

Cunningham Hill Infant School



Newsletter 6

February 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable half term. We are now half way through our academic year and it is great to see the children continuing to progress with their learning and confidence.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day ~ Thursday 3 March. We would like the children to come dressed as a book character. Parents are invited to come in to school from 2:30pm and share a book with the children. This is one of our special times in school and I hope you will be able to attend.

SCOOTERS / BIKES

We have had a couple of incidents where scooters have gone missing at the end of the day or overnight. Please could you ensure that you collect the right scooter at the end of the day. Also, remember that you can padlock your scooter in place for extra security.

RAISING A CONCERN WITH SCHOOL

If you have a concern, please ensure that you speak to your class teacher in the first instance. Your class teacher is the best person to resolve matters as they have continuous contact with your child on a daily basis. If you are unhappy with the outcome and still feel dissatisfied then please follow up with myself.

OUTSIDE Y2 CLASSROOMS

Please ensure that your child does not climb or sit on the barriers outside y2 classrooms. These are in place as a safety barrier between the path and the grass hill and should not be used for a recreational purpose.

SPRING CONCERT

You are warmly invited to attend our spring concert on Wednesday 29 March at 2:15pm. This is when the children will showcase their learning in music over this term.

NEW LEARNING CHARACTERS

Our second learning character has been introduced to the children. This character is penguin.



Penguin is a team player and likes to work with others as well as on its own. Penguin listens carefully and shares ideas.

The children are enjoying developing their learning powers with both shark and penguin.

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CELEBRATION AFTERNOON

This gives you the opportunity to come and share in your children's learning by looking through their books and discussing their learning with them.

We will be opening the classrooms on Thursday 30 March for parents to come in.

This is a 'drop in' session, you are welcome to arrive from 2:30pm onwards, or if more convenient straight after school pick up. School will also be open from 8.30am to 9.15am the following morning for parents who are unable to make Thursday afternoon.

PARENT SURVEY

Our annual parent survey will be circulated after half term, please take a few moments to fill in your responses and add any comments. We do value your comments and feedback.

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, 'courage' chosen by Gold Class and 'perseverance' chosen by Green Class. This half term Purple Class have chosen the value of 'kindness'. Please talk to your child about what 'kindness' may look like both in school and at home.

50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On the 12th April the school will officially turn 50 years old. As this date falls within the Easter holidays we will postpone our celebrations until we return. Wednesday 19th April to Friday 21 April will be dedicated to celebrating 50 years and there are some events set aside. Further details will follow shortly.

If you used to attend our school as a pupil or know someone that did, then we would love to see any old photos or stories.

NON UNIFORM

Friday 31 March will be a non-uniform day with a contribution of £1 to school fund.

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

A reminder plea, on behalf of Mrs Gibbons and the children, to send in your Sainsbury's vouchers. We are saving to replace our rather thread bare PE mats.

CAR PARK

Please use the footpaths in to school and not to cut through the school car park.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Currently our whole school attendance is maintaining a steady 96%.

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

Well done to:

Week beginning 16 January	Gold Class	99% attendance
Week beginning 23 January	Blue Class	99% attendance
Week beginning 30 January	Purple Class	100% attendance
Week beginning 6 February	Purple Class	98% attendance

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GOLDEN BOOK

The Golden Book is growing by the day! During January and February the following children shared their learning with me, very well done!

Anya Gold Class	Alex G Gold Class	Amy Gold Class	Neha Green Class
James Red Class	Maryam Red Class	Harvy Purple Class	Ava Purple Class
James Gold Class	Emilea Silver Class	Isla Blue Class	Ibrahim Blue Class
Skylar Blue Class	Ridhay Red Class	Rejwan Silver Class	William Gold Class
Billy-Joe Purple Class	Hamza Purple Class	Lucca Purple Class	Isabelle Purple Class
Palino Purple Class	Freddie Green Class	Zayd Gold Class	Yannis Gold Class
Bru Gold Class	Alba Green Class	Evie Green Class	Eva Purple Class
Osman Green Class	Tasnim Blue Class	Jamal Blue Class	

DON'T FORGET

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 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

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.

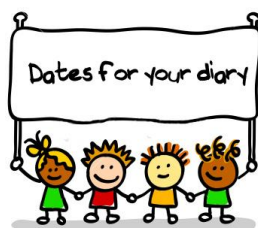
NUT FREE

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.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher

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Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day ~ come and read with your child	Classrooms	2:30pm
Wednesday 29 March	Spring Concert	Hall	2:15pm
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			



EARLY WARNING

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

These dates are the same as the junior school.

Tuesday 18 April	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 19 April	Back to school
Wednesday 19 April – Friday 21 April	50 th celebrations
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	HALF TERM
Monday 5 June	Back to school
Friday 21 July	END OF TERM ~ 1:15pm

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR **2017/18**

These dates are the same as the junior school.

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

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