



School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you all managed to enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

We have had a visit to Early Years from Helen Smith (EYFS county consultant) who was impressed with the developments in the Foundation area. The children have coped incredibly well with the changes and settled quickly into the new routines.

Please take the opportunity to have a look at the newly replanted and cleaned pond area on the Junior site. Mrs Bowman, Mrs Reed and their families spent a glorious morning on Saturday planting pond plants, clearing brambles and nettles and generally tidying up. The space looks wonderful and hopefully the pond life will think so too! Thank you to those people that helped- I have tweeted some photographs.

Mrs Price

Birthday Books

Some of you may remember that we suggested that children donated a book to school when it was their birthday as we don't allow them to bring sweets and cakes into school. We would like to relaunch this, as it would be lovely for the children to have a new book in the library donated by them. If you are unsure of what to buy, please contact the school as Mrs Chaplin has a long list of books she would like to purchase for the libraries.

Attendance

Some of you will be receiving letters next week about your child's attendance. Whilst we understand the reasons for many of the absences, some due COVID and school closure days, I have become concerned that 34% of the children (62 out of 180) have an attendance less than 90%. The expectation is that school attendance should be at least 95%. The impact of an attendance less than 90% may be pupils not

making expected progress, pupils becoming anxious because they are missing school and pupils struggling to keep up with the curriculum.

Sports on the Junior site

This term Mrs Brogan has secured free tennis and cricket coaching for the Junior children as part of their PE lessons. The children are thoroughly enjoying being coached by professional coaches. Thank you to Caroline from JWT Tennis and Emily from Chance to Shine at Buckinghamshire Cricket Board.

Last week Year 5 children received Sports leader training from the Mandeville School Partnership. Molly exclaimed "It was such an encouraging session where we used our imagination, it was great to have the chance to develop our own games. "

Following this Mrs Brogan has selected the following children to be our new Sports leaders: Esme, Zoe-Praise, Jasper, Jess and Luke. Part of their role will be to train up-and-coming Sports leaders from Year 4: Isabelle, Rory, Drew and Ellie. Congratulations to our new sports leaders!

Tony Hadley Concert **SPECIAL F4CADS Fundraising event**

Tony Hadley will be headlining a concert for our school at our school on **Friday 10th June** supported by local bands. This event of the year is an awesome school community function you don't want to miss! Tickets go on sale TODAY £50 per person on School Gateway. 4 tickets maximum per family, however this is an adult only event (18+).

Tickets will be available to the public from next Friday, so we recommend securing yours ASAP. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, various jobs on the night and clean up the next day, any time you can spare would be great! Please chat to F4CADs for info. All proceeds will be going towards school renovations. Families whose children are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding will be able to buy 2 tickets for the price of 1, please let Mrs Price know if you wish to do so.

We are so fortunate that Tony gives his time free of charge to play for the school community, previous concerts have been fantastic; you really don't want to miss it! All profits go to the school, having previously raised more than £10,000 from the event.

Second-hand Uniform Storage Space needed CAN YOU HELP???

Do you have a garage corner or any room with a bit of space? We need somewhere for our second-hand uniform ASAP - needs to be dry, 'warm' and easily accessible. Approx. 8 plastic boxes size 60x40x42 cm however happy to split them up! So, if you have space for 2/3 boxes please let us know! F4CADs will give you ample notice of sale day and collection/ return times. Please email F4CADS@cds.school or talk to one of the F4CADS members if you can help, it will be much appreciated.

Bags2School **Monday 9th May**

9AM Collection. Picking up from both sites, do not leave any bags after this time.

Important Dates -

9-12th May Year 6 SATs

9th May Bags2School collection

10th May Full Governing Body meeting

12th May Infant Family service

16th May Year 5&6 River walk
18th May Class photos (summer uniform)
19th May Junior Family service
20th May Parent forum
23-26th May Year 2 SATs
25th May Y3 & 4 Waddesdon Trip (details to follow)
27th May INSET day
30th May-3rd June HALF TERM

Payments Open -

Morning and Night Owls Bookings
F4CADS Uniform sales
Donations 2021 (Junior site food contributions)
Tony Hadley Concert Tickets



Little Owls - Dale and Joel
Y1 Vivi and Max
Y2 Pixie and Emily
Y3 Joshua and Jasper
Y4 Finlay and James
Y5 Rosie and Teddy
Y6 Calli and Louis

Science Star
Y4 Freddie

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

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