



Newsletter – November 2015

Dear Parents,

With Parents evening next week I thought it would be appropriate for me to outline the information that will be shared with you at this event.

As you are aware the way we report progress and assessment data to you has changed. We have adopted the phrases: emerging (below National expectation at this point), expected (at expected level at this point) and exceeding (above national expectation at this point). No levels will be given.

It is important that you recognise the information is based on where your child is in the autumn term with regards to what has been taught. Please remember that they have accessed less than one third of the new annual curriculum.

It may be that your child was “exceeding” at the end of last year and is now “emerging” at the beginning of their current year. This is because they will not have accessed the curriculum at their current level; it does not mean there has been a decline in their learning. Our expectation for all children is that, if they finish a year at “expected”, they will finish their following year at “expected” or better, likewise for “exceeding”. This will show expected or maintained levels of progress.

Mr Tomson and I will be holding a parent workshop entitled ‘Assessment Developments’ on Thursday 26th November to explore this further. It will be great to see you there.

Mrs Price

The value for this half-term is Trust. We will be sharing the following bible passage with the children.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.’ John 14:1

Warwick Castle Visit- Years 1 and 2

Report by Izzy and Kit, Year 1

I liked the armour and the swords because they had the pointy bits at the end. I liked the top of the tower because there was a big flag on the top. It took us hours to get up and down the spiral stair case. We got to see a secret passage but we couldn’t go down because the stairs were broken.

He named me Malala - Years 5 and 6

Report by Oliver and Rowan

On Wednesday Years 5 and 6 went to the cinema to see the documentary- ‘He named me Malala’.

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This intriguing film captured our attention for 1 ½ hours followed by a question and answer session between Emma Watson and Malala Yousafzai. The film had a complex structure and only after twenty four hours did we completely understand it!

In conclusion we thoroughly enjoyed the film and would recommend it to anyone interested in Women's Rights.

Oliver and Rowan

Sports Clubs

We do always try to avoid cancelling clubs at short notice. This week, despite much staff illness, all clubs have run as normal. There will be some changes to clubs due to the earlier darker evenings. Please make sure you take note of the parent mails.

- There is no netball club on Thursday 12th November due to Parent Consultations.
- Netball club will be squad only from Thursday 19th November

Cake Sale for the Refugees

A huge thank you to the House Captains and Oliver Stratford for organising the cake sale. They raised a massive £260- WOW! We are very proud of them for organising such a successful event. Thank you also to all of you who baked and shopped to provide us with so many delicious cakes.

Walking to the Green

In the interests of pupil safety, children will no longer be allowed to walk to the green until further notice. Parents will need to collect children from school.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Junior site

In support of Children in Need, we will be having a mufti day next Friday. The children are welcome to come dressed in spots, as super-heroes or simply in their own clothes for a donation of £1 to the charity.

Infant site

The School Council on the Infant site have made special plans and written the following letter to parents of Infant site children:

Dear mummies and daddies,

On Children in Need Day children can bring in their teddy bear and wear their own clothes for £1.00. Cakes will be for sale at playtime for 20p and any spare cakes will be sold to grown ups and children at the end of the day.

Thank you for your help and support.

The Infant site School Council

To enable the children to buy a cake, we would be pleased to receive donations of cupcakes and cookies. Please deliver your bakes to the school office on Friday morning. Thank you.

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Warwick Castle Vouchers

We have been given a number of Student Saver vouchers for entry to Warwick Castle (4 tickets for £49 valid until the end of December 2015). Please ask at the office if you would like a voucher.

Northbrook Orders

A huge thank you to all who placed an order. This raises vital funds for the school. Orders will be distributed on Friday 20th November. If you have a particularly large order or your child travels on the school bus, please arrange to collect your goods from the school office.

Celebration Assemblies

In the Friday collective worship we celebrate children's achievements both in and out of school by awarding certificates and sharing awards which children have brought in.

With so many children taking part in sporting, musical and pastime events outside of school it is becoming very difficult to include everything the children want to share; it is also difficult to know how recent or how significant the achievement is without something for the children to show and talk about. The length of the assembly and the required attention span is now having an impact on the children's behaviour and learning time.

From now on, in order to keep the assembly to a reasonable length, only children who have a medal, certificate or trophy will be able to share their achievement in the whole site assemblies. If your child forgets the certificate etc. they will need to wait until the following week when they can have another opportunity. If it is not an event or occasion which provides a certificate etc. then it could be shared in class with the agreement of the class teacher.

We are very proud of everything our pupils take part in and achieve and, although this is a wonderful problem to have, we must prioritise our learning time in lessons.

'What else can I do at home?' - Parent Workshop Follow Up

Many thanks to everyone who attended the parent workshop before half term; it was a fantastic turnout and the subsequent feedback has been extremely positive. Several suggestions have been made about other workshop topics or requests to expand on some of the areas discussed at the time.

Please follow the link below for all the information covered on the evening. Please do bear in mind that the information included was discussed and expanded upon during the workshop so not everything will make complete sense out of context.

If you do have any specific questions or wish to make some suggestions for further workshop topics please do contact us in school.

Currently in the pipeline are: Maths Calculations, Phonics and we have now confirmed a date for 'Assessment Development'.

<http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/What-else-can-I-do-at-home-EDIT.pdf>

Mr M Tomson

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Dates for your diary

6/11/15	Cuddington Village Firework Display
10/11/15	Year 1 and 2 Flu Vaccinations
10/11/15	Haddenham Cross Country Races
11/11/15	Parents 'Evenings – Junior site, early; Infant site, late
11/11/15	9am Junior site Memorial Service
11/11/15	10.45am Infant site Memorial Service
12/11/15	Parents' Evenings – Infant site, early; Junior site, late
13/11/15	Children in Need (see separate note in newsletter)
17/11/15	Junior site Family Service 9am
24/11/15	Infant site Family Service 9.10am
25/11/15	Year 3 and 4 to Lion King in London
26/11/15	Parent Workshop on "Assessment Developments" Junior site 7pm
27/11/15	Friends4CADS Christmas Fair 5pm
1/12/15	Finance and Personnel Meeting – 6pm on the infant site
2/12/15	Parent Forum Meeting 9am on the Junior site
8/12/15	Whole School Christmas Assembly
9/12/15	Infant Nativity 10am in Cuddington Church (note change of time)
10/12/15	Infant Nativity 1.30pm in Cuddington Church
14/12/15	Sunshine Club Christmas Party
15/12/15	Junior Carol Service in Dinton Church (time to be confirmed)
17/12/15	Christmas Parties
17/12/15	Break Up at 1.15/1.30pm
18/12/15	Inset Day
4/1/16	Inset Day
5/1/16	Return to School
29/1/16	IMPS for Year 6
12/2/16	Break Up for Half Term
22/2/16	Return to School
24/3/16	Break Up for Easter Holiday 1.15/1.30pm
11/4/16	Inset Day
12/4/16	Return to School
26/5/16	Break Up for Half Term
27/5/16	Inset Day
6/6/15	Return to School
21/7/16	Break Up for Summer Holidays 1.15/1.30pm