



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

9th December 2016

Newsletter No.7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Its feeling very Christmassy at school this week! The whole school attended a lovely advent service in St Mary's church and we were lucky enough to have the bell ringers to ring the church bells and the Cubbington Junior Silver Band to play carols for us.

KeyStage 1 and Reception have now done both of their Christmas shows and if you were able to come I'm sure that you will agree that they were really super.

There will be lots more Christmas celebrations carrying on next week and I look forward to seeing parents of children in KS2 at the Carol Service and as many parents as possible at the end of term sing along on Friday afternoon.

Crisis at Christmas

Thank you for the donations that we have received so far for Crisis. The box in the entrance hall is filling up. Please keep you donations coming in. I have attached a suggested list of items such as food, clothing, gifts etc. that they are collecting. If you would like to donate an item or two then please send them into the office.

Charity news

We received a letter from the Royal British Legion informing us that we had raised an amazing £331.66 in the recent poppy appeal. The Year 2 children have been fundraising for Guide Dogs following their visit to the training centre and they have raised an amazing £127. We also raised £132 by wearing something spotty for Children in Need. Thank you for helping us to support these charities.

Christmas postbox

The Christmas postbox is now open! All children can post Christmas cards to their friends and teachers and these will be delivered by the Year 6 post people in the last week of term. The last day for posting cards will be Wednesday 14th December.

Please check that your child writes the full name and class on the envelope to ensure accurate delivery. Unfortunately class teachers are not able to give out class lists to parents. The year 6 post people will be collecting donations for postage which will go to The Children's Society and we suggest a single donation of 50p for an unlimited number of cards - Bargain!

This is the method that we recommend for distributing cards in school as children will not have the opportunity to hand their cards out individually so please encourage them to get posting!

KS1 Story Teddy competition

The overall winner of the Storytime Teddy is Ollie in Reception.

Runner up prizes went to:

Year 2 Alice

Year 1 Katy

Year R Emilia

Thank you to everyone who entered

Safeguarding

Please can I request that everyone takes responsibility for ensuring that the New Street pedestrian gate is closed at all times. A number of people have come into school during the school day recently and the gate has not been shut behind them. If you see this happening please can you let school know.

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E-Safety

As we get closer to Christmas, parents often ask for advice regarding safe settings for all of the new devices Father Christmas may be bringing their children on 25th December. Once again, I'll point you in the direction of www.internetmatters.org.uk as it provides some of the clearest guidance, images and instructions.

Here is the link to the interactive guidance:

<http://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactive-guide/>

Another good link for some advice on games, suitability, age recommendations and content is:

<https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews>

You can look up games and find out about them – or select an age appropriate game and pick from the list.



Music lessons

Nathan Anderson-Barr is going to start teaching drum lessons at Cubbington next term. These lessons will take place on a Wednesday morning, each session lasting 20 minutes and there will be 10 lessons planned during the Spring term. Nathan is a session musician playing all around the world and has plenty of experience in the industry. Now Nathan and his family live in Kenilworth we are fortunate to be able to offer his drum lessons. If you have already expressed interest in drum lessons you will have received a letter this week. There are still some space so please let Jo know if you are interested.

GROOVE & MOVE with Lisa

Exercise is important to children's health, well being and mental development, so let's help children develop a positive approach to physical activity and incorporate fitness into our children's daily lives by making fitness fun!

Children love movement, music and dance and what better way to encourage physical activity by combining dance with fitness. Kids will buzz with energy and enthusiasm, eager to learn and explore new dance routines and discovering their own unique way of moving with their friends.

Utilising their favourite music and easy to follow choreography we aim to:

- *Improve coordination & balance*
- *Increase fitness*
- *Develop muscle strength*
- *Increase flexibility*
- *Interaction with other kids & develop teamwork*
- *Improve confidence & self esteem*
- *Foster respect*
- *Develop creativity & learning potential*

Every child deserves the opportunity to find their inner Groove!

Class delivery:

- *The sessions will be on Mondays at 3.30pm - 4.30pm for girls and boys in the school hall at Cubbington Primary school. Mixed ages*
- *Places are to be booked and paid for termly.*
- *Places to be booked by contacting Lisa Roberts at Paragon Health & Fitness 07896 175034, email; info.paragonhf@gmail.com, website: www.paragon-hf.com. We are also on Facebook: Paragon Health & Fitness.*

Parent Pay

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

Several trips have occurred and there is still quite a large amount of money outstanding. Unfortunately school do not have the reserves to keep covering this and events will have to be cancelled in future if debts are not paid promptly.

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Midday supervisor vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor on Thursdays and Fridays from 12.15 to 1.30pm. Please pop into the office if you are interested in this post.

Emergency Weather Procedures

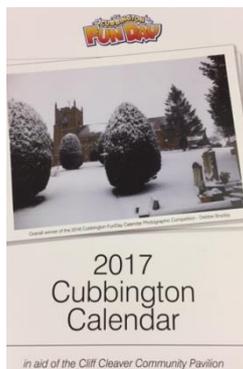
As we move into winter, please take note of the following procedures in the event that school has to close due to severe weather. Whilst we endeavour to remain open all year, closure can be caused by insufficient teaching levels, lack of heating or hot dinner provision, or potential safety risks.

- In the event of closure we will contact Warwickshire County Council in the first instance. Please sign up to the Council notification system to receive a text message notifying of closure (<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>).
- We will send an email to all parents on our mailing list
- It may be that school opens as usual in the morning, but then a decision is taken to close in extreme situations; you will be notified as soon as possible by email and phone. Rest assured that all children will be cared for in school until parents/carers can either get to school or make arrangements for children to be collected.

It is essential that telephone numbers are kept up to date so that contact can be made

Cubbington Village Calendar

At the Cubbington Fun Day in July there was a competition to take pictures of our village and these have now been made into a calendar. If you would like to purchase one of these calendars for £5 the organisers have agreed to donate £1 to the school. Please send in £5 cash to the office marked 'Cubbington calendar' if you would like one.



Reminders

Wednesday 14th December 9.30 – Pantomime comes to school, this year we are watching 'Dick Whittington'

Wednesday 14th December 12.15 – Christmas lunch

Wednesday 14th December 2.30pm – KS2 Carol Concert

Friday 16th December 2.45pm – Sing a long in the hall

I hope that you and your families have a lovely Christmas and on behalf of the staff at Cubbington C E Primary School I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We will look forward to seeing you children in school on Wednesday 4th January.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher

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