



Cubington C of E Primary School

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Achieving, Belonging, Caring

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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. I'm sure we were all feeling a bit more anxious than usual yesterday when the children came back in and I certainly felt quite emotional hearing the volume of happy chitter chatter on the playground as everyone arrived. I am pleased to report that our new routines were successful and we had a lovely day in school. Since the start of lockdown my strategy for having children in school has been to make a plan and to maintain the plan for a set number of weeks when we then review and tweak to make changes. This term our plan is for the first four weeks of term. During this time children will mostly be based in their classrooms or in an outside area and there is no mixing of bubbles. We will start to welcome our new wrens into school the week beginning 14th September and get them used to their routines. After the first four weeks I will be looking to see how we can start to use the hall again in bubbles and if clubs and other activities can begin to be safely planned in. I will let you know of any changes as they arise.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff to our team this term: Ms Sharon Turnbull has started as a teaching assistant in Year 4 and 5.

Mrs Jen Godfrey, our finance administrator has now left our office and started a new finance role in Coventry. We wish her all the best in this exciting move. Mrs Rachel Murdoch has replaced her and is getting to know the routines of our office.

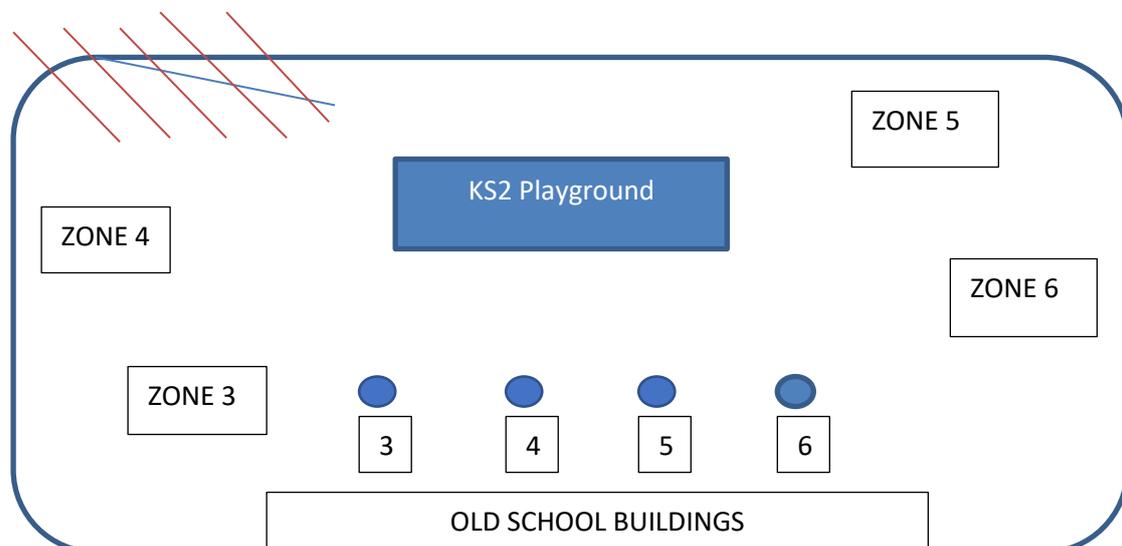
Practicalities document

I have attached another copy of the practicalities document for you to refer to.

KS2 Playground

I have noticed that there are quite a large number of parents waiting in the gateway of the playground to collect children from the KS2 playground. This has made some parents feel uncomfortable about walking in and out of the gateway. Please can you wait in the zones allocated for the year group and keep the gateway clear for access.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT HERE



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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 staff will be using this to send messages and share learning. If you are having any issues with this please ask the office for help.

TWITTER – Please follow us @CubbCEPrimary

During the current restrictions please do not come to the office unless it is absolutely necessary.

News about assemblies/concerts/church services

Last year we changed the way that we did some of our assemblies, productions and church services and unfortunately we did not manage to complete them all due to the lockdown. The current restrictions mean that we cannot plan for these events with an audience in school yet but I hope that this will change as the year progresses. We will be having discussions as a staff about how we can carry out some of these virtually for parents if necessary but these plans are not set in stone yet. As things change we will let you know.

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. Don't forget if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, you are entitled to the universal free school meals.

Family Information Service

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

Admissions process for Year 7 Secondary transfer - September 2021 (Current Year 6 children)

The coordinated admissions process, for entry into Year 7 in September 2021, is now underway. Parents can apply for secondary school places online using the Warwickshire Parent Portal:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place/apply-secondary-school-place/1>

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 31st October 2020 (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 2021. If you need any help with this they please do not hesitate to come to the office.

Parent helpers

During this current phase of restriction we will not be having any volunteers in school but as soon as we can do this safely we will let you know.

Open sessions for prospective parents

We will be holding several sessions for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2021. These will be restricted to small groups, socially distanced and will be held after school. Please share these with anyone that you think may be interested and contact the office to book a place.

Wednesday 23rd September at 4pm

Wednesday 7th October at 4pm

Wednesday 4th November at 4pm

Wednesday 2nd December at 4pm

Future academic year planners

All INSET days now added to the diary dates below

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The dates for the next two academic years are now published on the Warwickshire website.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/school-term-dates-induction-days-training-days-holidays/2?documentId=155&categoryId=20008>

Autumn term dates for your diaries

14th – 18th September – Reception children half day sessions

Monday 21st September – Reception children in school full time

Thursday 22nd October – Break up for half term

Friday 23rd October – Whole School INSET Day – School is closed

Friday 20th December – Break up for Christmas

Monday 4th January – Whole School INSET day – School is closed

Tuesday 5th January – Whole School INSET day – School is closed

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 Oreo – I hope that they behaved themselves!

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Juliet Jones
Head teacher



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