

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 10 - 26th January 2024



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children continue to work so hard with their learning and it has been lovely to visit the classrooms to hear all about it. Their writing, problem solving and reasoning have been phenomenal and they all should be very proud.

In our assemblies, we have been revisiting our three rules Ready, Respectful and Safe and thinking about what it means to be 'Respectful', respectful to yourself and others. Children continue to be considerate of the wishes, feelings and needs of another person.

Well done everybody!

Kind regards Mr. D. Wells

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Year R - please bring in Junk Week	From Monday 29 th January
Year R "Junk Fest"	Tuesday 6 th February – Parents in 2.15pm
FOCUS Valentine Bake Sale	Friday 9 th February
Children's Mental Health Week	5 th – 9 th February
Dress To Express Dress Up Day	Friday 9 th February
Half-Term	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February
INSET Day	Monday 19 th February
Yr. 1 Phonics Information W/shop	Wednesday 21 st February 3.30-4.00pm
Yr.1 Sea City Museum Trip	Friday 23 rd February
World Book Dress Up Day	Thursday 7 th March
Mid-Year School Reports	Friday 15 th March
Scholastic Book Fair	16 th -19 th April - After School in the Library
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April
Yr. 1 Phonics Screening Week	W/c Monday 10 th June



We have a fantastic opportunity for somebody to join our amazing school and friendly community. We are looking for a

- Assistant Site Manger across CIS & CJS
- 2 HLTA's (Higher Level Teaching Assistants)

Full Details found [here](#)

Our Learning This Week



Year R

We have continued our topic of 'Terrific Travel' and thoroughly enjoyed our Scooter Day. The children had a go at writing a sentence/phrase about their scooter using the sentence starter 'It has...'

This week we have been looking at pictures of Fire Engines from the past and identifying how they have changed over the years. We will then use these to compare with a real life Fire Engine. We have also made some fabulous fire and water collage.

In maths, we have been learning about the numbers 6, 7, 8. This includes making the quantities, representing and partitioning them into different ways.

Within music, we have been focussing on finding the pulse in music, using body percussion and then moving onto the use of instruments to play alongside the pulse.



KS1

Year 1 have had a fabulous week learning again. We have really enjoyed our science work recently thinking carefully about animal survival and the concept of understanding what a predator and prey are. We have moved onto a new book in English called 'The Kings Hats' which the children are really enjoying. Our ballroom dancing is coming along well now and we have really enjoyed learning this new skill. Well done Year 1

Year 2 have had a great week! We started the week by discovering our classrooms had been left in a big mess, as Dirty Bertie had visited. We found it rather disgusting so we wrote him a letter advising him how to stay clean and healthy. Let's hope he listens! Then in English we wrote some amazing diary entries as if we were Florence Nightingale. We thought very carefully about what she would have witnessed and how she would have felt. Our teachers were very proud. We also started a DT topic this week. First we explored different fruit and vegetables and tried to classify them correctly. Many of us were amazed to learn that tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers are actually a fruit because they have seeds! Later in the week we had great fun taste tasting fruit to help us design out own fruit smoothie that we will be creating next week.





HOT TOPIC



Instead of asking....How was school!

What to say to your child/ren instead of “How was school?”

Feelings:

- Did anyone make you feel happy today?
- Did anything make you feel sad today?
- Tell me about one thing you did today that made you feel proud (and why).

Friendships:

- Who made you laugh today?
- Who did you play with?
- Is there someone you want to be friends with but aren't yet?

Learning:

- Can you teach me a song you sang today?
- Tell me about a story you read/listened to today?
- Tell me something you know that you didn't know yesterday.

Classroom:

- What games did you play at breaktime?
- What are you most looking for tomorrow?
- Did you see anyone be kind today?



Phonics

Year 1 Parents

Phonics

In June, the children in Year 1 have to undertake a National Phonics Assessment. This requires them to read 40 real and nonsense words covering the sounds that children should know and be able to blend when reading by the end of Year 1. To explain this assessment to parents and provide ways in which you can support your child at home, we are running a parent meeting on **Wednesday 21st February** at 3.30pm-4.00pm. The presentation will also be available shortly after the event for those that cannot attend.

"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"



MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



Attendance Counts!

What can I do to encourage my child to attend School?

- Make sure your child gets enough sleep and gets up in plenty of time each morning. Establish a morning routine that works for your family
- Ensure that he/she leaves home in the correct clothes and properly equipped. Show your child, by your interest, that you value his / her education.
- Be interested in what your child is doing in school, chat to them about the things they have learnt, what friends they have made and even what they had for lunch.
- Talking positively about the day ahead will ensure your child feels confident and in the right mindset to start their day.

Measles

You will have seen the news regarding the rise in cases of measles in London and the large outbreaks in the West Midlands.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has now declared a national incident in order to focus actions to limit the spread. Further outbreaks of measles will spread to other towns and cities unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake in areas at greatest risk. Children who get measles can be very poorly and some will suffer life changing complications.

To support this incident the Department of Education (DfE) has published: [What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school](#) guidance for parents and for schools.

Mr Wells & The Cupernham Choir



I am so pleased to announce the Cupernham Choir is back! This is an exciting opportunity for everyone to get involved and enjoy the love of singing. If your child would like to join our choir, then come to library every Monday lunchtime from 12.30. We hope to perform to you and our community very soon. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rock Steady!

On Wednesday this week, we had the Rocksteady Music Team come into school to perform a live pop and rock assembly.

The children had an amazing time and tried their hand at many instruments. The children should have brought home a flyer giving you more information about how to sign up. We are so excited to part of this amazing opportunity.



★ ROCK BAND ★

Fabulous Finish Class Assembly

Starting in March 2024, you are invited to come and join us celebrating the children's learning and achievements throughout their class topic. Assemblies will start at 2.50pm and be no longer than 20mins.

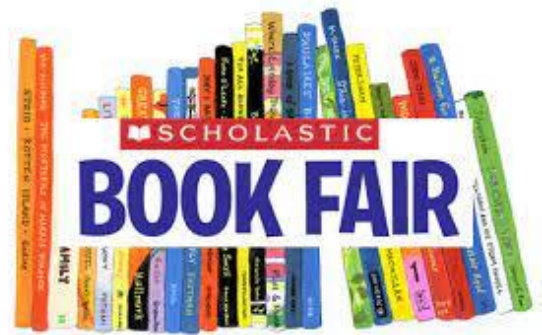
Date	Yr.Group	Class	Time
26 th March	2	Woodpeckers	2.50pm
27 th March	2	Kingfishers	2.50pm
28 th March	2	Nightingales	2.50pm
21 st May	1	Hummingbirds	2.50pm
22 nd May	1	Robins	2.50pm
23 rd May	1	Owls	2.50pm
18 th June	R	Wrens	2.50pm
19 th June	R	Penguins	2.50pm
20 th June	R	Sparrow	2.50pm



We will continue to celebrate children's learning in our usual special ways so keep an eye out for these dates.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair. The books company will be visiting the school from 16th -19th April. You will be able to look and buy books after school in the library. More details to follow nearer the time.



Bikeability



Bikeability has always been a wonderful success with all our children and Wrens had an amazing time. We are looking forward to seeing the rest of Year R enjoying this same exciting experience.

Penguins:

Mon 29/Tues 30/Wed 31 Jan/Thurs 1 Feb

Sparrows:

Mon 5/Tues 6/Wed 7/Thurs 8 Feb

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February, it is Safer Internet Day in school. This year during Internet Safety Week, we will be delivering focused online safety lessons across the school. The theme this year is: How to keep safe online and off line and knowing who to talk too if you are worried about anything.

FOCUS



FOCUS & Cupernham Junior PTA will be holding a

Valentine's Gift & Bake Sale



Friday 9th February 3.20pm in the playground



All items £2. Cash & Card Accepted

Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5th – 9th February, with the theme of “My Voice Matters”. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

Throughout the week, the classes will be taking part in activities to promote good mental health and wellbeing, supported by our Wellbeing Champions – Mr Wells, Mrs Hoath (Child and Family Support Worker) and Mrs Kinally & Mrs Ferris (our amazing ELSA's).

Any parents who would like more information on Children's Mental Health can visit:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

As part of our recognition of Children's Mental Health Week, we are inviting all children to ‘Dress To Express’ on Friday 9th February. Children are invited to wear their favourite colour, a range of colours, or a whole unique outfit to express how they are feeling.

World Book Day 2024

On Thursday 7th March, we would like the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of your ‘favourite’ book! Or from a book that has inspired you to be a reader.

