

# Cupernham Infant School

*Together we care, we learn and we enjoy success*

**Headteacher: Mr Duncan Wells**



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe it is nearly half term already! So much has happened in such a short space of time.

Our new Year R children have settled in amazingly well and adapted really quickly to their new school routines. It can feel a bit like an emotional roller-coaster initially but, we hope that you have been comforted by how easily they have made their first steps into school-based education. We're excited to see what Year R will achieve by the end of the year!

Our new Year 1 and 2 children have also settled in well and we are really encouraged by the early signs we are seeing in their work. It is a testament to your hard work during the lockdown that so many of them have not slipped back in relation to their age-related expectations. Thank you for your dedication.

I think we have all found this last year harder than usual against the backdrop of the pandemic. The strangeness of the lockdown, the restrictions placed on our staff, the wider impact of the pandemic on you and your families and the management of anxieties about what to expect next are all difficult to balance. However, from the children's education perspective it seems as if we are beating the effects of the pandemic and positivity is shining through. Thank you to everyone involved!

We will continue to strive to ensure that your children are provided with the very best environment so that they are happy to learn and thrive. As mentioned in my last letter, we are trying to identify a variety of ways to raise money for the school and we will keep you informed of progress along the way. At the end of each term, one of our committees will send out a Governors' newsletter so that you can read about what we have been doing to make Cupernham Infant School a centre of excellence. Don't worry though, we will still be making sure that our school's warm and nurturing environment remains a strength that you can rely upon.

I wish you all well and hope that you have a good half term holiday whatever you are doing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Astle-McDonald".

Dawn Astle-McDonald

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