



Cubbington C of E Primary School

Our aim is as simple as ABC

Achieving, Belonging, Caring

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Newsletter No.12

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has been shining this week and there are chicks in the Wrens classroom so we must be getting close to Easter! Thank you to all of the Wrens parents who took part in the pancake afternoon last week. It was a great success and the funds raised enable us to have the eggs hatching in class. It always amazes me how much time the children (and staff) can spend watching the eggs – just waiting for the first crack! Every year we have managed to find homes for the chicks within the school community. Nobody has offered this year so maybe you would like them? We have managed to hatch 9 chicks- If you are interested please let Mrs Varney know by next Wednesday and they will need to be collected next Friday.

Staffing

This half term we will be welcoming Mrs Day to lead our team of midday supervisors. Mrs Day will replace Mrs Stacey who has left us to pursue her career in another school. I would like to thank Mrs Stacey for all of her hard work whilst she was with us and to thank Mrs Freeman who is standing in until Mrs Day starts with us.

Attendance

As you are aware we take attendance and punctuality very seriously and it is very important that your child attends school regularly. We do monitor the attendance of every individual child and you will receive notification if the attendance figure drops below a certain level. We fully understand that most absence is caused by illness and we would never encourage parents to send poorly children into school.

However the school attendance figure seems to be dropping and I am also concerned about lateness. The school gates are open until 8.55am when all children should be in school. Teachers have been instructed to set an alarm to remind them to lock the gates at 8.55am. If your child is not in school by this time then they will have to come in via the main entrance and complete an entry in the 'late book' explaining why they are late and the number of minutes late will be recorded. This will start on Monday.

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

Please make sure you have logged onto the parents evening website to arrange your appointments:

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

If you have any problems then please contact the office and we will try to help you.

Year 2 win!

This week the Year 2 class attended an infant agility competition alongside 15 other schools. The children tried so hard and their efforts paid off as they won the whole competition! Thank you to the parents who helped us to supervise the children. The class will now be invited to the next level of the competition in Rugby at the end of March.



Our Christian Value this half term is TRUST



A message from Mrs Edmonds

We really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day last week and were amazed by some of the fantastic costumes, a lot of thought and effort had gone into recreating your favourite characters. Remember to spend your £1 book token in your local book shop.

Thank you to everyone in KS2 who entered the story writing competition inspired by Simon Cheshire's visit recently. There were some cracking stories and the winners of the competition were Hannah in Year 4 and Sam in Year 3.

We were delighted with the entries for the Extreme reading competition. Once again you managed to find really unusual places to enjoy a book. The most creative entries were from Kian in Year 1 and Christopher in Year 3. Thank you to everyone for entering.

Look out for our sponsored read in partnership with Usborne Books which will be taking place over the last 2 weeks of term. More details soon!

Usborne books will also be having a stall at parents' evening so you can browse through their range and place an order while waiting for your appointment. School will receive commission on every purchase which will be used to continue to refresh the books we have in our libraries.

Thank you for your support.

Wear Something Funny for Money!

Comic Relief is on Friday 24th March and we would like to give children the opportunity to 'Wear Something Funny for Money' and to donate £1 to this very worthwhile cause.

Children could simply wear odd socks, inside out clothes, red noses, wigs—we do not expect parents to be spending a lot of money on a costume for this day.



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>

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.

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Sharing assemblies

We look forward to seeing parents and carers from the Year 5 Kestrels in school on Friday 17th March for their sharing assembly. The sharing assembly for Year 1 Swifts will be the week after on the 24th 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.

Some dates for your 2017 diaries...

Friday 17th March – Year 5 Sharing assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 21st March – Year 3 and Year 4 Production – 2.15pm
Wednesday 22nd March – Year 3 and 4 Production – 9.30am
Friday 24th March – Year 1 Sharing assembly 9.10am
Friday 24th March – Comic relief – Wear something funny for money
Tuesday 28th March – Year 6 Grove meeting 6pm
Thursday 30th March – Parents evening 5.00pm – 8.00pm (online booking available now)
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

Have a great weekend
Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher