



Culworth CofE Primary Academy

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Upcoming Events

Friday 11th December – deadline for Christmas cards (for quarantine)
Wednesday 16th December – Dolce Christmas dinner
Friday 18th December – Party Day & End of Term
Friday 15th January – Deadline for primary applications

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End of term

Despite news in the press about schools closing for the Christmas holidays a day early, we have decided to remain open and it is business and party day as usual!

Positive case in pre school

There has been confirmation of a positive case in our preschool setting. Please be assured that we immediately sought advice from Public Health England and those that were in close contact with the infected child will isolate for 14 days. Preschool and school remain open as normal and we will of course inform you if we need to take any further action.

Coronavirus information over the Christmas period

It is vital that we are kept informed of any positive test results for any children that attend Culworth preschool or school. We only need to be informed of positive results up to and including Christmas eve. After this date, children will have been away from school long enough, for it not to affect bubbles within our setting. Please e mail Mrs Prewer at i.prewer@cb-cepa.org if you need to report any such incidences. PLEASE NOTE THE ANSWER PHONE IN SCHOOL MAY NOT BE CHECKED, SO POSITIVE CASES CAN ONLY BE REPORTED VIA E MAIL TO MRS PREWER

If your child tests positive after 24th December, please let the school office know when they are able to return and their isolation period ends.

Parents' Evenings

These will be held in January on the following days:

Reception will be held on Monday 1st February 1-4 and Thursday 4th February 4-6 pm

Year 1 and 2 - Tuesday 19th January 4-5.30 and Weds 20th 1-4pm

Year 3 and 4- Monday 25th January 4-6pm and Tuesday 26th 1-4pm

Year 5 and 6 Wednesday 27th January 1-5pm and Thursday 28th 4-5.30pm

Reception children will also have parents evening in January and teachers will make contact with parents in the new year to arrange convenient times across the course of the month.

We will confirm nearer the time if parents meetings will take place face to face or via phone call. The sign up links for parents evening will be e mailed to you shortly.

Reminders:

Remote Home Learning Forms

Please can you return these forms as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

Christmas festivities

As you are aware we are planning to record your children singing Christmas songs, reading poetry etc to share with you over the Christmas holidays. We will send these videos via e-mail and only include those children who have the correct permissions. However, please can we remind you that videos and images should be for your own or family's personal use only. Please consider who has the right to view/listen to the recordings; not only of your own child but of others as well. Finally, please **do not** share them on any social media platforms. If you need help with any of these points or have a related query please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Contacting Teaching Staff

If you need to e-mail teachers for any reason please do so using the culworthadmin@cb-cepa.org. Please don't e-mail them direct – these addresses are only for use in the event of lockdown.

Zoe Covid App

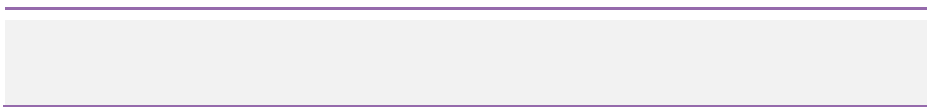
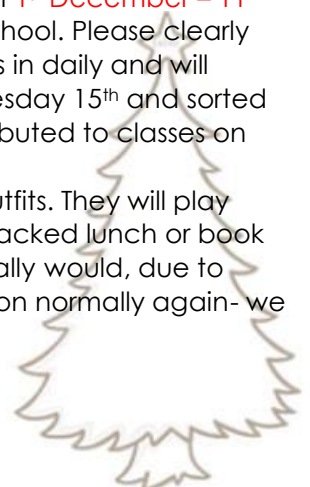
Please do register with this when you have a moment. The code you need is A6P15KX.

Christmas Dates Reminders

Dolce Christmas Dinner- Weds 16th December – Please book your child in for their annual Christmas School dinner by 4th December

Postbox Thursday 17th December The postbox will work slightly differently this year. From 1st December – 11th December children can bring Christmas cards they wish to send to their friends, into school. Please clearly label the envelopes with the recipient's full name and class. Teachers will collect cards in daily and will ensure they are posted into the postbox. The postbox will be emptied by Year 6 on Tuesday 15th and sorted into class groups. The cards will then remain untouched for 48 hours before being distributed to classes on Thursday 17th for the children to open at their leisure!

Party Day Friday 18th December Please send you child into school in their best party outfits. They will play games and eat some party food as an end of term treat! Please send in your child's packed lunch or book a hot dinner as normal for this day, as we cannot do our big shared lunch as we normally would, due to restrictions. However, a party will go ahead as soon as we can mix bubbles and function normally again- we promise!



General Reminders

Bus Children. Don't forget that children must sit by themselves on the school bus unless next to someone in their bubble and this is the same for the journey home

One way system. Do please remember to stick to the one-way system and please make sure people can pass by easily at drop off in the morning.

Extra layers of clothing required

As you know we have to ensure the school is really well ventilated to help minimise the risks of Coronavirus transmission. The heating is on but classrooms will be much cooler than normal with the fresh air circulating and flushing through at break and lunchtimes. Please can you make sure your little ones have plenty of layers on under their jumpers to keep them as warm as possible.

Admissions Policy

We are now in the process of consulting regarding our admission policy for 2022. As part of this process we are required to engage in dialogue with the wider community. Please see the attached policy and if you have any comments or objections, please contact culworthadmin@cb-cepa.org or you can contact NCC directly at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions.

End of school day. Please make sure you keep your children with you as you leave school through the car park gates to keep them safe from any vehicles moving around the green or on the road.

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs are up and running in Key Stage bubbles. To book and pay for these please use the ParentMail App. Please contact the school office if you have any problems logging in.

Coronavirus Prevention Measures. Along with enhanced hand cleaning, promoting good respiratory hygiene and keeping children in year group bubbles, government guidance on reopening schools states that to help prevent the transmission of Covid-19 contact with individuals who are unwell must be minimised by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school. In line with this guidance, schools are now required to send any child presenting with coronavirus symptoms home. We also ask for your support in following this guidance by ensuring that if your child or anyone in the household has symptoms or a positive test result you follow government guidance on household isolation. It is also important for anyone returning home from a country that is on the quarantine list to follow the guidelines including keeping children off school for the specified time.

Illness/Absence. Please can we ask that you use the Parentmail to inform us of absences or telephone the school office on 01295 760610 before 9.30 am to notify us of your child's absence. It is our policy to telephone parents that we have not heard from.

Preloved School Uniform. If there are any items you would like please e-mail Jo Horne with a list including sizes and Jo will gather all possible options and leave in a named bag just inside the school reception door. This allows you to browse through at home and return all unwanted items plus £1 per item for things you have kept. j.m.horne@hotmail.co.uk.

Helplines

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 or help@nspcc.org.uk

Childline: 08001111

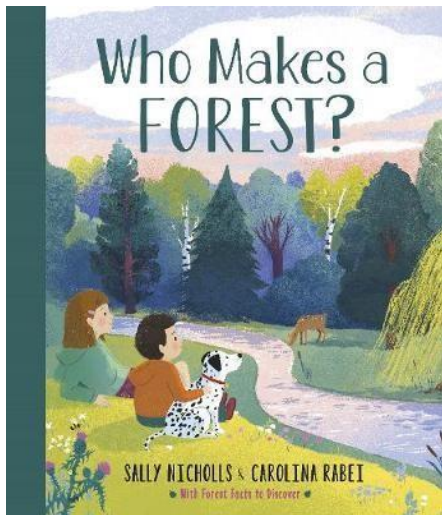
National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Women's aid: womensaid.org.uk

Mind: 0300 123 3393 or mind.org.uk

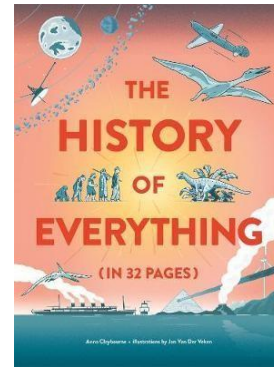
Coronavirus helpline: 0800 028 2816

Mrs Stephens's recommended reads for December....



Key Stage 1 by Sally Nicholls

The pictures in this book are enough to read it alone! Find out how a forest is made and then goes on to survive.



Lower Key Stage 2 – This will give you all the answers, to questions you didn't know you even had about history. The illustrations back up the explanations and will answer questions about 'Our Home in Space', 'The Dinosaur Age', 'Cities, Civilizations and Empires' and 'Technology'.



Upper KS2: This book has a magical plot with plenty to keep readers on tenderhooks! There are three characters – one of them a crow! And involves finding lots treasures and time travel. Now, who wouldn't want to experience that?