

AN EXCITING NEW ADVENTURE!

TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2021

May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Cupernham Junior School

Starting a new school is an exciting new adventure for all concerned. It is therefore important that we do all we can to ensure that our new Year 3 children settle quickly and happily into their new school. At Cupernham Junior School, our induction process is designed to ensure that children and parents are familiar with the environment, staff and day-to-day running of the school.

We want to use our transition arrangements to ensure that children feel excited about joining us and do not have any worries. It is important to us that they get to know what will look the same as well as any significant differences. We want you, as parents and carers, to feel confident in helping your children prepare for Junior School as well as understanding some of our systems that are in place. At the heart of our transition process is a desire to get to know your children as well as we can before they start at the school.

The current DFE guidelines and Covid regulations will probably impact on some of the previous transition experiences. However, despite these changes, preparations for our new students remain extremely important to us and staff will continue to ensure that this period remains as seamless as possible given the circumstances.

The transition process for your child has already begun, with the children coming over to their new school and having weekly playtimes. We, along with the year 2 team, have also introduced a system to encourage and recognise independence, something that is so vital not just for now but in the future. I was able to introduce this through a video and will be regularly visiting the children to see who has been an 'Independent Hero!'

This year - more than ever - it is vital that communication remains strong between the Year 2 and Year 3 team. The Year 2 and Year 3 teachers will be working closely together as part of the important process of passing on information about the children's attainment and progress.

We have already been planning how to further strengthen transition from the point of view of the children. This will mean that aspects of



the provision from Year 2 and the infant school will this year be evident in their classrooms and learning.

We would like to run three meetings this year for you as parents and carers. It is likely that these will be on zoom and nearer the time we will share the arrangements for each meeting. We will also record the content so that it can be viewed at an alternative time.

Tuesday 15th June (6.30pm) - Welcome to Cupernham Juniors – ethos and home school agreement

Wednesday 23rd June (6.30pm) – Key differences – behaviour management, houses, accelerated reader

Thursday 8th July (6.30pm) – Meet the team and practicalities

To help us know more about your child, we have also attached a ‘getting to know you’ sheet that we would like you to fill in and send back to us. This should link perfectly to the children’s first topic of Year 3 – ‘The Wonders Of Me!’

When you have completed this, please email the completed sheet to: adminoffice@cupernham-jun.hants.sch.uk



We look forward to welcoming your child as a new member of our school community. We will also let you know if subsequent changes to government policy allow us the opportunity of setting up some additional ‘physical’ visits to the school for your child.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Mitchell – Innes". The signature is written in a cursive style.

S Mitchell – Innes, Headteacher