

Cunningham Hill Infant School



Newsletter 7

Dear Parents

March 2017

Our second term is nearly over, well done to all the children (and teaching teams) for all the excellent learning and enjoyment that has taken place. Just to remind you, we finish school on Friday 31 March at 1:15pm and return to school on Wednesday 19th April. Please note these dates may differ from some local schools. I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing Easter break!

ANNUAL REPORTS

Your child will bring home their annual report on Friday 24th March. There is a covering letter which explains our new reporting procedures. I would appreciate feedback on our new report format so please take a few moments to complete the questionnaire attached to the report and return to school by Friday 31st March.

SPRING CONCERT

Invites have now been sent out for our spring concert on Wednesday 29 March at 2:15pm. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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.

NON UNIFORM

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

MR CLAUDIU

Mr Claudiu has stepped down from his position as caretaker with us in order to pursue a different career alternative. I would like to thank Mr Claudiu for his support in keeping our school grounds tidy and secure. It will not be goodbye just yet as Mr Claudiu will be continuing his evening cleaning so you may still see him around.

We will shortly be advertising for a new caretaker. If this is something you, or someone you know, may be interested in, please speak to the school office and they can give you additional details.

PARK AND STRIDE

As the weather starts to turn brighter, can I please encourage parents to take the opportunity to 'park and stride' to school. There are side roads away from school that are detailed in our travel plan that would allow you to park and then walk the remainder of the distance. Congestion outside school continues to be a concern and it would be great if more parents could 'park and stride'. If you would like a copy of the park and stride locations please speak to Mrs Wancio in the office.

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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. The teachers have planned some exciting activities linked to '50' or activities from the 1960's.

As parents you need to be aware of the following information:

DATE	ACTIVITY	ACTION
Thursday 20 th April	Dress up in clothes from the 1960's	Please send your child to school dressed as they would have done in the 1960's (this does not have to be 1960's school uniform)
Thursday 20 th April	Sausage, mash and bean banquet	Complete the attached letter for menu choices
Friday 21 st April	Time capsule burial and picnic lunch on field with the juniors	Parents are invited to attend, please complete the attached letter. This will be cancelled if the weather is poor.

BUG CLUB

This is available to use on the iPad now so please take time to encourage your child to log on and have a read. Bug Club is great for developing your child's reading comprehension and could be used more frequently at home.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey ~ we had 84 responses in total. I will send out the results shortly.

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

Term	Value	Chosen by
Autumn 1	Friendship	Silver Class
Autumn 2	Courage	Gold Class
Spring 1	Perseverance	Green Class
Spring 2	Kindness	Purple

When we return after Easter, Blue Class have chosen the value of 'respect'. Please talk to your child about what 'respect' may look like both in school and at home.

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.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Just a reminder that policies are available to parents on our website under 'Our school / policy documents'.

LAW CHANGE FOR USING YOUR MOBILE PHONE WHILST DRIVING

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case if you are stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic. Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider. New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

[Keep safe](#) – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

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NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Friday 30 June ~ Sports afternoon from 1:30pm. Invite to follow and weather permitting (reserve date set for Friday 7th July)
Friday 14th July ~ Bring your parent to school day. One parent per child for either the morning or afternoon session.
Wednesday 19th July ~ Leavers concert. Year 2 parents only.
Thursday 20th July ~ Leavers party ~ year 2 pupils only.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Currently our whole school attendance is maintaining a steady 96%.
Well done to:

Week beginning 20 February	Gold Class	99.7% attendance
Week beginning 27 February	Gold Class	99.3% attendance
Week beginning 6 March	Blue Class and Gold Class	98.6% attendance
Week beginning 13 March	Red Class and Blue Class	100% attendance

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!

Ellie Blue Class	Lamisa Purple Class	Ismael Silver Class	Alexandra Green Class
Zidane Gold Class	Claudia Gold Class	James Gold Class	Rebecca Silver Class
Jack Silver Class	Alex B Gold Class	Kiyan Silver Class	Tristan Blue Class
Alex G Gold Class	Tabitha Blue Class	Hiba Blue Class	Mahdiya Blue Class
Adam Red Class	Sasha Red Class	Kate Red Class	Evelina Red Class
Jake Red Class	Spencer Red Class	Paige Silver Class	William Green Class
Samara Green Class	Nabeela Green Class	Ana Green Class	Helena Green Class
Lara Green Class	Sanaa Green Class		

DON'T FORGET

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.

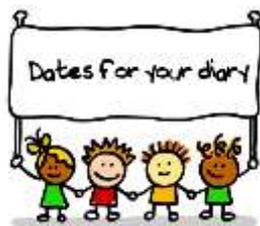
NUT FREE

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?
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			
Tuesday 18 April	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)		
Wednesday 19 April	Back to school	Classrooms	8:50am
Thursday 20 April	Dress from the 1960's		
Thursday 20 April	Sausage, mash and bean banquet		
Friday 21 April	Burial of time capsule and picnic	Field	11:30am
Tuesday 9 May	Class Photo	Hall (pupils only)	
Monday 15 May	Walk to school week		
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June		HALF TERM	
Monday 5 June		Back to school	
Tuesday 20 June	Y2 Scooter safety day	Playground (pupils only)	
Friday 30 June	Sports Afternoon	Field	1:30pm
Friday 7 July	RESERVE sports afternoon	Field	1:30pm
Friday 14 July	Bring your parent to school	Classrooms	10-12am OR 1:15 – 3:15pm
Wednesday 19 July	Y2 Leavers concert	Hall Y2 parents only	2:15pm
Thursday 20 July	Y2 Leavers Party	Hall Y2 pupils only	3:15pm
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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