

CULWORTH C E PRIMARY ACADEMY – NEWSLETTER 12

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Dear Parents,

Wrap Around Care

We are pleased to say that the Wrap Around Care provision will be continuing into the next academic year. Now that we have been running for a while, we find that we need to increase the charges for Breakfast Club to £4.00 per session and After School Club to £8.00 and I am sure you will agree that this is still good value for money.

Compliments

I would like to share with you that we have had several compliments on the children's behaviour. The staff (plus head teachers from other schools) of both Grendon Hall and Conover Residential were very impressed with the children, as were people at the Boddington Sailing Club. I would like to congratulate our children and thank them for such good behaviour.

Moderation

Every four years, schools are externally moderated by the Local Education Authority (LEA). They look at all the children's work and meet with the teachers and support staff. We also employ External Advisors and Ofsted Inspectors who visit the school termly to moderate the teaching and the children's learning and work, and governors join us for this.

This year we were moderated by the LEA, along with other schools in Northamptonshire, and I am delighted to tell you that both external moderators complimented us on the following strengths:

- Teachers' judgements are accurate and based on thorough knowledge of children and their work
- External moderation with other schools
- Cross curricular writing is very strong
- Next step marking is a strength
- Marking ladders are a strength
- Our curriculum is a strength.

Forest Schools

We are pleased to tell you that Forest Schools will be continuing and we are extending this to all classes. Each class will have the opportunity to experience Forest School sessions during the different seasons. This will be led by the company Wild Learning and by our teachers.

Maths

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Janet Woodcock, a former Head of Maths at Chenderit is going to be working with both Culworth and Boddington children at Culworth each morning, teaching maths to our able mathematicians in Key Stage 2.

Games Lessons

We are hoping to have a Key Stage 2 Games Afternoon each week for the children to take part in team sports in their individual year groups with Boddington children. This will then enable the children to be able to take part together in the Chenderit Festivals on Thursday afternoons. This worked well at the swimming gala when both schools swam together.

We are investigating transport and if you know of any taxi firms, mini bus companies or coach firms that may be able to help us with this would you please let us know?

An Update on Staffing/Classes

We are often asked about our teaching staff and I would therefore like to explain that all our teachers are qualified to teach all year groups in primary school, as well as being able to teach in secondary schools. This is also the case with the supply teachers who come into our school. Supply teachers always follow the class teacher's planning.

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Prewer and Mrs Darley will share the role of Deputy Head next year. To ensure the children have continuity, Mrs Law will not have a class responsibility but will be teaching in different classes until she goes on maternity leave. Mrs Linda Cooper will be joining us in September and I am sure you will make her welcome. She will be coming into school for our Changeover Morning.

The classes for next year are as follows:

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| The Nest | Mrs Wharton |
| The Burrow | Mrs Parmiter/Mrs Carpenter |
| The Drey | Mrs Cooper |
| The Den | Miss White |
| The Eyrie | Mrs Darley/Mrs Prewer |

We should shortly receive our final pupil numbers from the County Council for next year and will be able to tell you next week which class your child will be in in September and also give you the date of our Changeover Morning.

Finally, if you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sue Lawrence
Headteacher