



Cubbington C of E Primary School

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20th September 2019
Newsletter No.2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been delighted to welcome our new Reception children into school full time this week. They all look so smart and are very eager to learn. I would like to thank all the parents of Reception children for preparing them so well for this exciting time in their lives and it is a wonderful start to our partnership working over the next seven years. Mr Lester has been undertaking a pilot baseline assessment and the government have produced [this video](#) to help parents understand what it is all about. I would also like to thank the other children in school for being so caring and welcoming to all of our new children.

The children in the other year groups also continue to work hard and are achieving so much already in a relatively short space of time so far this term. They are fully engaged in their learning and it has been wonderful to see super pieces of work being produced across the school.

We have our welcome meeting for Reception parents on Tuesday 24th September at 5.30pm in the Wrens classroom where Mr Lester will also be introducing our phonics scheme.

Whilst we are settling the Reception 2019 cohort in we are already starting to look ahead to Reception 2020 with our first Open Day next Thursday 26th September. If you have younger children, or friends with children, who are due to start school next year then please do come along and encourage others to see our school 'in action' on a normal day. Please also let friends and colleagues know that we currently have a number of limited spaces in other year groups. Further details of all our Open Days can be found below.

Harvest

Our harvest festival will be on Friday 4th 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 will be led by the Year 1 children. The KS2 service will be at 10.30 and will be led by the Year 5 children.

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.

Family Information Service

Please find the latest newsletter from the family information Service [here](#)

School uniform

Please can you make sure that children are wearing full school uniform every day including appropriate school shoes. A few children have been wearing trainers to school and this is not part of our uniform policy.

Healthy Snacks

We would be grateful if parents could ensure that children in Key Stage 2 are being sent to school with a healthy snack to enjoy at break time. Children in Key Stage 1 received free fruit from a Government scheme during morning break. We encourage all children to eat healthily as it not only keeps them fit and well, but also helps to keep their energy levels up which improves their learning. The NHS Change4Life website may help you with some snack ideas <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

Stranger awareness

As promoted by Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board's Taking Care Scheme please do not teach blanket 'stranger danger' messages to children. The reason for this is that sometimes a stranger is the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone. E.g. a child lost in a shop is far safer to tell a stranger they are lost than to wander off looking for the person they have separated from. We may choose to discuss the likely 'safest' strangers in such scenarios such as a mother with a pram or small children or someone who works in the shop.

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However, we do need to clarify the stranger issue as plainly there are situations we may want to warn children about for their own safety e.g.

- not to get in a car with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- not leaving school with someone other than who they were expecting unless their parent/guardian knows who/where/when etc and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member. Sometimes a password system is used so that children are only released into the care of an adult who can give the correct password – this is usually changed as soon as it has been used once.
- not to walk off with anyone (NOT just someone they don't know) unless their parent/guardian knows who/ where/ when etc and has given permission.
- If someone tries to grab them it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite...etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and alert others to the fact they are in danger.

Please reinforce these safety messages to the children regularly without giving them the idea that ALL strangers are 'bad'.

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.

Steel Pans

We have spaces left if any children in year 3,4,5 or 6 would like to learn to play Steel Pans. The lessons take place on Friday mornings. If anybody is interested please contact the office so that we can send you a letter with more information.

PTA Request

Do you work for one of these companies? If you do and are willing to help the PTA with matched funding please let us know.



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 26th September 9.30

Tuesday 22nd October 1.45

Thursday 28th November 9.30

Thursday 9th January 9.30

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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 8th May.**

[2019 – 2020](#)

[2020 - 2021](#)

Autumn term dates for your diaries

Tuesday 25th September – Reception class welcome meeting 5.30

Friday 4th October – Harvest festivals 9.30 KS1 10.30 KS2 Parents are welcome to join us at St Mary's church

Tuesday 8th October – PTA AGM and Meeting 7pm in the ICT suite

Thursday 24th October – Year 5 Viking Day in school

Friday 25th October – Break up for half term

Monday 4th November – Whole School INSET Day – School is closed

Friday 8th November – Flu vaccinations in school for Years R-6

Tuesday 19th November – Individual school photographs (including Pre School siblings)

Thursday 14th November - Parents evening 4-7pm

Tuesday 19th November - Parents evening 4-7pm

Friday 29th November – Whole school INSET Day – School is closed

Tuesday 3rd December – Advent service at St Mary's (Parents of Y3 children invited)

Thursday 12th December – Reception/KS1 Production 2.30pm

Friday 13th December – Reception/KS1 Production 9.30am

Wednesday 18th December – Pantomime at school for all children (Jack and the Beanstalk)

Wednesday 18th December – KS2 Carol service in school 2.30

Friday 20th December – 2.45 Christmas sing a long

Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas

Monday 6th January – Whole School INSET day – School is closed

Tuesday 7th January – Start of the Spring term

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones

Head teacher

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