

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 5 - 3rd November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We do hope you managed to have a restful half term break; it has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. We are so proud of the positive attitudes of the children and the resilience and pride they have shown coming into school and applying themselves to their learning and play throughout the day.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in the decision that we made late Wednesday afternoon. To close the school is not a decision that is taken lightly. Thankfully, the weather did not turn out to be as severe as forecasted, but I hope that you and your families were able to stay safe.

We were so pleased that the weather had improved significantly for us to continue with our planned Firework Display. It was also lovely to see so many families last night and I would like to say a huge thank you to FOCUS in both the infant and junior school, the teachers and the many parent volunteers who helped put on this incredible event, it was amazing!

Do not forget it is our curriculum Workshop next Wednesday 8th November 6.30-8pm. If you have not yet told us your coming, please follow the link and register your interest. Click [here](#).

Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Curriculum Workshop Yr. R-2 Parents	Wednesday 8 th November 6.30-8pm
Nasal Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 9 th November
INSET Day	Monday 13th November
Trussell Trust Christmas Shoeboxes	Last day for delivery to school - Friday 10 th Nov
Children In Need "Dress up in Spots Day"	Friday 17 th November
Yr. R Nativity	Monday 11 th December 2.30-3.15pm
Yr.1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 2.30-3.15pm
Yr. 2 Carol Concert	Thursday 14 th December 2.30-3.15pm
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party	Wednesday 13 th December
INSET Day	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
INSET Day	Monday 19 th February 2024
Yr. 1 Phonics Screening Week	W/c Monday 10 th June 2024

Our Learning This Week



Year R

Year R have had a wonderful start to this half term! Thank you all for coming into school dressed up as a character from 'Room on the Broom' – we all had such a great day.

This week we have learnt about words that rhyme, such as dog and log, cat and hat, etc. We have created our own recipes for a potion by choosing pictures of what we would like to add to it and then labelling it. We are so proud of their super writing and mark making.

In Maths, we have been exploring 1 more and 1 less through the use of songs and stories such as 'Three Little Speckled Frogs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.'



KS1

Year 1: have had fun exploring part-part wholes in Maths using natural resources outside. We have also been learning about fire safety and how to toast a marshmallow, writing a set of instructions using time connectives. We have started our animal survival lessons in Science and learning all about the 5 groups – fish, birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles. Finally we have had lots of fun in PE learning ball rolling skills and have started our new gymnastics. Well done Year 1 😊

Year 2: have had a very exciting week! On Tuesday, they were visited by a real life palaeontologist who taught us about fossils and helped us become palaeontologist for the session. They then enjoyed stepping back in time to enquire, research and learn about the life of Mary Anning and the significance of her discoveries. In Maths, the children have amazed their teachers with their ability to add 3 one-digit numbers by looking for the clues such as doubles and number bonds – Keep up the great work Year 2!

Staff INSET day



Hampshire County Council Outdoor Learning Team led our INSET day training this week. We were trained in how to light a fire pit safely and working with children around ponds and open water. We also explored further opportunities to take learning outdoors including, pond dipping, fire lighting and mini den building. Many of the activities covered in our training will now be part of our amazing curriculum.



Hot Topic – Home Learning

“All homework activities should be related to work children are doing at school. However, homework should not always be written work. For very young children it will largely be: reading with parents or carers, informal games to practice mathematical skills, spellings.”

This information was kindly supplied by the DfE's (Department for Education and Skills).

At Cupernham Infant School:

1. Aims

- To develop a partnership between home and school
- For parents and pupils to enjoy learning together
- To extend and support children's learning experiences through reinforcement and enrichment.

2. Activities

Year	Suggested time	Activity
Year. R	1 hour per week or 10-15 minutes per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share reading books• Play reading and counting games• Children read to / with parents• Phonic scrapbook, learn high frequency and tricky words
Year. 1	1 hour per week or 10-15 minutes per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children read to / with parents• Reading and number games, including counting patterns• Learn to read common exception words• Phonic scrapbook autumn and spring term• Spellings summer term
Year 2	1 hour 15 per week or 10-15 minutes per day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share reading books and a variety of fiction and non-fiction books• Learn common exception words as required• Weekly spellings,• Weekly maths home learning practice• Occasional topic research

These activities are designed to be age appropriate and not disproportionate. We recognise that children need time to pursue wider interests at home. We recognise that it may not be possible to undertake Home Learning every day and these guidelines do not stipulate this.

Home Learning will be set on Thursday and collected in on a Wednesday.



New HC3S School Menus



View the new HC3S menus for October 2023 to April 2024 on our website at:
<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/school-meals/>

Full details of all menus are on the HC3S website at:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary>

Children in Need

A reminder that Friday 17th November is Children in Need day. For a small donation, the children can come into school dressed in something spotty.



Librarian



Do you have a spare few hours a week to come into school to help look after our Library? The role will include support in lending and returning books, helping children find something to read and generally making sure the space is neat, tidy and welcoming. Full training on our library software will be provided. Please contact the school office if you are able to help

E-Consult for Nasal Flu Vaccination

Your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination is NOW DUE. This is free from the NHS.

Click the link below for the consent form and information about the vaccine. **Access to the consent forms will close two working days prior to the session.**

School Code: **SH116048**

Session date: Thursday 9th November 2023

Link to website: [Winter Flu Vaccination programme: Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the form and indicate that you do not consent. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

If you have already completed the consent form, please ignore this message. Only complete one consent form per child.

[From the School Age Immunisation Service](#)

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Curriculum Workshop

As previously communicated with you, we would like to invite you to our curriculum workshop evening held in the hall on Wednesday 8th November. The evening will begin with a brief introduction about our curriculum followed by a carousel of 3 x 20min workshops, including Maths, Phonics and Writing and Supporting Home Learning. Each workshop will provide an overview of how to teach each curriculum area, demonstrate the resources used with the children in class and finally, provide strategies and information on how you can support your children's learning at home. This is a fantastic opportunity for you as parents to gain confidence in supporting your child's learning journey. We hope to see you there.

Shoe Box Appeal



The Trussell Trust will be collecting the Christmas Boxes from Cupernham Infant School on Monday 13th November (Inset Day) so please bring any filled shoeboxes to your class teacher by Friday 10th November so that they are ready for collection.

These Christmas boxes can be filled with everyday items and goodies. All of these gifts will be treasured, and valued by the people receiving them.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

Poppy Sale

Next week our school Council will be coming around the school visiting classes or alternatively you can pop into the school office to buy one. Suggested donation is 50p or £1.

Help Needed Please

We are looking to trim and tidy up our large hedges along the footpath by the small entrance gate. If you know of a tree/hedge cutting company that would like to visit and quote for the work then please contact the office at adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk or telephone 01794 514494

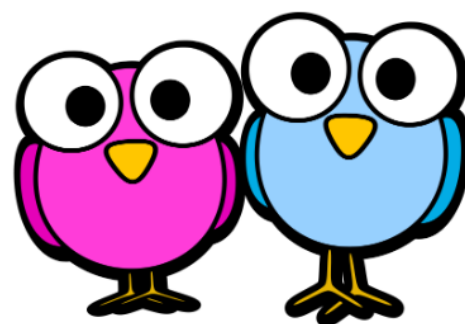
I have shared a picture of the work needed opposite.



Wraparound Care

Wraparound Care is now taking bookings for the Spring Term on a first come, first served basis. Booking forms are on the website at:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/wraparound-care/> or can be collected from the school office. Terms and Conditions are also available on our website.



Open Days



Please share if you know someone who has a child due to start school in September 2024:

We would like to invite you to attend one of our open day sessions to find out about our life and learning here at Cupernham Infant School. Please contact the school office to book a space on 01794 514494.

Thursday 16th November 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday 5th December 1.30pm -2.30pm



Contacting us

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

Or on our website at: www.cupernhaminfant.com

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

Important Reminders



**Reminder to drive slowly
near the school and to
park safely.**



Allergies

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 their lunch box that contain nuts. Thank you.



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.



**Don't forget to let us know if there any
changes to your contact details.**