



# Culworth CofE Primary Academy

**Respect Believe Succeed**

Can I start by saying how proud I am of all of your children. They have been incredibly resilient, supportive of each other and hard working since the moment they stepped through the doors in September. Well done to each and every one of them.

I also want to thank the staff for their support and dedication this term. They have worked tirelessly to ensure all children feel safe, supported and have the best education they possibly can, during these very strange times!

A final thank you goes to you as parents and guardians. We really appreciate the huge support you have shown the school, your children and the staff over the past few months. I really hope you all get a deserved rest over the holidays.

**Merry Christmas to you all**

Please stay safe and well and I wish you all a very happy and healthy new year.

## Winter Mini Challenge

The Reading Agency are running a winter mini reading challenge starting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Children can rate and review their books, collect rewards, and take part in activities through the website

[www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk)

## Reminders:

### Remote Home Learning Forms

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

### Christmas festivities



## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Start of term  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Deadline for primary applications

[www.culworthschool.org](http://www.culworthschool.org)

Our value this term is:

**Compassion**

**'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'**

**Colossians 3.12**

Please can we remind you that the Christmas videos and images sent to parents 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](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:culworthadmin@cb-cepa.org) or you can contact NCC directly at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 contact the school office via Parentmail 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](mailto:j.m.horne@hotmail.co.uk).

## Helplines

**NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 or [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)**

**Childline: 08001111**

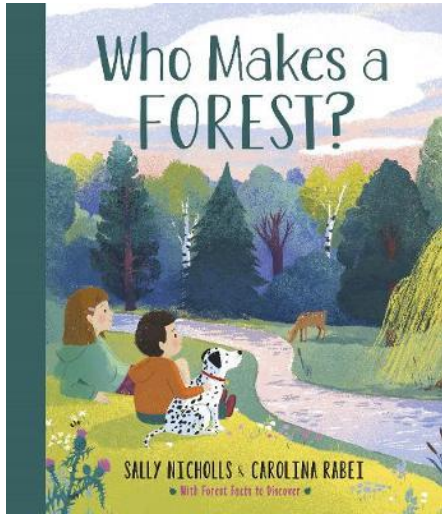
**National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247**

**Women's aid: [womensaid.org.uk](http://womensaid.org.uk)**

**Mind: 0300 123 3393 or [mind.org.uk](http://mind.org.uk)**

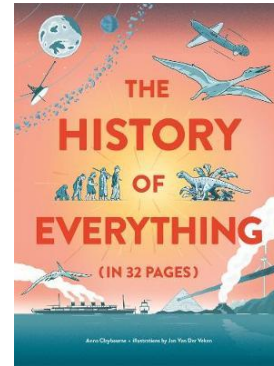
**Coronavirus helpline: 0800 028 2816**

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

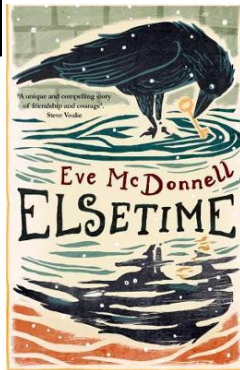


Key Stage 1 by Sally Nicholls

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?