

Cunningham Hill Infant School



Newsletter 4

December 2016

Dear Parents

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Season's Greetings and hope that you are able to enjoy a relaxing holiday with your families. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.

CHRISTMAS AT CHIS

The children and staff have had another successful year with our productions and singing. I am so proud of the hard work and effort that everyone has given to make it such a special and enjoyable time. There have been so many activities that the children have been part of including collecting toys for the Salvation Army, our Christmas productions and songs at St Luke's. Still to come is our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.

Thank you very much to everyone who has enabled Christmas to be a wonderful time in school; I know the children have really enjoyed themselves.

SCHOOL STANDARDS

This half term our schools' Hertfordshire Improvement Partner, an advisor assigned to all schools to help schools evaluate their successfulness, visited us for our first visit of the year. I am pleased to report how pleased he was with the work that the school has done to continue to maintain high standards of teaching and learning and the excellent outcomes for our pupils. It was very pleasing to see the dedicated hard work of all of the staff recognised, as well as celebrating the success of our wonderful pupils. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the whole CHIS community for their support and contribution to the success of our school.

READING WORKSHOP

During January, we will be running some short workshops to support parents with listening to their child reading at home. The session will focus on developing comprehension skills and deepening inference and deduction skills.

The sessions will be on the following dates:

Tuesday 24 January at 6pm

Thursday 26 January at 2:30pm

Friday 27 January at 9am.

Further details will follow in January.

SEVERE WEATHER – FINAL REMINDER

If you have not yet signed up, can I urge you to do so AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

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.

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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.

GOLDEN BOOK

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

Josh	<i>Blue Class</i>	Lila	<i>Blue Class</i>	Nancy	<i>Purple Class</i>	Harvey	<i>Red Class</i>
William	<i>Green Class</i>	Maryam	<i>Green Class</i>	Ruhanaul	<i>Green Class</i>	Jonny	<i>Green Class</i>
Osman	<i>Green Class</i>	Noah	<i>Purple Class</i>	Zara	<i>Green Class</i>	Natalie	<i>Green Class</i>
Olaf	<i>Purple Class</i>	Eleanor	<i>Purple Class</i>	Alex G	<i>Gold Class</i>	Vivienne	<i>Silver Class</i>
Guluzar	<i>Silver Class</i>	Claudia	<i>Gold Class</i>	Zidane	<i>Gold Class</i>	Rajib	<i>Green Class</i>
Autman	<i>Green Class</i>	Rebecca	<i>Silver Class</i>	Ben	<i>Purple Class</i>	Hamza	<i>Purple Class</i>
Isabelle	<i>Purple Class</i>	Max	<i>Silver Class</i>	Alexandra	<i>Green 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 21 November	Purple and Silver Class	100% attendance
Week beginning 28 November	Gold Class	100% attendance
Week beginning 05 December	Gold Class	98.6% attendance
Week beginning 12 December	Gold Class	100% attendance

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.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher

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 a 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.

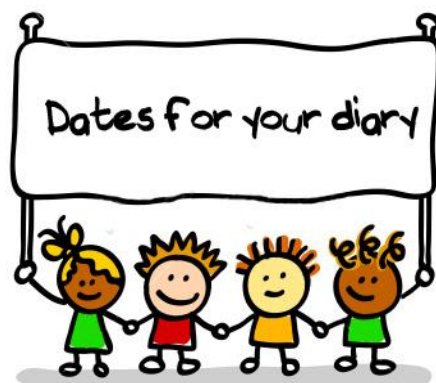
NUT FREE

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.

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Thursday 5 January 2017	OCCASIONAL DAY (School closed to pupils)
Friday 6 January 2017	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Monday 9 January 2017	Back to school
Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2017	HALF TERM
Monday 20 February 2017	Back to school
Friday 31 March 2017	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm
Tuesday 18 April 2017	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 19 April 2017	Back to school
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June 2017	HALF TERM
Monday 5 June 2017	Back to school
Friday 21 July 2017	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm