

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 9 - 12th January 2024



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the Spring Term, I hope had you had an enjoyable, restful Christmas break and were able to spend time with family and friends.

It has been a busy first couple of weeks back with lots of exciting learning taking place across the school both indoors and outside. It has been lovely seeing the children settling back into learning, catching up with their friends and sharing their news.

I would like to welcome Mrs Fagan and Mrs Lane who have recently joined the Educational Support Team and Lunchtime Team.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards Mr. D. Wells

Dates for Your Diary



Make sure you note down the dates of our class assemblies on page 3.

Event	Date
Year R Scooter Day	Monday 15 th January
Year R "Junk Fest"	Tuesday 6 th February –Parents in 2.15pm
FOCUS Valentine Bake Sale	Friday 9 th February
Half Term	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February
INSET Day	Monday 19 th February
Yr.1 Sea City Museum Trip	Friday 23 rd February
School Reports	Friday 15 th March
Easter Holiday	Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April
Yr. 1 Phonics Screening Week	W/c Monday 10 th June



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

- Assistant Site Manger
- 2 HLTA's

Full Details can be found [here](#)

Our Learning This Week



Year R

The Year R teachers were so impressed with how well the children settled back into school; remembering how to demonstrate being 'ready, respectful and safe' around school. Well done Year R!

The children were very excited to share their Christmas news and even had a go at writing about it, using a simple sentence.

We have launched our new and exciting topic, Terrific Travel! The children have had lots of fun exploring maps, looking at key features, following a map of the playground with a partner and having a go at drawing their own!

They've also been looking at how to be a safe pedestrian whilst crossing a road. The children were brilliant at finding the zebra crossings and remembering to 'stop, look and listen' before crossing.

The children are very excited about moving onto their phase 3 sounds, in Phonics, and reading phase 3 words and tricky words!

In Maths, the children have explored recognising, making and writing numbers 0-5, before finding 1 more and 1 less of a number, using multi-representation. A great start to the Spring term, Year R. Well done!



KS1

The **Year 1** team are so impressed with how the children have come back after Christmas break. They have been instantly hooked by our new topic 'Kings and Queens' and are enjoying our new story *The Queen's Knickers*. We are enjoying researching the royal family and finding out about the lives of Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III. We have also enjoyed learning ball room dancing! Well done Year 1 😊

Year 2 have been really focussed after their Christmas break. We are heading towards the halfway stage of Year 2 and have really concentrated on making sure we are ready to learn at the first time of asking. We have been looking at our new book, *Greta and the Giants* and have been using descriptive and persuasive language in our writing about making sure forests are kept peaceful and beautiful. In maths, we have been looking at shapes and learning all about the different properties of 2D and 3D shapes. It has been a great start to the spring term Year 2! Good job!

HOT TOPIC's



Positive Playtimes

We are proud of the work we have done to make lunchtimes and playtimes fun. We have invested a great deal of resources in purchasing playtime equipment and training our midday supervisors. Speaking to the children, they all enjoy their time on the playground. On the very rare occasion children may become overexcited and a game may get out of hand. Our School Council have met and decided on a phrase that children could use if this was to happen to them. During our assembly on Wednesday, the school council launched our strategy "No! Stop It, I don't like it" – a simple but powerful phrase children can use if they find themselves in a situation. Ask them to show you and talk about it.

Happy Playtimes



If I have a problem....

1. Say "NO! Stop it, I don't like it."



2. Ask an adult for help.



Attendance

We are committed to providing an education of the highest quality and work together to secure this for all our children. Every child has a right to access the education to which he/she is entitled. Parents and teachers share the responsibility for supporting and promoting excellent school attendance and punctuality for all.

If you are considering **any** type of absence for your child/ren from school, **you must contact the school office** who will be able to send you the appropriate Hampshire County Council forms. We will then be able to register your child/ren correctly. Please visit the website for further information – click [here](#).

Fabulous Finish Class Assembly

Starting in March 2024, you are invited to come and join us celebrating the children's learning and achievements throughout their class topic. Assemblies will start at 2.50pm and be no longer than 20mins.

Date	Yr.Group	Class	Time
26 th March	2	Woodpeckers	2.50pm
27 th March	2	Kingfishers	2.50pm
28 th March	2	Nightingales	2.50pm
21 st May	1	Hummingbirds	2.50pm
22 nd May	1	Robins	2.50pm
23 rd May	1	Owls	2.50pm
18 th June	R	Wrens	2.50pm
19 th June	R	Penguins	2.50pm
20 th June	R	Sparrow	2.50pm



We will continue to celebrate children's learning in our usual special ways so keep an eye out for these dates.

Bikeability



Bikeability has always been a wonderful success with all our children and we are looking forward to seeing Year R enjoying this same exciting experience.

Wrens:

Mon 22/Tues 23/Wed 24/Thurs 25 January

Penguins:

Mon 29/Tues 30/Wed 31 Jan/Thurs 1 February

Sparrows:

Mon 5/Tues 6/Wed 7/Thurs 8 February

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

As we have a number of children in school with severe food allergies, please could we remind all parents that our school premises is NUT FREE and no products containing nuts should be brought into the school grounds. If children are bringing a packed lunch to school, it is important that there are no products in the lunchbox that contain nuts. Thank you.

