

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 2 - 22nd September 23



Dear Parents and Carers,

Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

The autumn term is well underway and the children are settling well into their routines and enjoying school. Our curriculum continues to be lively, exciting and purposeful through the use of inspiring resources. Our Reception children are now very familiar with their classrooms and the outdoor learning spaces and developing independence. It has been lovely going around visiting all the classes seeing and hearing the children laugh and play. The playground is a great place to be with children playing together using the equipment respectfully. We are very excited to have 360 Degree Sports Coaches joining us every Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime, providing Multiskills activities and football coaching for the children, supported by our brilliant midday lunchtime supervisors.

Thank you for your continued support and have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr. D. Wells



Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Big School Tidy Volunteer Morning	Saturday 7 th October 10am-12.noon
Harvest Food Bank Collection Week	Monday 9 th October - Friday 13 th October
Parents Evening Yr. R and KS1 (Yr.1 &2)	Wednesday 11 th October 2023 - 3.30-7.00pm
Parents Evening Yr. R and KS1 (Yr.1 &2)	Thursday 12 th October 2023 – 3.30-5.30pm
Half Term	Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
INSET Day	Monday 30th October
FOCUS Firework Night	Thursday 2 nd November 5pm
Curriculum Workshop Yr. R-2 Parents	Wednesday 8 th November 6.30-8pm
Children In Need "Dress up in Spots Day"	Friday 17 th November
Yr. R Nativity	Monday 11 th December 2.30-3.15pm
Yr.1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 2.30-3.15pm
Yr. 2 Carol Concert	Thursday 14 th December 2.30-3.15pm
Yr. 1 Phonics Screening Week	W/c Monday 10 th June 2024
INSET Day	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
INSET Day	Monday 19 th February 2024

Our Learning This Week



Year R

In Year R, we have started our topic 'All about me'. We have read the story 'The Colour Monster' and have explored each feeling; what makes us feel.... (Happy) How can we tell someone is feeling....(Sad) and what could we do if they are feeling like this....

We have shared the story 'The Family book' by Todd Parr and discussed who lives in our family and how our families are the same/different to others. For example, some families have pets and some families are big and some families are small. The children have loved sharing their all about me scrapbooks with their friends too (a special thank you for creating these over summer!) Well done Year R for a fantastic start to school, we are so proud of how well you have all settled in to the school routines!!



KS1

In Year 2, we have started our topic of 'Fantastic Fairy tales'. We have been reading the story of 'The Jolly Postman' and writing our own letters of apology from the Big Bad Wolf to the Three Little Pigs. In Maths, we have been learning about place value and thinking about how many tens and ones are in a number as well as comparing them using the greater than, less than signs. In Geography, we have been adventuring into 'Fairy Tale Land' to look for human and physical features.

In Year 1, we have been learning all about our locality and enjoyed our walk around Woodley and Abbotswood. In English, we have reading the book Tree by Patricia Hegarty and using our sounds to writing simple sentences of what we can see in the story. In Maths, we have counting to ten, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1 or from any given number.



Drumming Lessons

Thank you to everyone who showed interest in their children having drumming lessons in school. If you did complete the Microsoft Forms sent out a couple of weeks ago. Please look out for an email from Tom, who will be trying to contact you to arrange the lessons and payment.

Hot Topic –Positive Behaviour

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Positive Behaviour

Ready, Respectful and Safe

Cupernham Infant school has three school rules based on the philosophy of “treat other people as you would like to be treated yourself”. Our three rules are:

1. I will be ready to learn and show pride and staying power with my work

This means: Children are ready for learning, they arrive at school on time, they have the correct uniform, they have their equipment ready, they show that they are listening and their minds are ready to try their very best.

2. I will be respectful towards everyone, towards property and the school environment

This means: Children are listening when others speak and they respect the property of their friends and the school. They respect that other people have different ideas, beliefs and backgrounds to our own. They respect that people may look different and have different needs but we all feel the same emotions.

3. I will be safe and make the right choices both in and out of school

This means: Children are safe in their learning environment, safe with the people around them and safe in the activities in which they are taking part. They move around school in a safe manner, they follow instructions to keep themselves safe, they use equipment safely, stay safe online and make safe choices in our community.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

We celebrate success and positive behaviour in a number of ways. These include:

- Verbal praise (either private or shared with the class or individuals)
- Stickers celebrating success
- Hot Chocolate Friday Award
- Secret Superstar Certificates
- Postcard/Letters home to parents
- Lunch Time Awards



Keeping Safe



The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe? That's where the NSPCC come in. Whether you're an online expert or you're not sure where to start, their tools and advice will help you keep your child safe. Also, run in partnership with O2, Net Aware offers parent's useful information about each social network, including the age guidance for users.

You can find a wide range of useful information and advice from the NCPCC by using the following link <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe!

Every child has the right to be safe

The NSPCC Speak out Stay safe programme helps children at school learn about what's OK and not OK, and what to do if they're ever worried or scared.

With the help of their mascot Buddy, the Speak out Stay Safe programme covers topics like bullying and abuse - without using any scary words or adult language.

Children learn about the different types of abuse in a child-friendly and age appropriate way, so they can get help if or when they need it. We help them identify safe adults they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend. And they learn about [Childline](#), and how it can support them.

This week I shared our first Speak Out Stay Safe assembly with all the children and staff, this will be followed up with activities in class reminding children who they can talk to if they feel scared or worried.

On Monday 2nd October, the NSPCC will be coming into school to deliver a workshop for our Year 2 children.

You can find out more information about the programme by visiting the NSPCC website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/working-with-schools/>





Pupil Voice

At Cupernham Infants, we feel it is important to listen to our children and value their opinions. The voice of the children is crucial in shaping our school and curriculum. We endeavour to give all children many opportunities to share their thoughts and opinions and play an active role in the decisions that affect their learning and well-being.

We believe that everyone's voice should be heard which is why we have established various groups within school. We also want to provide opportunities for our pupils to develop their leadership skills, be confident and work collaboratively with the teaching teams within school.

In my assembly on Monday, I will be talking to the children in more detail about the following roles:

Eco Gang (2 representatives per class)

Librarians (2 representatives per class)

School Council (2 representatives per class)

Playground Pals (Yr. 2 Only) (2 representatives per class)

Assembly Ambassadors (Yr. 2 Only) (2 representatives per class)

If your child would like to put themselves forward for one of these roles, they will need to write a couple of sentences explaining why they would be the best person for the role. They will then read their speeches on **Monday 2nd October** to their class, supported by their teacher. The class will then hold a class election on **Friday 6th October**, voting for who they believe will be the right person to represent them.

Open Days



Please share if you know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2024:

We would like to invite you to attend one of our open day sessions to find out about our life and learning here at Cupernham Infant School. Please contact the school office to book a space on 01794 514494.

Wednesday 4th October 9.30am – 10.30am
Wednesday 1st November 9.30am-10.30am
Tuesday 5th December 1.30pm -2.30pm

Tuesday 10th October 1.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday 16th November 9.30am-10.30am

Polite Reminders

The Playground

For health and safety reasons please can we makes sure that children are not playing on the Trim Trail or the Slide before and after school. The Train is for sitting on only.

Also, children should not be riding scooters, bikes or playing football on the playground before or after school. Many thanks.



Muddy Footprints

As the weather is changing, the ground is becoming quite muddy, could we ask that children keep off the grass banks and field before school so as not to bring mud into school. Many thanks



Rucksacks and Soft Toys



We have noticed that children are still bringing rucksacks to school. Unfortunately, we do not have enough space to store these so please only send in their Bookbags. Also, a number of children are bringing soft toys into school, can we please make sure that these stay safely at home or are taken back home by the parents. Thank you once again.

Supervision



Please can we ensure that all children are closely supervised on the playground before and after school by their adult. Also, could we remind parents that we use polite and appropriate language whilst on our school premises and in front of other children.

Cycling to School

It is lovely to see so many families cycling to school. Please could we ask that if you are cycling to school that you discount before entering the school grounds.



INSET Days 2023-24

Our INSET Days for the next academic year are as follows:

Monday 30th October 2023
Monday 13th November 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Monday 19th February 2024

Useful Support and Helplines

Please visit our [Parent Support Pages](#) on our website or contact our Child and Family Support Worker, Mrs Hoath on 01794 514494.



Don't forget to let us know if there any changes to your contact details.



Contacting us

Please don't forget to keep us informed of any change to contact details as soon as possible.

Telephone: 01794 514494.

If you need to report your child absent then press option 1 and leave a message, at any time

Via email: adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk

Please visit our website at: www.cupernhaminfant.com

Cuckoo Club mobile 07510318970, please use this number if you need to contact them during the session.

