

Dear parents,

What a great start to the term. The children have been amazing! They have been so excited to see their friends and are enjoying being back in school. It has been wonderful to see all the parents again; we hadn't realised how much we'd missed seeing you too!

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the changes to pick-up this week. We also don't want you to worry too much if you have a child on both sites. We know that the journey between the schools is taking longer at the moment. If you are not at the Junior site on time, we will bring your child back into the building until you arrive. Please don't rush or worry.

Please can I remind parents to park with care and consideration for our neighbours, children and staff. On both sites we have places to park, away from the school- Juniors by the Church on the road to Dinton; Infants at the village playing fields.

There have been very no staffing changes during the summer, other than Mrs Walker has decided to retire. All the staff and children are so grateful for everything she has done over the many years of dedicated work at Cuddington and Dinton school. Mrs Walker was rightly proud of how clean she kept the school, and she loved the interactions with the children when she was serving lunches. I shan't embarrass her by saying how long she worked at the school but it's fair to say she could have been serving lunches to the grandchildren of some of the pupils she first met at the school! Thank you, Mrs Walker,- you will be greatly missed.

We have also welcomed lots of new children to the school in year 1 to 5 - Charlie C, Leena, Zachary, Chloe, Darcey-Mae, Imogen, Tiago, Espe and Xavier. Not forgetting our new group of Foundation children- Thea, George, Winnie, William, Jessica, Joshua, Vivienne, Brooke, Amber, Bertie, Tahlia, Jaden, Sophie, Delilah-Rose, Hugo, Lydia, Christopher, Henry, Amelia, Sebastian, Julia, Clara and Aadam.

Stay Safe
Mrs Price

Spellings

To keep children and families as safe as possible we are limiting the number of items taken between home and school. Each class from year 1 - year 6 are publishing weekly spelling lists on their class page of the school website. The lists will be uploaded each Friday, for children to learn at home for the following week. All children will also have a little time in school to practice these.

Class information

Please look under 'Class info' to read details from each teacher explaining the topics and routines for the Autumn

term: https://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk/class-information/?doing_wp_cron=1599835057.8101830482482910156250

Second-hand Book Sale on both sites.

On Friday 18th of September, we will be holding a book sale for the children on both sites. All the books for sale are ex- school reading and library books and will cost 50p each. All money raised will go towards buying new books for the school. The

sale will be held during the school day. Please send you child in with a carrier bag to take the books home in.

Swimming

We have decided not to start school swimming lessons until further notice.

Music Lessons

Drums- there are some spaces available for school drumming lessons on the Junior site with Mr Heard (info@philsdrums.com). If you are interested, please contact Mr Heard directly.

Singing and Woodwind- Mrs Mahoney is currently not teaching voice and woodwind lessons in school. We will let you know when these lessons are able to start again.

Miss Sharon's Dance

There will be no dancing club on either site at the moment. Miss Sharon will refund any money to the 3 children whose parents have already paid.

Illness in school

We have had several children who have come to school unwell. Please keep your child at home if they have a temperature or are generally 'under the weather'. It may just be a cold, but teachers are not medical practitioners, we will call you to come and collect your child. I understand that many of you have had 5 months at home with your children and want to return to a normal work patterns, but we need to keep everyone in school as healthy as possible.

Medication in school

Mrs Wilde has sent home medical forms for all the children we know have medical needs. Please complete the forms as soon as possible, return them to school with any necessary medication.

Term dates

Please see term dates on the school

website: <https://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Term-Dates.pdf>

Change in Financial circumstances

We are aware, that due to changing working circumstances, some parents may now find themselves in receipt of Family Credit. Please let the school know as we get additional funding for your child and can offer Owls to you free of charge, subsidise music lessons etc.

Twitter

Thank you to all the parents who have submitted Twitter request forms. Please request to follow our account on Twitter, alongside submitting the paperwork. As our account is locked for privacy and protection, we need exact clarification of your Twitter username so only parents of the school follow our account.

Sports Club

Due to many other things we have had to reorganise this week, we haven't sorted Mr Messenger's (School PE teacher) clubs. We will let you know the arrangements next week.

Virtual History Festival

Lots of opportunities to get creative and join in the fun as we get ready to bring history home on the 12th and 13th September! Check out all the family friendly Play activities here and letter attached.

<https://buckshistoryfestival.co.uk/play-2/>

Food in school

Nuts - Please remember that we are a No Nut School. This means no peanut butter sandwiches and no cereal bars containing nuts.

Break time snacks on the Junior site- This should be fruit or vegetables, nothing with any packaging. If children have their snack in a pot, please name the pot.

Jewellery

Children must not wear jewellery in school. Earrings are only permitted for the first 6 weeks after piercing but must be taped over while in school. Once the 6 weeks is over, they need to be removed. We shall be asking children to remove their earrings themselves if they are wearing them past the 6-week window.

Job opportunities in school

We have a vacancy for a cleaner and 2 lunch time supervisors. If you are interested in the posts, please contact the office. The cleaning position can be before or after school and the lunchtime post is daily for 1 1/2 hours.

Covid-19

As winter unfolds, we will undoubtedly see cases of Coronavirus rise. Symptoms in children can be atypical from adults. For more information please use the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If your child suffers from ANY of the symptoms, please arrange a test: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> Your household will need to isolate until you have received the results. Please phone the school office to keep us updated.