



# Cubbington C of E Primary School

Our aim is as simple as ABC

**Achieving, Belonging, Caring**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
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. Mr Dewey has been busy painting the Reception classroom, polishing the hall floor and generally keeping the school looking fantastic. We have created some new rooms in the Old School dedicated to wellbeing and mental health work and are looking forward to working with some trainee Education Mental Health Workers in school this term.

We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff to our team this term: Miss Blair Jones and Miss Claire Fisher have started teaching in Year 6 and Year 4 and Mrs Melgar has joined us part time as a teaching assistant in Year 5 and Year 1. Mr Ellicott has finished his apprenticeship and is currently volunteering in school as he decides on his next career move.

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.

## General routines

It would be really helpful if you could ensure the following school procedures are followed as they create a smooth start to the school day and this 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 an entry will need to be made in the late book and 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 run a cashless office and use Parent Pay for all necessary payments. 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 a member of staff will help you

## 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](mailto: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

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### News about assemblies/concerts/church services

This year we are changing the way that we do some of our assemblies, productions and church services. The main change is that there will be no termly sharing assemblies. Instead all classes will lead a class assembly in the Spring or the first half of the Summer term and some classes will take responsibility for leading one of our services in church or at school. There will be a new style of celebration assembly for each class in the summer term. Productions remain the same in Reception/KS1 and Year 5/6 but there will be no Y3/4 production this year.

We have considered this very carefully over the last year and feel that it still gives parents regular opportunities to come into school to see their child/ren perform.

Please see the table below for details of each event and the class leading it. Many dates are already in the diary but I will let you have the class assembly dates later this term.

Date	Time	Event	Lead Class/es	Audience
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>				
4th October	9.30	KS1 Harvest in St Mary's church	Y1	all Reception/KS1 parents invited
4th October	10.30	KS2 Harvest in St Mary's church	Y5	all KS2 parents invited
3rd December	9.30	Whole school Advent service in St Mary's church	Y3	parents of Y3 to be invited
12 <sup>th</sup> 13th December	2.30 9.30	Nativity production	EYFS, Y1, Y2	All EYFS/KS1 parents to be issued tickets
18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30	KS2 Carol concert in school	Y6	All KS2 parents to be invited
<b>SPRING TERM</b>				
TBC (Fridays in Spring term)	9.10	Class assemblies	YR, Y1, Y2, Y6	Parents of each class invited
31 <sup>st</sup> March	9.30	Easter service in St Mary's church	Y4	Parents of Y4 to be invited
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>				
TBC (Fridays in first half of Summer term)	9.10	Class assemblies	Y3, Y4, Y5	Parents of each class invited
29 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00	Y5/Y6 Production	Y5, Y6	Parents of Y5 and Y6 to be issued tickets
9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30 9.30	KS1 Summer production	EYFS, Y1, Y2	All EYFS/KS21 parents to be issued tickets
10 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> July	Either 9.10 or 2.45	Headteacher celebration assemblies	Each class will have their own assembly lead by Mrs Jones and the class teacher	Parents of each class to be invited
16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30	Headteacher celebration/Leavers assembly	Y6 class teacher and Mrs Jones	Parents of Y6 to be invited

### School lunches

School lunches will cost £2.30 per day from this term onwards and this is payable on Parent Pay for all children in KS2 who choose to have a school meal.

### Harvest

Our harvest festival will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **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.

### **Family Information Service**

You can find the latest newsletter from the Family Information Service [here](#)

### **Admissions process for Year 7 Secondary transfer - September 2020 (Current Year 5 children)**

The coordinated admissions process, for entry into Year 7 in September 2020, is now underway. Parents can apply for secondary school places online using the Warwickshire Parent Portal:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.

The national closing date for secondary school applications to be submitted is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 (5pm). Applications made after this date may be classed as late and will not then be considered for places until after national offer day – 02 March 2020. If you need any help with this they please do not hesitate to come to the office.

### **PTA AGM & Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Cubbington Primary School PTA will take place in the school ICT suite on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **Do you want to be on TV?**

**BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?' is BACK and looking for households to take part!**

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families / households looking to save money on their food shop!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control?**

Perhaps you're **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?

Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration?**

Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation?**

Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week?

... Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

We're currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch with the team TODAY!

Email: [eatwell@rdftv.com](mailto:eatwell@rdftv.com) or Call: 0117 970 7682

**\*Any information which you give us will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on request\***

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### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2019-2020 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.**

#### **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 the office to get this started.

#### **Open days for prospective parents**

We will be holding several open day sessions for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2020. Please share these with anyone that you think may be interested.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 9.30

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1.45

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9.30

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 9.30

#### **Future academic year planners**

All INSET days now added to the diary dates below

The dates for the next two academic years are now published on the Warwickshire website so you can start holiday planning early! **Remember that the Mayday bank holiday has moved in 2020 and will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

[2019 – 2020](#)

[2020 - 2021](#)

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### **Autumn term dates for your diaries**

10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September – Reception children half day sessions  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Reception children in school full time  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Reception class welcome meeting 5.30  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest festivals 9.30 KS1 10.30 KS2 Parents are welcome to join us at St Mary's church  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – PTA AGM and Meeting 7pm in the ICT suite  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 Viking Day in school  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School INSET Day – School is closed  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccinations in school for Years R-6  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Individual school photographs (including Pre School siblings at 8.30am)  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Parents evening 4-7pm  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Parents evening 4-7pm  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Whole school INSET Day – School is closed  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Advent service at St Mary's (Parents of Y3 children invited)  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Fair after school  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Reception/KS1 Production 2.30pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Reception/KS1 Production 9.30am  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime at school for all children (Jack and the Beanstalk)  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol service in school 2.30  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 2.45 Christmas sing a long  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Break up for Christmas  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Whole School INSET day – School is closed  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of the Spring term

### **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. We would also like to thank all of the families that looked after our guinea pigs, Ginger Snap and Bourbon – I hope that they behaved themselves!

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones  
Head teacher



## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

### MOUSE CLUB

ST. MARY'S CHURCH IS STARTING A NEW CLUB IN SEPTEMBER CALLED THE CHURCH MOUSE CLUB. IT IS AIMED SPECIFICALLY AT PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

CHURCH MOUSE CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY 3.30PM – 4.30PM DURING TERM TIME. THE THEMES WILL BE CHRISTIAN BASED WITH STORIES, MUSIC, CRAFTS AND OTHER EXCITING ACTIVITIES.

MARY MOUSE IS OUR MASCOT AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR CLUB AND LEARN MORE ABOUT IT, REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON:

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IN THE PARISH ROOM AT 3.30PM.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Please contact Debbie Bradley on 778172 if you require more details.