

# Cupernham Infant School

## Newsletter 8 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



*Together we care, we learn and we achieve!*

Dear Parents and Carers

On this last day of what has been a brilliant, busy, fun and very eventful half term, I would like to say a very big heartfelt “thank you” to absolutely everyone, to all our staff and anyone who has helped us this year. To all of you, the parents, for your continued support and finally to our amazing children for making every day an exciting adventure. We made it!

We have had so much fun with so many wonderful festive things going on, it has been lovely watching the children in their nativities and listening to the carol concert. A few of our Year 2 children even visited Durban House to perform a few carols in order to spread some cheer! We even ended today with their very own Christmas parties and a special visit from the man himself.

Thank you to our teachers (HLTA/Non class based teachers) and learning support assistants for their enthusiasm, support and dedication in providing an inspiring curriculum for our children and to the admin team, the site team, to those who provide our wonderful lunches, our midday supervisors and Governors. An extra special thank you to our FOCUS team for providing so many opportunities to raise money and especially funding our annual Pantomime Peter Pan, which was amazing.

We all wish you all a very merry Christmas and a restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*



| Dates for Your Diary | Date  |
|----------------------|---|
| Christmas Holidays   | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January |
| Back to School       | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                               |
| INSET Day            | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                             |
| INSET Day            | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025                                 |
| INSET Day            | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025                                |

## Christmas Message



Our school motto is Together We Care, We Learn and We Achieve. With that in mind, we 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 thoroughly enjoyed getting creative, making Christmas crafts 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 2025!

### KS1

#### Year 1:

In amongst our Christmas activities, Year 1 have been enjoying writing poems based on our book 'The Busy Fox'. In maths we have been building on our knowledge of number bonds to add and subtract with numbers to 10. We all loved performing our nativity 'Born in a Barn' to our families, the Year 1 adults we all so very proud of the confident speaking and super singing. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas, we look forward to more fabulous learning in 2025.

#### Year 2:

We loved performing our Christmas Carols at our carol concert last week to our parents, grandparents and carers. Then some of our Year 2 children went on a visit to Durban House Care Home to perform Christmas songs which was really lovely too. In between all the Christmas fun, we have written instructions on how to make a hand puppet and we have been learning all about shapes and symmetry in maths. We wish you all a very merry and restful Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025.



## Hot Topic



### Memorable Moments for 2025

We have shared many memorable experiences with you this term. We have so many more moments to look forward to in the New Year, including:

Yr. 2 Great Fire of London – Visit by Joan the Baker



Yr. 2 Special Places – trip to a synagogue and Romsey Abbey

Yr.1 Jonathan’s Jungle



Yr. 1 Hatching Ducklings



Yr.1 Sea City Museum - Titanic Museum

Yr. R Visit the Local Fire Station

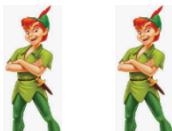


Yr. R Make and toss a pancake!



### Pantomime

In true panto spirit, 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!**” The children were amazing and really enjoyed our special performance of **Peter Pan**. Thank you to **FOCUS** who funded the whole event.



### Romsey Methodist Church

Here is our fabulous Snowman tree that our School Council proudly decorated and displayed at the Romsey Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival. We hope you managed to go along and see it and support many fabulous local charities including FOCUS.

## Chocolate Hamper Raffle

Congratulations to the winner of our Year R and Wraparound Care Chocolate Hamper raffle!

Thank you to everyone who supported this, we raised an amazing £130 for resources for the school.



## Parent Forum

Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Forum last week. I found it really useful to discuss what has worked well this term and feedback from parent's evenings progress update reports we shared this half term.

Next parent forum will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am and the topic will be parental workshops to support learning.

## Our After School Sports Clubs

Cupernham Infants are dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles and exercise for all our children.

Details on all our After School Clubs can be found on the website at:

[Spring 2025 Sports Clubs](#)



**We are looking for a Site Assistant to start as soon as possible after Christmas. Please share this advert on your socials. Full details can be found on our website at: <https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/site-assistant-cupernham-infant-and-junior-school/>**

## Site Assistant – Cupernham Infant & Junior School

- **Closing Date:** Monday 6th January 2025 @ Noon
- **Interview Date(s):** TBC
- **Type:** EHCC Support Staff
- **Contract/Hours:** Part-time – Permanent
- **Salary Details:** Scale B EHCC Pay Scale FTE £22,737 **Actual salary £18,446**
- **Hours of Work:** 35 hours per week (Flexible – during the school day) 42 weeks per year, Monday to Friday
- **Location of Role:** Cupernham Infant & Junior School, Bransley Close, Romsey, SO51 7JT



## Citizens Advice Test Valley

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[www.testvalleycab.org.uk](http://www.testvalleycab.org.uk)

You can email us via our website, 24 hours a day:  
[www.testvalleycab.org.uk/email-advice-form](http://www.testvalleycab.org.uk/email-advice-form)

You can call us, for free, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday:  
0808 812 6681

You can visit us:

9:30am to 12pm  
Monday to Thursday  
1st Floor, Chantry House  
Chantry Way  
Andover, SP10 1LZ

9:30am to 12pm  
Monday to Friday  
Former Magistrate Court  
Church Street  
Romsey, SO51 8AQ



citizens  
advice Test Valley



NSPCC  
0808 800 5000  
(24hrs)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline  
0808 2000 247  
(24hrs free)

Mind  
0300 123 3393  
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

Victim Support  
0808 168 9111  
(24hrs)

Cruse Bereavement  
0800 808 1677  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

ChildLine  
0800 1111  
(24hrs)

Action on Elder Abuse  
0808 808 8141  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Respect - Men's Advice Line  
0808 801 0327  
(Mon-Fri 9-5or8pm)

Samaritans  
116 123  
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic Violence  
0207 186 8270

## Useful Support and Helplines

Times are difficult at the moment and we want to let you that you are 'Never Alone'. This information has been put together by a number of professional services, highlighting the key agencies that may be able to offer help, support and advice when needed. In addition to this, please visit our new [Parent Support Pages](#) on our website for further support.



## 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](mailto:adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk)

Please visit our website at: [www.cupernhaminfant.com](http://www.cupernhaminfant.com)

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