



# Cubbington C of E Primary School

Our aim is as simple as ABC

**Achieving, Belonging, Caring**

10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Newsletter No.5

Dear Parents,

It has been another very busy week in school this week. Huge amounts of learning has taken place, children have attended sports competitions, we held an extremely busy open afternoon for prospective parents, I was presented an award from the local authority for 'Excellence in Warwickshire' following our successful inspection last year and to top it off we carried out our first ever lockdown procedure. Thank you for the positive messages that I have received about this. I totally understand that it is a distressing situation to have to think about from a parent's perspective but I can assure you that the children have taken it in their stride and did exactly what we asked them to do.

## **Children in Need**

In support of Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we are inviting the children to bring one teddy or soft toy into school to spend the day with them. We are suggesting a donation of £1 per child which will go to Children in Need. The children will be allowed to take their teddies out to play so your child may wish to think carefully about which one they choose and if possible could you find a way to name the teddy so that we can make sure the correct teddy goes home with its owner at the end of the day.



## **Safeguarding message**

Unfortunately there have been several reports this week of unknown individuals behaving unusually around some schools locally. Please help us to promote this message to keep our children safe:

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'.

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### **Parent's evenings**

Please see the document attached to enable you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. The system will be open for bookings from 8am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

### **See Saw**

We have recently received a request for Grandparents to have access to Seesaw. This would be a wonderful way for Grandparents to be involved in what your child is doing in school. As long as your family members are happy to sign a permission form agreeing not to share any photos they might receive with anyone else then we are happy for other family members, such as Grandparents, to have access.

If you have a member of your family who would be interested in this please let the office know and we will arrange to send them the relevant permission form.

### **HS2 News**

Please see poster attached regarding local events where everyone can see the latest HS2 plans and engage with HS2 staff. HS2 Ltd's "Community Engagement" programme includes drop-in surgeries for anyone to attend.

### **Community advice from the local police**

Here are some simple steps you can take to protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud and cyber crime.

- Do NOT give any personal information (name, address, bank details, email or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.
- Many frauds start with a Phishing email. Banks and financial organisations will NOT send you an email asking you to click on a link and confirm your bank details. Do NOT trust such emails, even if they look genuine. You can always call your bank using the phone number on a genuine piece of correspondence, website (typed directly into the address bar) to check if you are not sure.
- Destroy and shred receipts with your card details on and any post with your name and address on. Identity fraudsters do not need much information in order to be able to clone your identity.
- Make sure your computer has up to date anti virus software and a firewall installed. Ensure your browser is set to the highest level of security notification and monitoring to prevent malware issues and cyber crimes.
- Sign up to VERIFIED by Visa or MasterCard Secure Code whenever you are given the option while shopping online. This involves you registering a password with your card company and adds an additional layer of security to your online transactions with signed up retailers.
- If you receive bills, invoices or receipts for items you have not bought or financial organisations you do not normally deal with, contact you about outstanding debts, take action ASAP as your identity may have been stolen.
- You should regularly get a copy of your credit file and check it for entries you do not recognise.
- Be extremely wary of post, phone calls or emails offering you business deals out of the blue. If an offer is too good to be true, it usually is.
- If you have been a victim of fraud in the past, be aware of fraud recovery fraud. Fraudsters pretend to be a lawyer or a law enforcement officer and tell you they can help you recover the money you had lost.
- If you need advice about fraud, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to discuss your situation with one of their specialist advisers. To report a fraud, you can either use Action Frauds online fraud reporting form or make your report by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

### **The Great British Bake Off**

The Great British Bake Off is looking for the UK's best home bakers to enter the tent

Who is the best baker you know?

Visit: [applyforbakeoff.co.uk](http://applyforbakeoff.co.uk)

If you or someone you know thinks they have what it takes to bake in the tent, then please do encourage them to visit [applyforbakeoff.co.uk](http://applyforbakeoff.co.uk) or they can email us for more information at [casting@lovewest.co.uk](mailto:casting@lovewest.co.uk)

### **Open Days**

We have 2 more Open Days in Autumn/Spring for prospective parents. These are:

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.

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### Sharing assembly dates for this term

17<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1

24<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5

1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 3

8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Autumn term dates for your diaries

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Online bookings for parents evening available

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Bring your teddy to school for £1 donation

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 Cake Sale

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Hat Day (Please bring chocs/sweets for the tombola)

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> November - Teddy Tombola donations today

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening 4-7pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day (Please bring in bottles for the tombola)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - PTA Christmas Fair (helpers wanted please!)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Bag2school collection pre-9am

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Parents evening 4-7pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30 KS1 production

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 KS1 Production

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Disco at school

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime at school for all children

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol service in school 2.30

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 2.45 Christmas sing a long

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Break up for Christmas

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones  
Head teacher

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