

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 7 - 1st December



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe Christmas is just around the corner. It's that time of year when we have lots of wonderful festive things going on. It has been lovely hearing the children practising their songs and getting into the Christmas spirit and we look forward to seeing you soon for their Christmas performances.

Please remember the Christmas Parties and Christmas themed school lunch is on Wednesday 13th December; children can come dressed in Festive Party/Christmas wear.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards Mr. D. Wells

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Yr. R Christingle (Children Only)	Wednesday 6 th December
FOCUS Secret Santa	W/c 4 th December
Snow White Pantomime (Children only)	Thursday 7 th December
FOCUS Pre-Loved Clothes Sale	Friday 8 th December (after school)
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 Jumper & Festive Dress Up Day	Wednesday 13 th December
Christmas Lunch (Children Only)	Wednesday 13 th December
FOCUS Christmas Parties (Children Only)	Wednesday 13 th December
Last day of Term	Friday 15 th December
After School Club closes at 5pm	Friday 15 th December
Yr. 1 Phonics Screening Week	W/c Monday 10 th June 2024
INSET Day	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
Back to School	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
INSET Day	Monday 19 th February 2024

Our Learning This Week



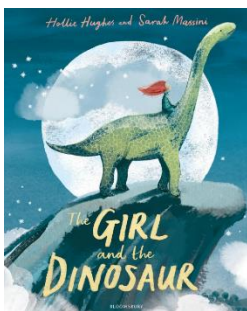
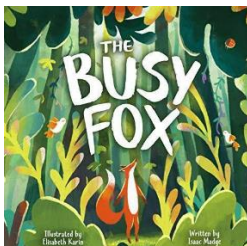
Year R

In Year R, we have launched our new story... The Gruffalo! The children have had lots of fun using rhyming words and bossy verbs (imperative verbs) to create their very own Gruffalo crumble recipes! The children all had the opportunity to make and taste their delicious dish!

In Maths, the children have played many learning games, exploring 'one more' and 'one less' of a number. They have explored this using life size number ladders and snakes and ladders board games. We have also been recognising and discussing the properties of 2D shapes in our learning environment, with a specific focus on 'squares' and 'rectangles.' The children have been looking at the similarities and differences of these shapes and are beginning to reason what a shape is even when it is turned on its side!

The children have enjoyed practising for their Nativity and they cannot wait to show you all of their super singing!

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In Year 2 we have started our new story called 'The Girl and the Dinosaur'. We have been imagining what it would be like to be the girl in the story when she met the dinosaur for the first time and writing from her point of view using lots of interesting adjectives. In Maths we have been learning how to subtract using blank number lines. In DT, we have been designing our Christmas decorations ready to start sewing next week.

In Year 1 we have continued our story of 'The Busy Fox'. We had a go at retelling the story whilst really thinking about our sentence structure and adding emotions. In Maths we have been learning how to subtract using 10's frames. In Geography, we have been continuing our learning journey on human and physical features by identifying each one and being able to justify how we know this.

Staff Changes

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Fagan (who joined Year 2 this week) and Mrs Lane (starting 10th December) to our learning support team. We also say goodbye to Ms Medley who will be leaving us today. We would like to thank her for all that she has done for us in school and wish her well for the future.





Christmas Festivities Reminder



Christmas Lunch Menu on Wednesday 13th December. There is no need to book in advance, the children will choose on the day. HC3S Special Menus will be catered for.



Roast Turkey with a Pork Chipolata Sausage, Stuffing and Gravy
OR

Vegetable Wellington, Stuffing and Gravy
Served with

Roast Potatoes, Baton Carrots, Garden Peas and Brussels sprouts
Festive Iced Christmas Cookie or Fruit



Other Christmas Menu Changes – Thursday 14th December

Thursday 14th December Menu Choices – Pizza or Chicken & Oriental Style Vegetable Rice

Friday 15th December – as normal



Christmas Nativities and Carol Concerts



We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school to watch the children perform nativities and carols.

Please remember to bring your tickets with you on the day. *We will be providing a crèche facility for Year R & Year 1; please book through the school office.*

Year R - Monday 11th December 2023 – 2.30-3.15pm

Year 1 - Tuesday 12th December 2023 – 2.30-3.15pm

Year 2 – Thursday 14th December 2023 - 2.30-3.15pm



*To ensure every child's safety and in line with GDPR legislations **NO VIDEO OR PHOTOGRAPHS** will be allowed to be taken in any of our productions or concerts but we are able to offer a class/year group photograph taken by the school to purchase.*

Hot Topic – Good Mental Health



The Good Mental Health Handbook has been developed by Hampshire CAMHS and parents/carers. It contains information, short videos, and workshops to support our children's mental health challenges including anxiety, bereavement, depression, self-harm, eating disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder, sexuality, substance misuse and trauma. This handbook also contains information on parental wellbeing.

You can find a link to the handbook [here](#).

As we go through the spring term, we will be highlighting areas from the handbook in more detail and providing further opportunities to meet and discuss with Melissa Hoath our Child and Family Support Worker.



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.

Tuesday 5th December 1.30pm -2.30pm



Romsey Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival

We are displaying our Cupernham Infant School Christmas Tree at the Romsey Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival.

Full details are below if you would like to go and see it.

The School Council together with Mrs Turski have worked on a very festive Christmas Alphabet theme.



An exhibition of Christmas trees inspired by Christmas songs and decorated by local charities & community groups.

At Romsey Methodist Church

The church will be filled with diverse and distinctive musically themed trees. We'll have musical entertainment, crafts and quiz for children, and refreshments will be served throughout.

Friday 8th December
4pm to 8pm

Come and visit our friendly donkey
Sing-a-long with local choir Achoiring Voices at 7pm



Saturday 9th December
10am to 4pm

With light lunches served from 12noon - 2pm

RomseyMethodistChurch
building a community for Christ



Christmas Tree Decoration Assembly



We had a brilliant time decorating the tree as a whole school in our assembly. The children listened to Christmas carols as they hung their amazing decorations with care; they were extremely festive. The tree stands proudly in the hall and the children are really enjoying spotting their own decorations! Well done everyone!



Multi Skills Festival

Congratulations to everyone who recently took part in the MultiSkills Festival at Mountbatten school. They all worked so incredibly hard as a team and had so much fun at the same time! Well done to everyone!



Karate



Full details of the Non Contact Karate Club held at the Juniors school on a Friday morning can be found on our website at:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/SEPT-23-Poster-for-parent-mail-CUPERNHAM.pdf>

Pantomime

We are looking forward to our visiting Pantomime coming into school on Thursday 7th December to perform Snow White. We would like to thank FOCUS for donating the money to fund this amazing opportunity.



Help Needed Please

We are still 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.



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.