



School Newsletter

Happy New Year!

The staff and I would like to thank you for your kind gifts at the end of last term. Thank goodness the Spring term has started with no staff needing to isolate (yet!). It has been good to see that children are dressing appropriately for the weather and classroom temperatures. We are regularly monitoring the CO2 levels in all the classrooms and are pleased to report that the air quality is 'normal' or 'good' in all areas.

Thank you again for your understanding and patience at the end of last term, we tried our best to keep as many classes open as possible, but this was quite challenging!

Mrs Price

School work when isolating

Parents have been requesting work for their children when they are off with COVID and/or isolating. By Monday 10th January, every year group has placed 2 weeks worth of new work on their class page on the school website, which is to be used when individual children are at home.

Notification of COVID cases in school

We are following the Government guidance on notification of COVID cases, we will inform you of any changes. It currently states as follows:

Up until Monday 10th January - We will notify the class if there is a case of COVID following a child or member of staff confirmation of a positive PCR test.

If somebody in your household tests positive, but your child's lateral flow is negative, they must come to school but test daily for 7 days using lateral flow tests.

From Tuesday 11th January – We will notify the class if there is a case of COVID following a child or member of staff confirmation of a positive Lateral Flow Test.

From the 11th January you will no longer need a PCR test to confirm COVID.

If somebody in your household tests positive, but the child's lateral flow is negative they must come to school but test daily for 7 days using lateral flow tests.

From Wednesday 5th January- If we have 3 or more COVID cases in a class, we will send home a letter recommending that all children and staff in the class test using a lateral flow test for 7 days from the date on the letter. We will not be identifying close contacts but recommend that everyone in the class, including staff, use the lateral flow tests as recommended above.

1 litre plastic bottles

Mr and Mrs Reed have worked hard on the recycled green house on the Junior site. However, they need more 1 litre plastic bottles. Please can you send in any clean bottles to either site.

Planting trees

The rest of the hedging saplings were delivered in the last week of the Autumn term. I have consulted the weather oracle (BBC Website!) and am proposing that the rest of the saplings are planted on **Saturday 15th January from 1.30pm.**

You will need to bring your own spade and dress warmly with sturdy footwear. Children are welcome to help too, and we will provide biscuits! Mr Jackson and I expect that the planting will take about 1-2 hours if enough adults come to help. Thank you to those who came previously and hopefully we'll see you again.

Parking on both sites

It has been my pleasure to witness the parking at the beginning of the day on the Infants and the end of the day on the Juniors!

Infant site

Please can I remind parents that under no circumstances should a car be parked blocking the flow of traffic to drop a child/children off. We turn a blind eye to parents pulling up on the yellow lines outside of the school to 'drop and go'. However, if you need to get out of the car to help your child, you need to find a safe place to park that doesn't obstruct the traffic.

Junior site

We have had several messages from parents about the problems with traffic jams by cars blocking the road whilst parents are waiting for their child/children to come out of school. Cars waiting at the green need to be parked so that traffic can still move round them. If you are blocking the road, an emergency vehicle cannot get through.

We do want to continue to allow children to walk to the green, but we may need to reconsider this if the traffic queues are causing a problem.

Echoes 9 at the Albert Hall

We hope to take a choir of 30 pupils (years 4, 5 and 6) to sing at the Albert Hall on Tuesday 29th March. These classes have been sent a letter today informing parents of rehearsals.

F4CADS

Next F4CADs meeting will be held at Cuddington site on Thursday 13th January at 7pm. All welcome, hope to see you there.

Fully Funded courses

Impact Futures are delivering qualifications **FULLY FUNDED** to anyone aged 19+ and regardless of their employment status. The courses are specifically designed to raise knowledge and awareness of the subject area to support others, and can be completed by staff, volunteers, parents, friends, and family within the community. Mental Health Awareness, Awareness of Bullying, SEN & Disability, Understanding Autism, Behaviour That Challenges, Allergy Awareness. See attached flyer for further detail.

School Link Worker from CAMHS

Please find attached a leaflet advertising parent support group: 'Walking with You' Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Buckinghamshire CAMHS

Important Dates -

- 10th January - Infant Tennis until Easter term
- 11th January - Open Day session for prospective parents Sept 2022
- 12th January - Year 2 swimming until Easter term
- 13th January - F4CADS Meeting at Cuddington
- 14th January - Miss Sharon Dance Club starts on infant site
- 18th January - Echoes school rehearsals

21st January - Scooter and Skateboarding experience safety demonstration
27th January - Infant Family Service
3rd February - Junior Family Service
4th February - Parent Forum
6th February - Echoes rehearsal (2-4pm)
7th & 8th February - Book Look
16th & 17th February - Parents Evening
17th February - Half Term (21 - 25th February)
18th February - INSET Day
28th February - Return to school

Payments Open -

Year 2 Swimming payment
Morning and Night Owls
Donations 2021 (junior site food contributions)
Year 6 Derby 2022 Residential trip
Echoes concerts consent



Little Owls - Vincent, Lydia

Yr 1 - Amber, Josh

Yr 2 - Pixie, Wilf



Leaves

Year 2 - for welcoming a new child

Please go to the school website calendar for diary dates www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk

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