



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

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Newsletter No.13

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday I attended the Warwickshire Headteachers' Conference during which the main focus was the new Ofsted Framework for September 2019.

Amanda Spielman, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector for Education, Children's Services and Skills, answered questions from headteachers about the changes ahead. One of the main changes to the Ofsted framework is less focus on data scrutiny and a greater emphasis on the wider curriculum. For many schools, this seems to be a great shift in practice as their wider curriculum has not been a focus for some years as they have 'taught to the tests' focussing on Maths and English.

At Cubbington, we have worked tirelessly over recent years to ensure our children receive a broad and balanced, exciting curriculum that staff are constantly reviewing and wanting to make better. Children at our school have the opportunity to become immersed in interesting and relevant learning themes whilst also developing key skills in all areas of their learning.

As you will see from this newsletter the range of activities that our children are taking part in are hugely varied and I can assure you that this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Staffing

I am pleased to say that Mrs Helen Norris will be staying with us as a teaching assistant after a period of time on supply and we will also be welcoming Mrs Julie Eyton back to school next week.

Cubbington Primary School Vision and Strategic Plan

The Governing Body has recently updated the school vision and strategic plan and it can now be viewed via the school website [here](#). This is one of the core responsibilities of Governors and over the past year we have sought to consult with parents, carers, staff and pupils in order to ensure that our vision and strategy reflects the way everyone feels about the school. We think we have captured some of the things that are distinctive about Cubbington and also how we can continue to improve over the next few years. Under the leadership of Mrs Jones, with our highly skilled teachers and teaching assistants and with your support, we think this vision and strategy points towards some really exciting times ahead for Cubbington Primary School. Please do take the time to read the document (it's only one page long!) and let us know what you think. You can contact the Chair of Governors Nick Wylie (Chair3144@welearn365.com) or either of our Parent Governors: Naomi Nicholson (nicholson.n@welearn365.com) or Julie Jeary (jeary.j@welearn365.com).

World Down Syndrome Day

Thank you for supporting us in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Thursday. The children enjoyed wearing multi coloured socks and have had a special assembly and lessons to help them to understand more about Down Syndrome.

Science Week Competition

We had a spectacular response to our poster competition for British Science week. Many thanks to all the children who entered and parents for their support. The theme was 'Journeys' and the children came up with the most amazing and unique ideas, all designed to a very high standard. These are but a few examples: the journey of the bicycle through the ages; the journey of a cake from mixing bowl to oven and through our digestive system; journeys into space; the journey of honey; and, the journey of swallows. Some posters were entered into a local schools' competition. Our very own, Katie in Year 5 won the Years 5 and 6 category. Runners up in their

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respective categories were Will in Year 6, Maddie and Matilda in Year 4, Jessie in Year 3, Rebecca in Year 2 and Campbell in Year 1. Unfortunately, entries to the National competition are limited to 5 per school. However, parents can enter their child's poster by sending it to: Poster Competition, British Science Association, Wellcome Wolfson Building, 165 Queen's Gate, London, SW7 5HD. Closing date for 2019 entries: Friday 6 April 2019 at 6pm. Full details can be found on the British Science Association website.

News from the Garden of Eden

Last Thursday, Year 4 had a very exciting day helping 2 gardeners build a new raised bed in the Garden of Eden and planting it with lots of herbs and vegetables. The work was carried out and financed as part of the HS2 Community funding project.

Work began early with children helping to drill holes and drive screws into the wood. Then they wheel-barrowed the soil and compost up to the new raised bed and tipped it in. In the afternoon, children planted a variety of herbs and vegetables. The children also made a careful record of what was planted where.

Mrs Arben was extremely proud of her class for the way they all worked so well together as a team. The next task for Year 4 will be to keep everything they have planted alive!

Request for help...

At the Garden of Eden, we garden organically so that the children gain an understanding of the natural world. We don't use chemical pesticides to control any slugs, we put egg shells around the plants, as an organic pesticide. Please could you send in to school as many egg shells as you can?

We also encourage the birds to nest in our garden. We put out nesting material for them to use. An example of nesting material we put out is animal hair. Please send in any animal hair you may have after grooming, for example dog and horse hair. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Year 2 Singing Workshop

Last Friday the Swallows took part in a music workshop at Warwick Arts Centre organised by Warwickshire Music. We had a great time, we learnt some new songs, we sang with 450 other children from local primary schools and the singing continued on the coach on the way home! Mrs Edmonds and Mrs Frondella were very proud of the Swallows, they showed everyone what fabulous singers we have at Cubbington and their behaviour was excellent.

Ducklings!

Our Reception children have hatched some ducklings this week and there has been much excitement in the classroom. We now have the option to keep the ducklings but we are unable to have them at school. If you would like them or know someone that may like them please get in touch by next Thursday at the latest and we can arrange for you to have them.



PTA survey

As a parent or carer of our school you automatically become a member of our school PTA. Our PTA work extremely hard to provide much needed resources for all of our children and they would like to hear from you to see how they can continue to do what they do. Please could you take a few minutes to complete [this survey](#). Thank you.

Communicating with staff by email

We understand that it is sometimes appropriate to send an email to your child's class teacher. Please ensure that you send all school related emails to the admin3144@welearn365.com address and put the teachers name in the title. This will be forwarded to the teacher during working hours and the teacher will aim to reply within 48 hours. Teachers may occasionally reply from their work email address but we aim to keep all emails passing via the school office. If your communication is of a more urgent nature please phone school on 01926 422967.

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Parents evening

The link to make a parents evening appointment went live on Monday 18th March. So far 75% of children have got appointments booked in. If you have not yet made an appointment or are having difficulties with the system then please phone the office and they will book you an appointment.

Family Information Service

The latest Family Information Service newsletter can be found in [this link](#).

SIMS Parent App

Hopefully you will all have received the emails recently about our new SIMS Parent App. The invites have been sent and many of you have already logged in. For those who still need to register, we would encourage you to do so as the link to the invite expires after 90 days. We are planning for the App to replace the annual Data Collection Sheets and hope that it will make it a lot easier for you to check and update your contact details, children's medical info, consent options etc. If anyone has any queries about the App, please contact Alex in the office.

Living with Autism

Some of you may be interested in this event which is happening locally on 29th April. Here is the link to more information and tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/living-with-autism-an-evening-with-john-simpson-tickets-56466765616>

Spring term dates for your diaries

Friday 29th March – Year 3 sharing assembly 9.10am
Wednesday 3rd April – Year 3 and Year 4 Performance 9.30am
Thursday 4th April – Parents evening 4-7pm
Friday 5th April – Year 2 sharing assembly 9.10am
Friday 5th April – PTA disco
Tuesday 9th April – Parents evening 4-7pm
Friday 12th April – Reception sharing assembly 9.10am
Friday 12th April – Break up for Easter

Term dates and Inset days 2019-2020

Please follow this links for term dates for the [2019-2020](#) academic year
I have booked four INSET days for the next academic year. There is still one more to book and I will let you know when this is ASAP.

Monday 2nd September
Monday 4th November
Monday 6th January
Monday 20th July

Have a great weekend,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher

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ST MARY'S CHURCH FUND RAISING QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 12th APRIL 2019

To be held at Cubbington School

7.00PM FOR 7.30PM START

PARKING IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

**Teams of up to
4 persons -**

**£1 per
person**

**Please bring your own
supper/refreshments if
required although nibbles
will be provided**

To include Raffle

Donations for the raffle very welcome

**For further information, please contact
Dave Morris on 01926 314206**

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