



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

7th September 2018

Newsletter No.1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope that you have all had a great summer and that you managed to get some well-deserved family time. The children look so smart this week in their new uniforms and shiny shoes and it is lovely to see how grown up they are all looking.

There has been lots of activity in school over the holidays. Mrs Dewey has been busy painting classrooms and other areas and he has totally refurbished a new office for staff to work in when they are not teaching. A lot of time has been spent digitising pupil and staff files to ensure that we are becoming GDPR compliant and we have set up online registers that teachers have started to use this week. Maintenance work has occurred in children's toilets and several wasps nests have had to be removed!

We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff to our team this term: Mr Harry Burnell joins us as our new sports apprentice and Mrs Seabina Paddem and Mrs Sandra Connor have joined our team of teaching assistants.

Please could you ensure the following school procedures are followed? It ensures a smooth start to the school day and helps the children settle into their learning:

- Children should be in school by 8.55am at the latest – if your child is unavoidably late they should come to the school office where they will be marked late in the register.
- Children should not be brought to school before 8.30am and left unsupervised. We cannot take responsibility before this time and ask that children remain in your care. We are responsible for your children from 8.45am.
- If your child will not be at school due to illness or a medical appointment please inform the office directly.
- If your child is going to be late into school due to a medical appointment and requires a school dinner please ensure you telephone the office before 9.30am to book the dinner.
- As far as possible, any changes to collection of children after school should be notified to the office before 12.00 noon – this ensures that a message can be given to the teacher at lunchtime and not in the afternoon which disrupts a lesson. It is particularly important to also inform the office if you are unable to collect another child as previously arranged with a parent – this ensures that the right message gets to all concerned.
- We try to run a cashless office and use Parent Pay where possible. Please contact the office if you wish to be reminded of your ParentPay login and we ask that you use this as your method of payment. If you have difficulty accessing the ParentPay site please come into the office and Mrs Greenway will help you

I appreciate that there are a lot of notices in this newsletter but I urge you to read it carefully so that you are aware of what is going on at school. We are also now on Twitter @CubbCEPrimary so please follow us and you will be able to see our tweets.

After school clubs and music lessons

Music lessons are due to start next week and we have been informed that we will be having new violin and woodwind teachers. There may be some spaces available for music lessons and if you are interested please speak to the school office.

All after school clubs will start next week except the new dance club that will start on the 26th September. We have a handball club starting with our brand new coach Simon Keell on Mondays and we will still be running boys and girls football and multisports. There are lots of spaces in all clubs so if you would like a place please contact the school office.

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Welcome meetings

We will be holding welcome meetings for the new academic year and this will be an opportunity for you to hear all about the curriculum for your child and to hear about and specific arrangements and updates for their class. You will also have the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and ask any questions. It is really important that you attend these meetings. The dates and times were given to parents in July and it is one of the only times that we expect all parents to send a representative.

Tuesday 11th September – Year 3 - 5.00pm, Year 4 - 5.30pm, Year 5 – 6.00pm and Year 6 – 6.30pm

Thursday 13th September –Year 1 – 5.30pm, Year 2 – 6.00pm

Tuesday 25th September – Reception – 6.00pm

All meetings are held in the classroom for the year group

Times table app

At the end of term we issued login information for our new times table app. This will be reissued to children in case they have lost or forgotten it but we know that lots of children have been very busy doing their tables! If you are having any issues with using this new app then please ask Mrs Edmonds.

Communication

EMAIL - We use email to send reminders and information and newsletter links out to parents. If you wish to get a message to a particular member of staff please put FAO and their name in the subject and send it to admin3144@welearn365.com Staff will then endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.

PHONE - Please be aware that we will occasionally phone parents/carers. Please ensure that you inform the office of changes to contact numbers.

SEESAW – If you have been asked for consent for SEESAW please get this back to staff as soon as possible as they have already been posting useful information about the learning that is happening in your child's class. If you are having any issues with this please ask Mrs Edmonds for help.

TWITTER – Please follow us @CubbCEPrimary

WE ARE SENDING OUT A BLANK DATA COLLECTION SHEET TODAY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS AND SEND IT BACK TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This will help us to keep our data system up to date and ensure that we are GDPR compliant.

School lunches

School lunches will cost £2.25 per day from this term onwards and this is payable on Parent Pay. We are very pleased that our school kitchen have recently been awarded the Heartbeat Award, which is given in recognition of their commitment to the promotion of healthy eating in a safe environment. Well done to all the staff who work extremely hard providing the school meals. The award will be displayed in the Hall.

We will be serving a special menu on Thursday 4th October – please see the poster attached.

Harvest

Our harvest festival will be on Friday 5th October in St Mary's church and we invite parents to join us to celebrate. The Reception and KS1 service will be at 9.30 and the KS2 service will be at 10.30. If you would like to send your child into school with a donation of food for the community then these will be taken to church and displayed before being distributed.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform and belongings (including water bottles) are named and that they have the correct equipment for the school day. After only 3 days in school I am aware that some children have already mislaid clothing and that is was not named. It is very hard for us to find and return unnamed clothing and equipment and often biro names wash out and cannot be read.

Admissions process for Year 7 Secondary transfer - September 2019 (Current Year 5 children)

The coordinated admissions process, for entry into Year 7 in September 2019, is now underway. Parents can apply for secondary school places online using the Warwickshire Parent Portal:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

Parents must only submit one application and this needs to be through their home authority, naming all of the schools they are interested in applying for on that one application. This includes any grammar school choices they may be interested in and schools across other counties, but does not include schools in the independent sector. If a parent wishes to enquire, and/or apply, for a private school then they are advised to contact that school for further information about their independent admissions process.

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The national closing date for secondary school applications to be submitted is Wednesday 31st October 2018 (5pm). Applications made after this date may be classed as late and will not then be considered for places until after national offer day – 01 March 2018. We would therefore encourage all primary and junior schools within the county to reiterate this deadline to families, and assist parents with completing their application for a secondary school place, if it is felt that this may be required in certain cases.

PTA AGM & Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Cubbington Primary School PTA will take place in the school ICT suite on Monday 8th October at 7.00pm. All are welcome to come along and hear how our year went: what we raised, what we spent our money on plus other highlights and activities. There will also be the chance to join this year's committee if you are interested. Following the AGM our first committee meeting of the year will take place where we will be planning our activities for this term and beyond. All are welcome at both the AGM and/or Committee Meeting to find out more about our PTA and help with planning our future activities.

All parents/carers are automatically members of the PTA.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2018-2019 - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In September 2013, the Government introduced some significant changes to attendance regulations for pupils at school. The regulations will continue to apply during this academic year (2018/2019).

The most important of these is in relation to term-time leave of absence.

The amendments set out in Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as '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).

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

*****Unfortunately attendance figures at Cubbington have dropped to below the national average during the last academic year so this will be an area that we will be working on to improve*****



Parent helpers

If you would like to volunteer to help in class and have not done in the past please contact the office to receive the relevant information and paperwork. New volunteers will require a safeguarding interview with Mrs Jones. If you think you might help during any occasion in school this year it is worth organising a DBS check at the start of the year. Please see Mrs Greenway in the office to get this started.

Open Days

We have 4 Open Days in Autumn/Spring for prospective parents. These are:

Wednesday 26th September at 10 am

Tuesday 23rd October at 2 pm

Tuesday 20th November at 10am

Wednesday 9th January at 2pm

Please let your family and friends know these dates if they have children who will be starting school in September 2019 or are considering a school move.

The deadline for applications for Reception places for 2019 is January 15th 2019.

Sharing assembly dates for this term

12th October – Year 1

19th October – Year 4

9th November – Year 6

16th November – Year 2

23rd November – Year 3

30th November – Year 5

7th December – Reception

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

Tuesday 11th September – KS2 Welcome meetings 5.00 Year 3, 5.30 Year 4, 6.00 Year 5, 6.30 Year 6

Thursday 13th September – KS1 Welcome meetings 5.00 Year 1, 5.30 Year 2

Wednesday 19th September – Year 4 visit to Lunt Fort

Friday 28th September – 9.10am Steel pan showcase – parents of players are welcome to attend

Friday 5th October – Harvest festivals 9.30 KS1 10.30 KS2 Parents are welcome to join us at St Mary's church

Tuesday 9th October – Flu immunisations at school for Years 1,2,3,4 and 5

Tuesday 16th October – Y5 Viking day in school

Thursday 25th October – Break up for half term

Friday 26th October - INSET day for staff (School is closed)

Monday 5th November – Children back to school

Thursday 22nd November – Parents evening 4-7pm

Tuesday 27th November – Parents evening 4-7pm

Thursday 13th December – 2.30 KS1 production

Friday 14th December – 9.30 KS1 Production

Tuesday 18th December – Pantomime at school for all children

Wednesday 19th December – KS2 Carol service in school 2.30

Friday 21st December – 2.45 Christmas sing a long

Friday 21st December – Break up for Christmas

Inset days 2018-2019

The remaining INSET days for this academic will be on:

Monday 7th January 2019

Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

You will find the term dates for the 2018-2019 academic year [here](#)

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Thank you from staff

The staff would like to say a big thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts that they received from the children at the end of the last academic year.

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend. I look forward to seeing you all at the welcome meetings next week.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher