

Cunningham Hill Infant School



Newsletter 3

November 2016

Dear Parents

The second half of the autumn term is well underway and preparation for Christmas has started. Please make a note of the dates below so you don't miss out.

SEVERE WEATHER

Thank you to the families who have already signed up to the County Council new emergency notification system ~ 57 families so far. If you have not yet signed up, can I urge you to do so AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. We will be running some test messages shortly and we need to make sure we are reaching everyone.

As the weather becomes increasingly colder over the next few weeks, I wanted to let you know / remind you about our procedures for closing the school in the event of heavy snow.

If we have a heavy snow fall and you think the school may be closed the new system will alert parents via a text message, an email and a voicemail. Please check the following:

- www.hertsdirect.org where there will be a list of closed schools
- Local radio stations BBC 3 Counties and Heart 97.6 fm who will announce school closures.
- We will post a message onto the school website advising that the school is closed.

The Herts Direct Website is a good place to check first ~ when you go on to the web page there is a tab for 'severe weather', then look for 'schools' within that paragraph there is the word 'website' in blue which takes you to another page where all Herts schools are listed alphabetically. It may be worth checking this page today so you are familiar.

OPEN DOOR CLASSROOM

On Thursday 15th December our classrooms will be open to parents to come and share their child's learning which has taken place over the term. You are able to arrive from 2:30pm onwards, please enter via the school office. If you are unable to arrive until 3:15pm, classroom will still be open for a short while.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our new councillors have been elected and have already had their first meeting where they shared their thoughts and ideas on our school on behalf of the pupils. Look out for updates on our website and blogs for the work they will be undertaking. Our councillors are:

James and Bru in Gold Class, Zishan and Selma in Silver Class, Tim and Neha in Green Class and Lucca and Eva in Purple Class. Congratulations on your appointment and I look forward to working with you.

STAFFING

Mrs Donkin (Silver class) who has only been with us a short time, is already leaving to have her second baby in the spring term ~ we wish her our congratulations. Mrs Hostein will be joining Silver class from January and we wish her success in our school.

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AFTER SCHOOL

Please ensure that you supervise your child at the end of the day once they have been handed to you by the class teacher. Over the past year, we have had a few children who have 'lost' their parent on the journey from the classroom door to the school gate.

CHISS

Thank you very to everyone who has supported CHISS events throughout the year. We have been presented with a cheque for £6500! This money will be used to develop and enhance our computing curriculum. Miss Spencer and the teachers are currently in discussion and we will update you with our purchases.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure **ALL** clothing is named (this includes coats, hats, scarves and gloves please), we endeavour to reunite all lost property that is named however we have a growing collection of unnamed items.



CHRISTMAS



SALVATION ARMY TOY COLLECTION

Every year we ask for donations of a toy or a book which is collected by the Salvation Army to distribute to local families in need. A separate letter has been sent home.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Monday 12 December	9:30am	EYFS Dress rehearsal
	10:45am	KS1 Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 13 December	9:30am	EYFS performance
	10:45am	KS1 performance 1
Wednesday 14 December	9:30am	KS1 performance 2

Ticket information has already been sent out. If you have not yet ordered tickets please contact the office.

SINGING AT ST LUKES

This year we are going to St Luke's Church to sing some songs in the church. A letter will follow with more details.

CHRISTMAS DINNER / CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This taking place on Tuesday 20th December and will be followed in the afternoon with a surprise visitor. This is a very special time when all the children are served lunch by the teachers in the hall.

The children may come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers or festive clothing.

END OF TERM FINISHING TIME

We finish school for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 21 December.

Please note that school will finish at the earlier time of 1:15pm.

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GOLDEN BOOK

The children continue to work hard this term and the following children have pride of place in the golden book:

Emily	<i>Silver Class</i>	Selma	<i>Silver Class</i>	Sammy-Joe	<i>Green Class</i>	Farheen	<i>Green Class</i>
Eleanor	<i>Purple Class</i>	Ava	<i>Purple Class</i>	Olaf	<i>Purple Class</i>	Palino	<i>Purple Class</i>
Zara	<i>Purple Class</i>	Bruhan	<i>Green Class</i>	Natalie	<i>Green Class</i>	Alba	<i>Green Class</i>
Emmie	<i>Blue Class</i>	Isla	<i>Blue Class</i>	Tasnim	<i>Blue Class</i>	Narjis	<i>Purple Class</i>
Shakirah	<i>Purple Class</i>	Anya	<i>Gold Class</i>	Rejwan	<i>Silver Class</i>	Alexandra	<i>Green Class</i>
Safwaan	<i>Blue Class</i>						

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

We monitor attendance each week and award a certificate to the class with the highest attendance.

Well done to:

Week beginning 17 October	Silver Class	99% attendance
Week beginning 31 October	Purple Class	98% attendance
Week beginning 07 November	Gold Class	99% attendance
Week beginning 14 November	Gold Class	100% attendance

GENERAL REMINDERS

PARENT VIEW

Please register your views on our school, this is done annually and so far we have only had 4 parents sign up! If you have completed in previous years, you still need to log in and register your views for the academic year 16/17.

Register your views on our school at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

All children in our school are eligible for a free school meal every day as part of the government scheme for 'universal free school meals'; however there may be additional funding available for the school to claim to support pupils through Pupil Premium Grant.

We are therefore asking ALL our families to register on the following website: www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

This will only need to be done once in our school and then again when the children move to year 3. If you have any concerns or need help registering please come and see Mrs Wancio in the office.

NUT FREE

We have a 'nut free' policy in school. Please ensure that all packed lunches are 'nut free' as some of our children are allergic to nuts and this includes airborne allergies. If you are unsure, please see the school office for one of our lunch time booklets.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher

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Tuesday 13 December	KS1 Performance 1	Hall	10:45am
Wednesday 14 December	KS1 Performance 2	Hall	9:30am
Thursday 15 December	Open Door Classroom	Classrooms	2:30am
Friday 16 December	Christmas Songs	St Luke's Church	1:30pm
Tuesday 20 December	Wear Christmas Jumper day + Christmas lunch		
Wednesday 21 December	END OF TERM		1:15pm