 to The Grove

Tuesday 23rd May – Year 4 Camping meeting for parents 5.30pm

Friday 26th May – KS2 Sports afternoon

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June HALF TERM

Monday 5th June – Staff training day – School is closed

Tuesday 20th June – Y5/6 Performance 9.30 and 6.00

Thursday 22nd June – Year 4 Camping at school

Tuesday 27th June – The circus comes to Cubbington

Wednesday 28th June – Central area induction day for Year 6 children

Tuesday 4th July – KS1 Sports afternoon

Tuesday 4th July – Transition meeting for parents of children currently in Y2 6.00

Wednesday 12th July – End of year reports sent out

Thursday 13th July – Class swap (spend morning with new teacher)

Thursday 13th July – KS1 Performance 2.30

Thursday 13th July – Open evening 4.00-6.00

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Friday 14th July – KS1 Performance 9.30
Wednesday 19th July – Y6 Leavers assembly 2.45
Wednesday 19th July – Y6 Leavers party 3.30-5.00
Friday 21st July – Break up for Summer

INSET days for 2017/2018

Friday 1st September 2017
Monday 4th September 2017
Friday 5th January 2018
Monday 8th January 2018
Friday 25th May 2018

I hope that you have a great Bank Holiday Weekend with your families and I will look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher



What should our school be like in five years' time?

One of the most important jobs of a school Governing Board is to set the school's vision and strategy. The governors and the school senior teachers have together developed a draft vision and you can read it below. We'd really like to know what you think about it!

Our vision describes our school in five years' time: how we want it to feel and what we want it to achieve. You – our parents and families – are a huge part of what this school is and what it will be in future. So it's really important that we hear your views. We're also talking to the school's staff, to the children, the church and the wider community about our vision.

If you would like to give us some feedback please do send any comments into the school on the usual email address: admin3144@we-learn.com

Thank you!

Nick Wylie, Chair of Governors
Naomi Nicholson, Governor (strategy)
Juliet Jones, Head teacher

Our future vision is that...

...our girls and our boys will:

- achieve their full academic, physical, social and spiritual potential
- understand how they learn and direct their own education
- confidently listen to and value their own unique voice and perspective
- have good friends and brim full of joy and laughter

...our curriculum will:

- be full of diverse knowledge, exciting experiences and inspirational teaching
- make full use of our exceptional outdoor classrooms
- be thoughtfully crafted around the needs and interests of each of our children
- stretch, challenge and support every child so that our school achieves academic results well above the national average
- create leaders
- be informed by the best evidence and research

...our teachers and our teaching assistants will:

- be locally-recognised experts in their fields
- create a home-from-home so that our children feel safe and well-cared for
- be valued as part of an open and supportive team of professionals

...our parents, our community, our governors and our volunteers will

- be part of our school
- partner with our teachers to make sure we give all of our children the best education we can

Our aspiration is:

- to be the best we can be

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