



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

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Newsletter No.7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Life in a primary school really starts to get fun in December! We started the week by holding a lovely advent service in St Mary's church. We learnt about the advent wreath and its candles and we were able to light the first one. Today the children look fantastic in their Christmas jumpers and every time I step out of my office I hear children singing carols or rehearsing for their performances. We have a fabulously decorated Christmas tree thanks to your lovely donated decorations and the members of the PTA are very busy today preparing for our Christmas fair which is taking place after school. Please do pop along and bring your family and friends. There are lots of things still to come over the next two weeks so please check your calendars against the dates at the end of this newsletter.

New website

I am very excited to let you know that we have a new look to our school website. One of our parents, Jon Milligan, very kindly sorts out the school website for us and has been working on it over the past few weeks. The content is not completely there yet so please bear with us but the front page is fab so please have a look:

<https://www.cubbingtonprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Steel pan concert

The steel pan players will be performing some Christmas songs to the school on Thursday 20th December at 9.10am. Parents and friends of players are welcome to attend.

Online safety

With the festive season fast approaching, many children will be thinking about what they may like for Christmas and I am sure that top of many lists will be electronic devices and games. Now is an ideal time for parents to become more digitally aware and check out how to keep their children safe online. There is a wealth of information and guidance out there and it can seem very overwhelming but a short amount of time spent reading this guidance and applying settings to devices will be hugely beneficial to your child's online safety in the long term. If buying games for children it is worth checking out the PEGI rating. This is similar to the age certification for films and DVDs. Visit askaboutgames.com for more information. Games such as Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto and Assassin's Creed all have a PEGI rating of 18+ yet we know of some of our children playing these games or watching them being played on YouTube, which is equally damaging and inappropriate. Parental controls can be set up easily and there is very helpful guidance for all devices, apps etc. on www.internetmatters.org

We also wanted to highlight [this interesting article](#) about the impact of social media on young people that we through you may find helpful.







Here are some helpful Online Tips:

- **Always make sure an adult knows what game you are playing.** Ask them to join in! You might be able to teach them a thing or two!
- **Ensure that you are playing games in the 'offline' mode.** Almost all apps allow you to do this. Adults should check you are using safe settings on all online devices.
- **Christmas photos and videos are often shared to your family around this time of year.** Make sure they are shared on a safe platform such as 'WhatsApp' and not accessible to strangers.
- Think carefully about the things you say to your family and friends online and the way you say them. You should always be striving to **create a positive digital footprint**. If you wouldn't say it to someone face to face, you shouldn't say it screen to screen.
- **One of the best presents you can give your parents this Christmas is to be present!** Agree on an amount of 'screen time' you can have daily/weekly. Spend lots of time offline. Go outside, play games, paint pictures and have fun with family and friends offline!

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- **If anything gives you your early warning signs**, tell an adult in your network right away. They will be able to help you.

Here are some fun, safe apps that you might want to explore over the Christmas period	
App	Description
Word Crush - Christmas Brain Puzzles (iPad - Free) 	This Christmas word search puzzle app feature hidden Christmas words to find. Word searches are great ac-tivities to help your kids develop their problem solving and analytical skills.
Holly - A Christmas Tale HD (iPad - Free) 	Ideally suited to younger children, this Christmas tool is full of toys and games, with challenges to find hidden objects, spot the difference and more as you work your way through the festive story.
Google Santa Tracker (Android/iPad - Free) 	Google Santa Tracker is a special app by Google which helps in tracking the journey of Santa Claus all the way from North Pole. It also allows the kids to play santa games and other fun activities. The Google San-ta Tracker will launch on December 24, but the count-down to the journey starts early December!
Christmas Picture Quiz Game 	Guaranteed to keep the kids entertained and in the festive spirit! All they have to do is guess the Christ-mas pictures/characters and spell them correctly. Great for spelling practise!
Once Upon an App-Twas the Night Before Christmas 	Clement Clarke Moore's world-famous poem of a Christmas Eve visit from jolly St. Nick and his eight tiny reindeer is brought to life in this Read Aloud story complete with full narration and music. Once upon an App offer many other narrated books too!
Christmas Fun Sing-Along 	Enjoy lovable Christmas songs and exciting education-al Christmas games

Pantomime

We have arranged for the Pantomime to visit us on Tuesday 18th December at school and we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.50 per child to cover the costs. You will find this on Parent Pay.

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancies for a midday supervisor for 3 lunchtimes per week. The lunchtime sessions run from 12.15 to 1.30 each day

If you are interested or know someone who may be then please share our details and get in touch with the office to have a chat with Mrs Jones.

School Games News

School Games Year 5 Hockey Event at North Leamington School

On 28th November a group of Year 5 children entered the hockey event at North Leamington School. The children played extremely well, with a two draws, two close losses and a couple of fabulous wins. Mrs Perry and Mr Burnell both commented on how well the children played as a team, passing the ball between each other and looking for space to move into. The weather was not on our side and the children played through the pouring rain but kept their amazing team spirit. Well done to Katie, Josh, Courtney, Sam, Safire, Archie, Imogen and Arran.

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Warwickshire Cross Country League

This term a dedicated group of Year 6 children entered the Warwickshire Schools Cross Country League. The final race on Saturday 24th November in Warwick was again one to remember! All the children representing Cubbington ran with amazing determination and achieved great results. A special mention goes to Ila who won the final girls' race! Ila also received a medal and a wonderful trophy as she achieved fastest girl of the series for Cubbington. We are very proud of all the children that entered the league and look forward to next year. A big thank you to Kate Hipkin, Ila's mum, who helped organise the teams this term, without her support this would not have been possible.



Christmas postbox

The Christmas postbox will be open from Monday 10th December. All children can post Christmas cards to their friends and teachers and these will be delivered by the Year 6 post people in the last week of term. The last day for posting cards will be Wednesday 19th December.

Please check that your child writes the full name and class on the envelope to ensure accurate delivery. Unfortunately class teachers are not able to give out class lists to parents. The year 6 post people will be collecting donations for postage which will go to a charity of their choice and we suggest a single donation of 50p for an unlimited number of cards - Bargain!

This is the method that we recommend for distributing cards in school as children will not have the opportunity to hand their cards out individually so please encourage them to get writing and posting!

Autumn and Spring term dates for your diaries

Thursday 13th December – 2.30 KS1 production
Friday 14th December – 9.30 KS1 Production
Tuesday 18th December – Pantomime at school for all children
Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 19th December – KS2 Carol service in school 2.30
Thursday 20th December – Steel pan concert – parents of players are welcome to join us
Friday 21st December – 2.45 Christmas sing a long
Friday 21st December – Break up for Christmas
Monday 7th January – Training day for the whole North Leamington cluster of schools
Tuesday 8th January – Back to school
Wednesday 9th January – Final open day for prospective parents 2pm (Sept 2019)
Friday 18th January – Year 5 Cake sale
Friday 8th February – Year 4 Cake sale
Thursday 14th February – Break up for half term
Friday 15th February – INSET day
Monday 25th February – Back to school
Friday 15th March – Year 3 Cake sale
Friday 12th April – Break up for Easter

Inset days 2018-2019

The remaining INSET day for this academic will be on:

Monday 22nd July 2019

Please follow these links for term dates for the [2018-2019](#) and [2019-2020](#) academic year

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I look forward to seeing you all at the fair later.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
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