



Newsletter – September 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to you all.

I hope you have had a great holiday and the weather wasn't too off-putting. After a week in Italy, I feel refreshed and ready to start back in school.

It was so lovely to see the children on both sites- keen and eager, mostly happy to be back in school!

As many of you know, we have three new members of staff- Miss Mitchell (year 4 teacher), Mrs P Price (Teaching Assistant in yr 3), Mrs Brogan (Teaching Assistant in year 4). Mrs Place is now a Trainee Teacher in Foundation and Mrs Venn continues to be the Foundation teacher. Mr Tomson no longer has class responsibilities but is doing some teaching in years 3, 4 and Foundation.

I would like to welcome all the new Foundation children to the school; Ryan, Jessica, Calli, Louis, Holly, Ross, Thomas, Archie, Archer, Elsie, Finley, Charles, Charlie, Abigail, Theo, Martha, Arthur, Annabel, Freya, Polly Ann, Gabriel, Sophie, Emma, Mary, Hannah, Blake and Milly. Also welcome to Niamh into year 3. The school is almost at capacity which we are delighted with.

I am sure some of you are aware that Jim Hayward passed away over the summer holidays. He was the Chair of Governors when Cuddington was an infant school and the year 1 and 2 classroom extension is dedicated to him. For many years he also maintained the hanging baskets outside the front of the school. He will be greatly missed by Cuddington residents and staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the "meet the teacher" sessions later on in September.

Mrs K Price

This half term, the school's value is **Love**. We will be sharing the following bible passage with the children.

"Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail."

1 Corinthians 14 v4-7

Unclaimed Lost Property

All clothing left at the end of the summer term has been given to F4CADS to be sold at the forthcoming Uniform Sale. We had amassed significant amounts of un-named clothing or clothing belonging to past pupils. Names do wash out of clothing, so please re-name on a regular basis. The Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held on the Infant site on 15th September from 2.45pm.

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11+ Transfer Tests

Thank you to all Year 6 parents who have confirmed that they do not wish their child to sit the Transfer to Secondary Test (previously known as the 11+). If you have not already done so, please let Mrs Wilde know by Wednesday 9th September if you wish to withdraw your child from the tests.

School Photographs

Veronica Stewart will be coming to the Infant site on Thursday 10th and the Junior site on Friday 11th September to take individual photographs of the children. There is an opportunity for you to have a photograph of all your children together (both those in our school and pre-school siblings). Please see the schedule below. These photos will be taken on the infant site field, weather-permitting. Should we need to re-arrange because of the weather, we will let you know on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th.

Please access the field by the side pathway. Please note that it will be your responsibility to get your junior-aged children to the junior site by a reasonable time.

8.15am – 8.45am Infant children who have a sibling on the Junior site

8.45am – 9.15am Infant children who have a pre-school aged sibling

Siblings who are both/ all on the same site will be photographed together during the school day and parents need not attend.

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher for 30 minutes after school on Monday 14th September. This is not a Parents' Evening and there will be no individual appointments. It is an opportunity for the class teacher to address all the parents together and for you to ask questions.

Please meet in the classroom as follows:

Year 1: 3.15pm Year 2: 3.45pm Year 3: 4.30pm Year 4: 5pm

Year 5: 5.30pm Year 6: 6pm

School Transport

We are aware that there have been a few issues with the organisation of the school buses but we hope that by now, all children have received their passes and timetable. For those of you whose children are new bus passengers, we operate a bus tag system in school. All children on the list sent to us by Amey Transport have been given a bus tag. When you wish your child to travel on the bus, you must attach the tag to their school bag. When you do not wish them to travel on the bus, please remove the tag. If there is no tag on the child's bag, we will not put them onto the bus to go home, even if they insist. We will try to call you but it is not always possible to do this at the end of the school day.

Message from the St' Nicholas Church Team

Cuddington Church is running a sponsored 1Kilometre challenge for children under 12. [Please join us on the Cuddington Playing Fields from 3.30pm on the 20th September for this fantastic event.](#) It is £3

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to enter and all finishers will be given a medal and a large round of applause. A sponsorship form is attached for more information. We hope that the children taking part in the challenge will raise money to support the church's sponsored child, Ngowa in Kenya. Contact Jo Goodson on m0301291@doctors.net.uk to book a place.

Pantomime

This is just to let you know that this year, we have not been able to secure tickets for the pantomime in Aylesbury.

Communications

From you to us...

Please do not give verbal or written messages to the member of staff on the school gate. Please send written notes into school with your child or go into the school office and speak to Mrs Chaplin or Mrs Huxley.

Please give us as much notice as possible of changes in collection arrangements. An email to office@cds.bucks.sch.uk is our preferred method of communication.

If your child needs to be absent from school for whatever reason, please put this in writing either by letter or email to the school office.

There are black post boxes on both sites where the children can post messages for Mrs Price or the school office, reply slips etc. Please encourage your children to use the box.

From us to you

For the benefit of our new parents, we send out an Update each Friday afternoon by email and a newsletter on the first Friday of the month, also by email. During the course of the school week, we may have cause to send other messages to individual classes or the whole school and this will be sent through our Schoolcomms system. Letters and Booking forms requiring a reply will be sent out in hard copy format.

Parents Helpers

The school community benefits hugely from the help, enthusiasm, skills and support of you, the parents. We would welcome anyone who can give some time to come and work on either site, to hear readers, tend the plants, assist the class teacher with routine admin tasks, do cooking, sewing etc. Please contact Mrs Chaplin if you would like to help. We do not encourage parents to work in the same class as their child.

Diary Dates

10th September	Sibling Photos on the Infant site before school (see above)
	Individual Infant Photos during the school day
11th September	Individual Junior Photos during the school day
14th September	Meet the Teacher Sessions (see above)
15th September	2.45pm Second Hand Uniform Sale on the Infant site

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16th & 17th September	Life Bus to visit Junior Site
21st September	Infant Cycle Training for all pupils (more details to follow)
22nd September	Infant Family Service in St Nicholas' Church at 9.10am. All welcome.
22nd September	6pm Finance and Personnel Governors' Meeting on the Infant site at 6pm
25th September	F4CADS Quiz Night (more details to follow, please keep the date)
28th September	Infant Scooter Training for all pupils
29th September	Junior Family Service in the Church at 9am.All welcome.
30th September	Year 5 and 6 trip to Harry Potter World
8th October	Open Morning for 2016 Foundation Applicants 9.30am Infant site
12th October	Whole School Harvest Assembly
20th October	Open Morning for 2016 Foundation Applicants 9.30am Infant site
23rd October	Mufti Day for School Charity (Finley Newell Fund)
23rd October	Break Up for Half-Term at 3.15/3.25pm
23rd October	F4CADS Spooky Bingo for all the family (more details to follow)
11th & 12th November	Parents' Evenings
28th November	Christmas Fair on the Junior site