

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 8 - 15th December



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank 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 say a special thank you to the Administration team, the site team, those who provide the wonderful lunches, our Midday Supervisors and Governors and our amazing FOCUS team.

Thank you to you, the parents for your continued support and finally to our amazing children for making every day an exciting adventure.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year. Please remember we have an INSET day on Tuesday 2nd January so we will see the children back on Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024.

Kind regards Mr. D. Wells



Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
INSET Day	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Back to School	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
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

Christmas Message



Our school motto is Together We Care, We Learn and We Achieve. With that in mind, make sure that we always look after each other, look out for each other and finally, be kind to one another. On behalf of all the staff here at Cupernham Infant School, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Learning This Week



Year R

The children have really enjoyed learning about the 'Christmas Story.' They have listened to, discussed and independently sequenced the story during their discovery time. The children have also enjoyed rehearsing and performing their Nativity to the rest of the school and their special grownups! They were all SUPER STARS! The children have combined their fine motor skills, mathematical thinking and creativity to decorate their classrooms; using patterned paper chains and cutting different 2D shapes out of their snowflakes.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting creative, making presents and writing Christmas cards for somebody special. Well done Year R – what an incredible first term! Have a magical Christmas and a very happy New Year. We look forward to exploring our exciting new learning topics in 2024!



KS1

In Year 1 we have been learning about shapes, starting with 2D shapes, moving into 3D shapes. We have been learning lots in our RE topic of 'Journeys End' leading into the Christmas Story. We have done some lovely Christmas setting descriptions in English. Most importantly to mention, Year 1 did a fabulous nativity performance 'Hey Ewe' which was absolutely incredible and a fabulous way to end the Autumn term. Well done Year 1 for the most fantastic start to the Year. Have an amazing Christmas and a happy New Year! ☺

In Year 2 we had the Grinch steal some numbers during our maths lessons, so we have been looking at missing number problems. We have been learning all about how to write a poem in English. We learnt different rhyming words and looked at the layout of a poem and how it is different from writing a story. In science, we had a scavenger hunt outside to look for things that are alive, things that have died and things that have never been alive. We finished the week with a fantastic Christmas Carols performance, which was great to do for all family members watching. Great job, Year 2 on a fantastic first term. Have a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year and see you in 2024!



HOT TOPIC - Communication



Parent - School Communication We need your help please!



We always value all your thoughts and feedback about our wonderful school and really appreciate your time; we are always happy to listen and help.

If you would like to share some positive news with us or have a worry that you would like to talk to somebody about, then please email the school at adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk or telephone us on 01794 514494 to speak with a member of staff. No problem is too small and it is often more beneficial for everyone to talk about their concerns as and when they arise?

Mr Wells is always on the playground both before and after school if you would like an informal chat or you can always make an appointment with him by calling the school office.

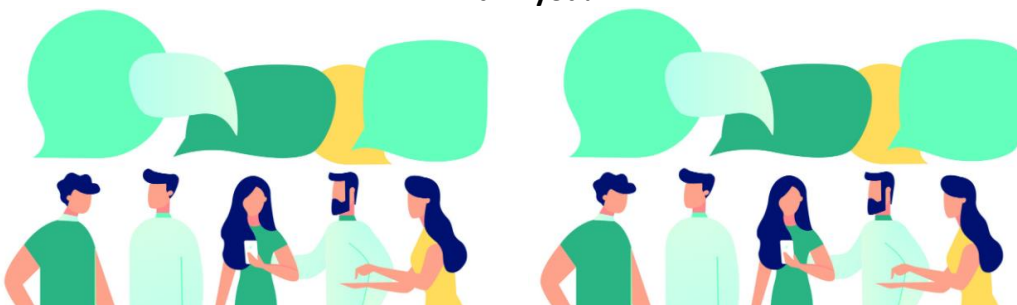
Alternatively, you can also speak to a member of our senior leadership team.

- **Year R:** If you have a matter relating to Yr. R then please contact our Yr.R leader and Deputy Head, Mrs Turski.
- **KS1:** If you have a matter relating to Yr. 1 & 2 please contact our KS1 Phase leader, Miss Parker.

If you do have a worry, please remember our School Values - **Together We Care, We Learn and We Achieve** and treat all members of the school community with respect and don't try and resolve it by means of social media, WhatsApp or text messaging. Just contact the school immediately as it allows us to address the worry by finding out the facts and resolving it appropriately. Often situations can quickly escalate and at times become challenging for all those involved.

Remember, we are here to help so please let us know!

Thank you!



Wraparound Care



We have been having lots of fun at wraparound, making and creating lots of different crafts for Christmas. Together, we created an amazing Christmas paper chain tree.

We then painted Christmas decorations and designed our own Snow Globes for our Snow Globe Competition. Well done Penny, Willow and Darcie who were all winners.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year for more fun and crafting. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

From the Wraparound Care Team.



Pantomime



I asked the children if they enjoyed the pantomime and they shouted yes they did. I replied "Oh no you didn't" and they shouted "Oh yes we did! This went on for a while in true panto spirit. The children were amazing and really enjoyed our special performance of Snow White. We hope to invite the company back next year! Thank you to FOCUS who funded the whole event.

FOCUS Secret Santa

A huge thank you to the teams of volunteers who organised the selection and wrapping of so many secret special surprises. The children had great fun and we hope you enjoy unwrapping your surprises on Christmas Day.



Romsey Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival



Here is our fabulous tree that we proudly decorated and displayed at the Romsey Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival. We hope you managed to go along and see it.

Romsey Fire station are organising a Santa's Grotto charity event at Romsey Fire station on Sunday 17th Dec at 1500 and there are raising money for Alfie's Wish and The Firefighters Charity.



Santa's Grotto

at

Romsey Fire Station

Sunday 17th December

15:00 - 20:00

Santa arriving on station at 1730

 **Hampshire
& Isle of Wight**
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

*** Craft Activities * Fire Engine Display * BBQ ***
*** Tea & Cakes * Raffle * Childrens Disco ***
*** Hot Chocolate ***

Raising money for Alfies Wish & Firefighters Charity

 **Alfie's
Wish**
Supporting Children
with Cancer

 **The
Fire Fighters**
Charity



**Story Time for Under 8s at
Abbey United Reformed Church**

We invite you to join us for
**‘Twas the Night after
Christmas**

Story time for under 8s
All welcome.



Sunday, 24 December at 3pm

Come dressed as a character from the
Christmas story, if you wish.

**Abbey United Reformed Church,
The Market Place, Romsey SO51 8EL**

Contact: Andy Bevan 07483 319618

Important Reminders

Message from the School Immunisation Team:

Flu clinics are available in the school holidays for children who missed it in school. If you have not already completed an e-consent, you will need to before being able to book into a clinic.

You will need your unique booking reference and the below link to book into a clinic:

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/ClinicBooking/Booking>

Book Donations

Please can you take books to Charity Shops – our library is now fully stocked, thank you for all your kind donations.



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. **In the New Year, 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.





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.



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

We have the following vacancies:

- 2 x HLTA's – Higher Level Teaching Assistants
- 2 x Midday Supervisory Assistant

Full Details can be found on our website at:

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