

# Cunningham Hill Infant School



Newsletter 5



January 2017

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday; it was lovely to see the children back at school and ready for learning!

There is a great deal of information in this newsletter so please take the time to read it carefully.

**Firstly I am going to start with a moan:**

## **PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Please DO NOT park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school. These are in place to keep our children safe when arriving or leaving school; this includes breakfast and after school clubs. Please DO NOT drop off children on the zig zag lines.

The zig zag marking on the road, both outside our school and the Junior School, must be kept clear at all times for the safety of all parents and children. The Police and Parking Control may be in operation and you may be fined.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping children safe.

## **EARRINGS**

We have recently had an increasing number of children coming to school with large earrings. Please remember that earrings should be small studs. Any earrings in place will need to be covered with tape during PE sessions.

We have been shown a pair of hypoallergenic, plastic stud earrings. These earrings bend when caught and the butterfly/backing covers any points or ends. These earrings are suitable to wear for school, and do not require taping for PE and may be a suitable alternative during the school term.

**Moan over and now for the exciting bits!**

## **LEARNING CHARACTERS**

We are introducing learning characters in to our classrooms to support the children in building learning powers and growth mindset. The characters will be introduced between now and the end of the summer term. This half term we have introduced to the children Shark, who will help the children develop resilience in learning. Each of our characters has a description to help our children learn the skill and a soft toy character in class. These learning characters are also used in the Junior School, so the children will be familiar with them when they start in Year 3. Please take time to talk through with your child about the learning character shark, and also use to support with home learning.



Shark goes for it and doesn't give up. Shark ignores distractions, keeps trying and learns from mistakes.

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## ECO AWARD

Well done to our eco-ambassadors , Mrs Barwin and Miss Lewis who have achieved the Bronze and Silver award for Eco-Schools. In order to achieve the awards the eco-ambassadors met with Mrs Barwin and Miss Lewis to formulate a plan which required the commitment of the whole school. Activities included 'switch off fortnight', recycling paper and recycling food waste. These are ongoing in school now and our ambassadors do a great job ~ thank you to them for their commitment. We are now working towards gold award!

## VALUES TREE

Each half term a class takes it in turn to choose a value for the whole school to focus on improving. So far we have had 'friendship' chosen by Silver Class and 'courage' chosen by Gold Class. This half term Green Class have chosen the value of 'perseverance'. Please talk to your child about what perseverance may look like both in school and at home.

## STAFF

Welcome to Mrs Hostein who will be teaching in Silver Class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

## ATTENDANCE

General school attendance, as well as pupils whose attendance is below 90% is monitored by the local authority. Attendance every day is important as the learning does not stop if your child is absent!  
Currently our whole school attendance is 96%

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

Well done to:

Week beginning 19 December	<b>Silver Class</b>	97% attendance
Week beginning 9 January	<b>Purple Class</b>	100% attendance

## 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.

**THERE IS NO NEED TO BOOK A PLACE ~ JUST TURN UP FOR THE SESSION YOU WISH TO ATTEND.**

## THANK YOU

You may have noticed some new signs that are in our playground to support our playtime ethos. These were a very generous present from Mrs Baker and Mrs Hughes when they left us in the summer term. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank them both for their gift and the support they continue to give to the school.



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## SALVATION ARMY TOY COLLECTION

Thank you to all the children and parents who donated to this charity before Christmas. We have had a lovely letter back from Lieutenant Williams, who visited school to collect the toys, and wrote:

*'I was submerged with gifts. You are all very generous. I must admit to being worried about our Toy Appeal until I visited your school – I had no need to be!'*

## EARLY WARNING!

World Book Day ~ Thursday 2 March. We would like the children to come dressed as a book character. We will also be inviting parents in from 2:30pm to come and share a book with the children. More details to follow.

## GOLDEN BOOK

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

<b>Zayd</b>	Gold Class	<b>Alex B</b>	Gold Class	<b>Ollie R</b>	Gold Class	<b>Max</b>	Silver Class
<b>Ruhanul</b>	Green Class	<b>Farheen</b>	Green Class	<b>Ayaan</b>	Purple Class	<b>Ismael</b>	Silver Class
<b>Paige</b>	Silver Class						

## GENERAL REMINDERS

### SEVERE WEATHER

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. YOU NEED TO HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE NEW SYSTEM

Please check the following:

- [www.hertsdirect.org](http://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.

### PARENT VIEW

Please register your views on our school, this is done annually and so far we have only had 7 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](http://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](http://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.

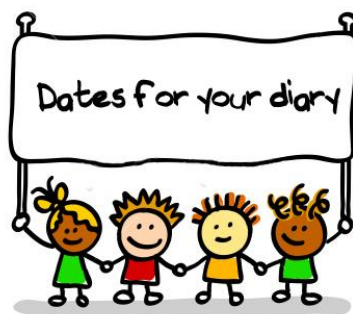
### NUT FREE

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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**2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>What's Happening?</b>	<b>Where?</b>	<b>Time?</b>
Tuesday 24 January	Reading workshop for parents	Hall	6pm
Thursday 26 January	Reading workshop for parents	Hall	2:30pm
Friday 27 January	Reading workshop for parents	Hall	9am
Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2017 HALF TERM			
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day ~ come and read with your child	Classrooms	2:30pm
Thursday 30 March	Open Door Classroom	Classrooms	2:30pm
Friday 31 March Non Uniform Day ~ £1 contribution			
Friday 31 March 2017 END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm			

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PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR **2016/17**

These dates are the same as the junior 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	<b>INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)</b>
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

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Tuesday 5 September 2017	Back to school
Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October 2017	HALF TERM
Tuesday 19 December 2017	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm
Thursday 4 January 2018	Back to school
Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2018	HALF TERM
Thursday 29 March 2018	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm
Tuesday 17 April 2018	Back to school
Monday 28 May– Friday 1 June 2018	HALF TERM
Friday 20 July 2018	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm