



CULWORTH C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY
NEWSLETTER 6

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you all know, we have been recently working hard on our playtimes and lunchtimes at school to ensure that all children feel involved and are active, displaying values that we promote as a school. With this terms value being friendship, it's particularly apt that we are doing this now. I would like to show you some pictures and tell you about how things are going so far.

We have had some fantastic posters given to us by the children to let us know what they would like for rules on the playground. We are now looking through those to create a set of rules that all children have created and want.

We have also introduced to the children some positive behaviour tickets that they will receive when they show really great, positive behaviour on the playground.



Children have been playing some games they learnt over the time that Therese Hoyle was in with us and having great fun with them



We will soon be giving our playground pals the opportunity to lead these games with the younger children in the school.

I hope that you have seen or heard some evidence of positive feedback from playtimes and we would love to hear anything that your children have said at home about positive playtime experiences.

Our lunchtime supervisors are doing a great job of promoting positivity at lunch and we know that this will be a great thing for the children's playtimes.



Mrs Anna Ormond



Mrs Vikki Budd



Mrs Becky Boyles

News from the CPSA

Silverstone - Thursday 4th May - please come along and enjoy the event or help on stall if you are able to. There is a terrific atmosphere and it is a great way to help raise money for the CPSA.

The Tuck Shop has been a great success but will be taken over by **Ice cream Friday** starting Friday 5th May. If anyone can spare 20 mins any Friday afternoon to help Sally Burgess she'd be very grateful. Please let us know or just turn up at 3.20.

Maypole/Country Dancing Wednesday 28th June - Can you let us know if you can help with the tea and cakes this year? Plus, we'd love a few volunteers to help dish out squash and ice creams to the children during the break.

Summer Fair - Friday 30th June 3.30 pm onwards. Being held at school. Lots of fun and games planned for the afternoon. We'll be looking for lots of lovely helpers. We'd also like help designing a poster to advertise the event and are holding a competition to get the children involved with this. Look out for details in book bags.

End of term **Children's Disco** Thursday 13th July. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

We have been looking for a team to take on the **2017 Fireworks** but with no luck so far. The retiring team who have run it so well over the last few years have a comprehensive planning folder that would help any willing volunteer and they would be on hand to help set up but are unable to take full ownership of the event this year. If we can't find someone to take this over we have considered replacing the event with an **Autumn/Halloween Ball** for this year. Either way we will need to get the ball rolling and dates in pretty quickly so planning can start. Our next CPSA meeting is on 22nd May and we will need to make a final decision before then. Feedback or offers of help would be grateful appreciated. Please come and talk to us if you think you can help.

Next **CPSA Meeting 22nd May**. We'd love to see some new faces ☺. We're a friendly bunch and almost never bite... Join us in having fun whilst earning money for the school.

Rachael and Gemma welcome ideas or feedback so please feel free to contact them directly gemma.clowes@hotmail.co.uk rachael@draftsd.co.uk

The Nest

The children learnt the story of Moses in the bulrushes and bought in junk modelling items to make a boat to float and carry a plastic toy down the 'river'. They are enjoying reading by torchlight in the dark heart of a pyramid on the edge of the Nile!

The Burrow

We have been reading Egyptian version of Cinderella and writing our own character descriptions using fantastic, brilliant, wonderful, adjectives to make our sentences interesting!

The Drey

We had lots of fun wrapping each other up as mummies using toilet roll and then we wrote our names in hieroglyphics as a stunning start to the new topic!



The Den

Night Boat to Cairo, by Madness, started the term in the Den. This was followed by an introduction to the tomb and mummy which had appeared in the classroom. The children enjoyed writing their names in hieroglyphs in a cartouche, like the pharaohs of Ancient Egypt.



The Eyrie

The Eyrie have been working so hard these past couple of weeks revising for SATs. They are all ready, prepared and confident. Well done Year 6; we are really proud of you! In other news we have started to explore our Egyptian topic and we can now write secret messages in Egyptian hieroglyphs!



100 Club News



The winner for March was Sarah join the 100 Club. It helps raise chance of winning!

Garnett. Please contact Jenny Wilson to money for the school and you have a great

OH LOOK - FREE STUFF! Breakfast Club and After School Club - First Session Free with Voucher available from the School Office.

Don't forget we offer Breakfast Club from 8 am where children can have a healthy breakfast and have time for free play and our After School Club which runs from 3.30 until 6 pm. After School Club offer a range of fun activities, both inside and outdoors (if the weather is fine) for the children to participate in, they can relax and watch films on Film Friday, older children sometimes choose to use the time to use the library and finish homework, and all of this is accompanied by a freshly prepared healthy snack. Forms are available from the School Office and on the school website.

Other exciting news...

Sponsored fun run!



As many of you may remember, last year we held a brilliant sponsored running event, around the cricket field, to raise money for a deprived school in Africa. Due to the success and popularity of this, we have decided to do it again in the summer term. More details will follow in due course, but we are hoping for an input this time as to the charity that we are raising money for. If you have a charity that is close to your own heart, please let Mrs Boasman, or Mrs Prewer know by Friday 5th May. Once we have a list of charities we will involve you in voting for your preferred option.

Red Nose Day Spring Themed Cake Bake raised a whopping £218.70 for Comic Relief which is absolutely brilliant. Thank you so much for all your cakes and donations and thank you also to Year 6 children and teachers for running it all.

Spring Nit News (I know, not very exciting at all...)

Yes, they are back! Please check those cheeky little heads for unwanted guests and treat asap. (It may help to encourage children with long hair to tie it up out of the way when at school.)

Our value this half term is...



And finally... parking and traffic - we have been asked to pass this message on by Mrs Jose Rowling - Culworth Parish Clerk

Park with consideration to residents - please do not block or overlap driveways. · Do not park on the corners of junctions as you reduce views and make it awkward for vehicles to safely turn into or out of a street. · Do not park across or impede pedestrian crossings or school zig-zag markings. · Do not drive along pavements when a road is blocked - be patient and wait for traffic to clear. · On congested routes plan ahead and do not proceed unless there is a clear space to use to give way to oncoming traffic or to allow traffic to give way to you. · If possible join with other parents and share journeys to reduce the number of vehicles used and/or avoid congested routes. · Please be patient where a car has to cross a pavement to exit a carpark. The driver's view may be restricted and this will be further reduced by pedestrians congregating whilst waiting to pass. · Be aware that children do not easily judge the speed of traffic and may step out into the road. 30mph may be the limit but generally much slower speeds are required. · Pedestrians, especially with young children, should use the side of the road with the widest pathway and wherever possible protected from flowing traffic by barriers or parked cars. The above list is not exhaustive and there will be occasions where people make errors of judgement, especially under pressure. We are all human so please be patient. Police officers will monitor where they can, however there are a large number of schools across the town and villages all experiencing the same issues."



Term Dates

Please note the following dates in your diary/calendar. We will notify you of any changes if/when they occur.

April

Friday 28th Swimming for Year 4 and Year 5 at Brackley Pool

May

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday!
Tuesday 2nd May Eyrie Parents Evening
Wednesday 3rd May Parents Evening
Friday 5th May Eyrie Swimming at Brackley Pool
Monday 8th May SATS Week
Friday 12th May Eyrie Swimming
Friday 19th May Eyrie Swimming

Monday 22nd May CPSA Meeting in Staff Room
Thursday 25th May Craft Morning (tbc)
Friday 26th May Eyrie Swimming
Last day of term!

June

Monday 5th June First day of term
Mount Cook Residential - Year 6 (back on 9th)
Everdon Residential - Year 4 (back on 7th)
Thursday 15th June Chenderit New Entrants Evening
Friday 16th June Eyrie Swimming
Tuesday 20th June Chenderit Transfer Week
Friday 23rd June Eyrie Swimming (for those not on transfer week)
Wednesday 28th June Country Dancing (aka Maypole)
Friday 30th June Eyrie Swimming
CPSA Summer Fete - 3.30 pm onwards

July

Tuesday 4th July Sports Day - 2 pm at Culworth
Friday 7th July Eyrie Swimming
Monday 10th July Dress rehearsal for Joseph at 9.30 am
Tuesday 11th July Performance of Joseph at 6 pm
Thursday 13th July School Disco! (5.45 pm - 7.15 pm for KS1, 7.30 pm - 9 pm for KS2)
Thursday 20th July Final summer term multi-sports session with Mr Canning
Friday 21st July Leavers' Service at 2 pm in the church (all welcome)
Last day of term - Summer Holidays! (back on Tuesday 5th September - Yay!).

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