



Cubbington C of E Primary School

Our aim is as simple as ABC

Achieving, Belonging, Caring

6th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a great Mayday weekend. It was wonderful to see so many visitors at our maypole afternoons on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The children really enjoyed demonstrating their dances and it looked like some of the adults really enjoyed having a go too. As a village school we are very proud to be able to keep traditions like this alive for our children. We extend a big thank you to Mrs Richardson for working with the children over the past 4 weeks and teaching them a variety of traditional maypole dances.

Sports days

The KS2 sports afternoon will be on the last Friday of this half term – 27th May. Cross your fingers for good weather and put the date in your diaries so that you can come and cheer the children on. We hold this event earlier in the term to help us to decide which children will progress to the area sports events in the second half of the summer term.

We have also now got a date for the KS1 sports afternoon which will be on Monday 4th July. We hope that you will be able to join us for this fun afternoon of competitive events for our younger children.

SATs

You will have seen a lot in the press recently about SATs tests for children in Year 2 and Year 6. These statutory tests are still going ahead this year (apart from the Year 2 spelling and grammar test) and we have worked extremely hard to maintain the usual timetables for the children so that they receive a broad and balanced education in the lead up to the tests. Year 2 tests are carried out during the last couple of weeks in May and we can be flexible about which days we do them on and how we administer them. The Year 6 timetable is much stricter and we have to stick to the given days. Year 6 will start their tests next Monday and do the last one on Thursday morning. We try to make the week as fun as possible and hold a breakfast club and a celebration at the end.

Mixed messages and constant changes from the government around SATs and assessment have made this year particularly challenging and we look forward to more clarity and consistency in the future.

Parent Pay

Many of you will be pleased to hear that we will be becoming a cashless school and taking payments for lunches, trips, music & clubs via Parent Pay. It is a secure and easy way to pay, eliminating the risk of cheques or cash going missing or being left in the bottom of book bags! All payments to school will be payable through your Parent Pay account. A letter will be sent home today containing your username and password. Can we ask that you set up your account as soon as possible and do let us know via the admin email if you encounter any problems.

If you do not have access to a computer there are ParentPay cards available letting you pay for items at any PayPoint shop. Please contact the office if you would like to know more about the cards.

We will be testing the ParentPay system on our Year 1 and 2 classes in the next couple of weeks. If all runs smoothly we will be taking payments for the whole school when we return after half term – 6th June.

Online Gaming

You may wonder about the content of some of the games children (and adults) play online. This site gives a very full explanation of many games and it may be a good link to share with parents on your website <https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews>

Warwickshire County Council launches Living in Warwickshire Survey

Warwickshire County Council has launched the Living in Warwickshire survey, which gives Warwickshire residents the chance to have their say on a range of public services within Warwickshire. Please show your support and encouraging residents to complete the survey online at warwickshire.gov.uk/survey

This is an opportunity for people to have their say on what living in Warwickshire is really like. The research will gather people's views on a variety of topics including health and wellbeing, community safety, local neighbourhoods, transport, and public service provision.

Results from the survey will highlight key issues experienced by people on a day-to-day basis, including information on how they live, needs and challenges. This will inform council work programmes to address these local needs and shape services for the future.

The survey can be completed online only, all respondents must be aged over 18 years old and will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win a Warwick Castle Family Annual Pass (for four people), a further 10 pairs of tickets to Warwick Castle will also be awarded. The survey will close on Tuesday 31 May.

Term dates for 2016/2017 are as follows:

INSET days 01/09/16 and 02/09/16

Autumn term 05/09 — 16/12/16

Half-term 24—28/10/16

Spring term 04/01—06/04/17

Half-term 20 — 24/02/17

INSET days 03/01/17 and 07/04/17

Summer term 24/04 — 21/07/17

Half term 29/05 — 02/06/17

INSET day 05/06/17

New parents dates if you know anyone looking for school 2017

Weston under Wetherley poster design competition

Please find attached a flyer advertising a poster competition for children with prize money for the winning design. The closing date is Friday, June 10th, 2016 and all entries will be

displayed and judged at the Weston Village fête on Saturday, June 25th, with prizes being awarded on the day, or afterwards to any winner not able to attend.

Churchill Lollipoppers

A few parents and staff member have made me aware of this opportunity to nominate Cubbington for a lollipop person that is sponsored by Churchill. Please can you help us by nominating us at www.churchill.com/loollipopers

FREE Family Fun during May half term

Come and meet local poet Matt Black, listen to a few poems, write your own easy poem with him, and choose a poem from the Poetry Jukebox (receive a Mystery Prize for listening well). He has poems about grumpy unicorns, rapping grannies, Saturday Dads and sun-filled pizzas. Matt's book 'Goblin In the Fridge' was Poetry Book Society Children's Bookshelf Choice, and he has read poems in a fire-station, a hairdresser's, at Tesco, on the top of Mount Snowdon, in America, and in Pizza Hut - and other places too (come and ask him where!). Thursday 2nd June 2016, Lillington Library at 2 and 3:15pm. Choose your time and reserve your place at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/events> (Click on Library events)

Dates for the Summer term

Monday 9th May all week Year 6 SATs tests

Friday 13th May 9.10am Steel pan assembly (parents of players invited)

Wednesday 18th May Year 6 to the Grove for 2 nights

Friday 20th May 9.10am Reception Sharing assembly

Saturday 21st May PTA Spring Fair

Friday 27th May 9.10am Year 6 Grove assembly/KS2 Sports afternoon/Break up for half term

I hope that you have great weekend

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher