



I'm sure you will agree it has been a different start to the academic year than we have been used to. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation implementing our plans. While we continue to navigate our way through these challenging times, COVID 19 has shaped quite a lot of what we have to do. We have tried to operate as normal and increasingly remotely. We hope you found the remote meet the teacher evenings and the parent consultations evenings useful and informative. Our curriculum continues to be lively, exciting and purposeful through the use of inspiring resources. It has been lovely walking around the school seeing and hearing the children laugh and play. School staff and I are so grateful for the incredible support of our parents and families during the half term. The conversations and 'thank you' comments on the gate really do go a long way. Finally, I hope that you all have a good half term break. Whilst many of the usual things that you would do are restricted we are lucky to have a number of large open spaces near to where we live. The National Trust website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/days-out> has lots of ideas of things that you can do with children for free outdoors, in parks and woodland areas. Have a lovely half term, keep well and safe. Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*

Our Learning This Week



Year R

Year R have had a super half term, learning the school routines and making new friends. Children have enjoyed using their fairy tale skills especially during our 'Forest Fun' afternoons. We have also thought carefully about how the characters in different stories and how they might move during our dance sessions. We continue to develop our 'numberness' knowledge through number of the week. Please encourage independent skills for example; dressing and getting ready themselves. Happy half term.

KS1

Year 1 and 2 have had an incredible half term and have settled into our 'new norm' and new class routines brilliantly. The children have thoroughly enjoyed our Fantastic Fairy Tale topic and this has inspired them to do some fantastic writing remembering to think about the important parts of a sentence and how to make our sentences more exciting! Thank you for supporting the children in their end of topic celebration. We loved seeing their amazing costumes and props! We hope you can all enjoy a happy and safe half term. Best wishes from all the KS1 team 😊

Diwali Celebrations



Diwali Celebrations at Cupernham Infant School!
We have had an exciting week diving into the Hindu Culture through lots of creative learning and exploring.

The children have loved lots of hands on activities to support their creative learning. They have been making all sorts, from clay Diwa lamps, to creating Rangoli patterns out of seeds, coloured sand, and lentils.

They also explored traditional music and learnt some dance moves to go with it! You will find lots more fantastic photos and videos on the school website or our blogs.

A Year 1 pupil said "I enjoyed learning about different celebrations" "We have had the most fantastic week learning about different cultures and celebrations".

A huge thank you to all the staff, but especially Miss Vinney and Miss Bailey for all their planning and preparation for this amazing week.



Hot Topic - Safety Online.

YouTube

YouTube is an online platform – owned by Google – where anyone can upload & watch video content. All different types of information, advice & entertainment are uploaded & billions of people tune in to watch, rate & comment on it. As a parent, it's important you understand exactly what content your children might be seeing. That's why The National Online Safety team <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> have created a useful guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what YouTube is all about. We have attached a copy of this guidance to this email.

With every newsletter, we will attach another guide for another platform which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. The main purpose of these are to empower parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with your children, should you feel it is needed.



FOCUS

Thank you so much to everyone that took part in the Virtual Balloon Race! We had a total of 103 balloons taking part raising funds of £217.41. The race finished at noon on Wednesday, and the Winners were Eli from Nightingales, Chloe from Hummingbirds, and Ivy from Sparrows. We hope you enjoy your activity prizes over half-term!

No	Name	Distance
1 	Elisavet	1629 km
2 	High flyer	1605 km
3 	Widow	1597 km



Coming Up Next!

Launch of our Preloved Uniform Shop, Christmas Cards and Gift Tags designed by your children, as well as Secret Santa Store gifts will be available to order after half-term (full details to follow).

And if you are getting organised with your Christmas Shopping online, please be sure to activate AmazonSmile and Easy Fundraising to raise funds for the school simply by choosing to support Friends of Cupernham Infants School!

Queens Honours



We are so pleased to announce that one of our governors, Dorothy Baverstock, has received Queens' Honours for her years of dedicated service to the communities across Romsey and the wider Test Valley. Dorothy, in the Queens Honours list, has been granted a British Medal (BEM) for 'meritorious civil service worthy of recognition by the Crown'.

Dorothy has been instrumental in helping to set up a number of groups that are still thriving today including Age Concern, Romsey U3A and Unity. She is passionate about helping people and is also well known as a Test Valley Councillor and has held the distinguished position of Mayor in both Romsey Town and test Valley Authorities over the years. However, it is her passion as a volunteer which makes her so very special and her selfless way she helps the community every day. We are so proud to have her on our Governing Body. Congratulations!

Virtual Open Days



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2021 or do you know a parent/carer who does?

Please come and find out about our life and learning here at Cupernham Infant School. We would like to invite you to attend one of our virtual open sessions to find out more about our school.

[Click here to Book our Virtual Open Days for New Starters 2021/2022](#)

We will be holding two more Virtual Open Day Events on:

Friday 6th November 1.30pm-2.30pm

Wednesday 2nd December 4.30pm-5.30pm

Lunchtime/Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA)

Job/Person Summary

Contract/Hours:	Permanent – part time
Salary Type:	EHCC / Support Staff
Salary Details:	£17,364FTE – Actual £2,006
Hours of Work:	5 hours per week (1 hour per day covering lunchtimes)– term time only
Location of Role:	Cupernham Infant School, Bransley Close, Romsey, SO51 7JT
Start Date:	ASAP



We are looking for two Supervisory Assistants to join our lunchtime team.

Are you calm, caring, reliable and enthusiastic?

If you enjoy working with children to ensure they are happy, healthy and safe during this important part of the day, we would love to hear from you.

Please click here for more information <https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/lunchtime-supervisory-assistant-2/>

Crowdfunding

You will recall in the letter from our Chair of Governors at the end of term we were looking to fundraise to help us with some of the additional costs of reopening the school safely following the coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdown.

We would welcome you to support us as much as you can, if you are able too, by sharing our story and page with your network. If you also feel you can make a donation however small, we would be extremely grateful. The link to our page is here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cupernham-infant?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=socpledgedesktop&utm_content=cupernham-infant&utm_campaign=post-pledge-desktop&utm_term=9XMpKwEyx

Or you can go to our website or our Just Giving and search for 'Cupernham Infant'.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping to support our School.

Flu Vaccinations

Your child(ren)'s annual flu vaccination will be taking place in school on Wednesday 9th December. Please complete your online consent form by the 7th December 2020. For more information, follow the link.

https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Protecting_Child_Against_Flu_DL_leaflet_2020.pdf

New! Healthy Hot Packed Lunch Menu

After half term our new healthy hot packed lunch menu will be:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/school-meals/>

Post Box Drop Off

As we are only taking emails, phone calls and pre-arranged visits to the school office, if you need to drop off any paperwork to the office, we now have a lovely red post-box for you put it in. It is emptied regularly throughout the day. Thank you.

Telephone Support Line

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational Psychology (HIEP) are continuing to run a Telephone Support Line to help parents/carers during the COVID 19 Pandemic. For further information, visit the news page of our website or visit www.hants.gov.uk/educational-psychology



Contacting us

Please don't forget to keep us informed of any change to your 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.

Dates for your Diary:

HALF TERM

Monday 26 – Friday 30
October

Back to school Monday 2nd
November
Friday 13th November
Spotty dress up day for
Children in Need

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.

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!



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Poppies



After half term, poppies will be on sale. Classes will be able to buy a poppy for a small donation if they wish.