

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 4 - 20th October 2023



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we have come to the end of our first half term and what an amazing half term we have had! I would like to say a very big thank you to our Teachers and Learning Support Assistants for their enthusiasm, support and dedication to provide an inspiring curriculum for our children. Furthermore, I would like to say a special thank you to the admin team, the site team, those who provide the wonderful lunches, our Midday Supervisors, Governors and our amazing FOCUS volunteers.

This week's Hot Topic is attendance, I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that children come to school every day if they are well enough to do so. We continue to receive a high number of request for holiday in term time and as the article in this newsletter outlines, this will have to be marked as unauthorised absence and you could face a penalty notice.

Finally, I would like to say a very big thank you to our amazing children who make us proud every single day and to you, the parents, for your continued support.

Please have a safe and relaxing half term, ready for another half term of exciting adventures.

Please remember - Monday 30th October is an INSET Day.

Kind regards Mr. D. Wells

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Half Term	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October
INSET Day	Monday 30 th October
Year R Room on the Broom Dress Up Day	Tuesday 31 st October
FOCUS Firework Night	Thursday 2 nd November 5pm
Curriculum Workshop Yr. R-2 Parents	Wednesday 8 th November 6.30-8pm
Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 9 th November
INSET Day	Monday 13 th November
Trussell Trust Christmas Shoeboxes	Last day for delivery to school - Friday 10 th Nov
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

We have been learning all about our bodies the last two weeks. We had a go at using our sounds to label our bodies and this week we have learnt about how we grow up, change and develop as we get older. Many thanks for all the baby photos. The children have enjoyed looking at these and using them to compare what they could do as a baby and what they can do now!

Last week in maths, we focussed on patterns. The children had great fun spotting and making their own repeating patterns. This week we have moved our learning onto the number 1, 2 and 3. We have practised writing the numerals, making the quantities and even subitising (saying how many are there without having to count them!) Can you find different representations of 1, 2 and 3 over the weekend?



KS1

Year 1 have had a lovely couple of weeks learning. We had a crazy hair day on Monday as the hook to our new book 'Hair it's a family affair'. The children came in with a crazy hair style and the effort that went into this was incredible – thank you! We have then been writing about our crazy hair styles too. We have been learning all about the Harvest festival in RE and discussing special places. We've had a lot of fun in maths learning how to use a number line by going outside and jumping our numbers. Well done Year 1 😊

Year 2 have had a great week finishing off their topic of Fantastic Fairy tales. They very much enjoyed sharing their brilliant stories, paper mache shoes and performing their poem to their parents. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend. The children also had great fun being a scientist through performing a simple test to find out which material would be best for a new cape for Little Red. They had to think carefully about properties such as whether it was waterproof or absorbent, rigid or hard, transparent or opaque.

Postcards Home

Well done to everyone that received our Great Effort postcard. We hope you had a lovely surprise when the postcard landed on your doorstep. Keep an eye out for the post this Saturday.....It could be you!



Hot Topic - Attendance

Attendance will be a regular feature in our newsletters as it's important to share with you why good attendance matters. Research shows that absence from school, for whatever reason, can disadvantage a child by creating gaps in learning, which affect a child's ability to succeed.

As such, we have a dedicated team who monitor all absence thoroughly and all attendance data is shared with the Local Authority.

We will make contact with you and arrange a meeting if we have any concerns regarding your child's attendance. If your child's attendance level is falling towards 90%, then we will contact you directly to raise our concern. Please support us by giving your child the best opportunities through good attendance at school.

I have attached links to some useful documents available to explain the use of penalty notices.

Useful Links:

[Hampshire Guidance on Penalty Notices](#)

[Should your child go to school today](#) - Guidance for parents when a child is unwell.

Attendance Ladder



Penalty Notices - As set down by the Department for Education, Penalty Notices can be issued for unauthorised absence. In Hampshire, Penalty Notices are issued when a pupil has had 10 or more half-day sessions (equivalent to five school days) of unauthorised absence, in the last 10 school week period.

FOCUS – The Big to do list!

Thank you to everyone who came and helped on Saturday 7th Oct, we really appreciated everyone giving up their time; our school looks great. Thank you everyone who painted the year R fence, refreshed and painted the white poles outside Yr. 2 and Yr. R cleared the playground and trimmed the shrubs and trees around school.



Lost or Stolen

Please could we all keep an eye out for a pink scooter? It was missing from the main bike shed early this week. If this has been taken by mistake then please return the scooter to the main office. This would make a little girl very happy. Thank you.



New HC3S School Menus



View the new HC3S menus for October 2023 to April 2024 on our website at:
<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/school-meals/>

Full details of all menus are on the HC3S website at:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/education-and-learning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary>

Wraparound Care

Just a reminder that after school club with finish at 5pm on Thursday 2nd November due to the Cupernham Fireworks Display.



E-Consult for Nasal Flu Vaccination



Your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination is NOW DUE. This is free from the NHS.

Click the link below for the consent form and information about the vaccine. Access to the consent forms will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH116048

Session date: Thursday 9th November 2023

Link to website: [Winter Flu Vaccination programme: Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the form and indicate that you do not consent. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

If you have already completed the consent form, please ignore this message.
Only complete one consent form per child.

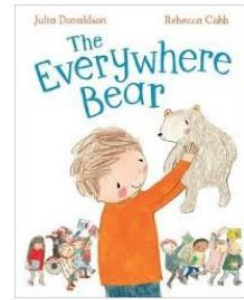
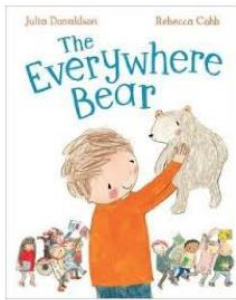
[From the School Age Immunisation Service](#)

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The Everywhere Bear Update

Everywhere Bear is ready for his adventures and he will be coming home with someone this half term and then every evening after that. Every child, throughout the year, will have the opportunity to look after The Everywhere Bear. Please make sure that you take a photo to share on Tapestry and that you bring him back the next day. Thank you.



Shoe Box Appeal



The Trussell Trust will be collecting the Christmas Boxes from Cupernham Infant School on Monday 13th November (Inset Day) so please bring any filled shoeboxes to your class teacher by Friday 10th November so that they are ready for collection.

These Christmas boxes can be filled with everyday items and goodies. All of these gifts will be treasured, and valued by the people receiving them.



Poppy Sale

Poppies will be on sale after half term. The school Council will be coming around the school visiting classes during the first week back. Suggested donation is 50p or £1.

Harvest

Thank you for all your donations for our Harvest. The Romsey Food Bank will be collecting all donations.



Governor Introductions



Hello! From our New Chair of Governors – Andy Gunn



I've lived in Romsey for nearly 30 years and have three grown up children who all went through local Primary and Secondary schools. Until recently, I was a trustee at a large, local comprehensive school and I have seen at first-hand how important early years' education is in laying the groundwork for everything that follows. I became a Governor because I want to help Cupernham Infant School deliver a fun and fulfilling start to school life; I am passionate that education is a series of building blocks and developing well-rounded teenagers starts in year R.

I retired in 2020 and I am enjoying spending time cycling, in the garden and travelling. I am also Vice-Chair of a local advice charity, which provides free, confidential, and impartial advice to the residents of Test Valley.

I look forward to seeing you around the school – I'm particularly looking forward to the fireworks display!

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 1st November 9.30am-10.30am
Tuesday 5th December 1.30pm -2.30pm

Thursday 16th November 9.30am-10.30am



Important Reminders

Recycling

If you have any textiles and shoes for our clothes bank please bring them in and pop them in our textile recycle bin located outside the main school office – Thank you!



Reminder



Please ensure you respect our neighbours by parking and driving safely around our site. **Also, the junior and infant school car parks are for staff only.**

Mornings can be a hectic time. Please make sure your child is safely dropped off at the classroom door. Thank you.

Scooters and Bicycles

Both Cupernham Juniors and Infants have observed some 'near misses' to possible accidents with children either riding bikes or scooting whilst on the school site. **Please can parents remind children to dismount from bikes and scooters as they come through the gates so that we can ensure everyone's safety?** Thank you for your support with this.



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.

National Trust Half term Activities



This half term, why not get involved in some of their great activities? Follow a wildlife trail, discover historical stories or get creative with natural materials. Wherever you go, there will be plenty to do with the children this October. Click on the link below to find out about the fun you can have at various places, plus you can search for an event near you.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/whats-on/october-half-term-events-and-activities>

Help Needed Please

We are looking to trim and tidy up our large hedges along the footpath by the small entrance gate. If you know of a tree/hedge cutting company that would like to visit and quote for the work then please contact the office at adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk or telephone 01794 514494

I have shared a picture of the work needed opposite.

