



School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Those of you that have access to the school Twitter account, will have seen lots of pictures of the year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle in Derbyshire. The children (and staff) had an amazing adventure rock climbing, fire making, canoeing and grass sledging, to name a few of the activities. The children were superbly behaved, with the staff at the castle regularly commentating on this. We have booked to take year 6 in June 2023, in preference to going to France. Thank you to Mrs Burnham, Miss Davis and Mrs Bowman for accompanying the children. To read a synopsis of the visit please [look here](#) on our website.

On Wednesday morning the Junior children had their annual outdoor drumming concert. It was loud and a lot of fun! This coincided with the additional year 2 familiarisation day, so we now anticipate many year 2 children may want to play the drums! In addition, the Junior children did a surprise 'Flash Mob' dance, choreographed by Mrs Brogan and Miss Kelly. Mr Herd, the drum teacher joined in too! It was a wonderful finale to the concert. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and to our talented drummers and dancers.

Congratulations to Oscar and Genevieve, who won the Great Marble Challenge whilst enjoying a Science Experience Day at Lord Williams's School. For a report by Sophie and Finley [click here](#).

Finally, two members of staff will be leaving the school at the end of this term: Miss Davis and Mrs Slade. They will be greatly missed by children and staff, and we wish them well with their new ventures.

Mrs Price

New parents

This week we welcomed our new 2022 Foundation parents to visit the school. It was so lovely to be able to do this in person, rather than zoom! Thank you to F4CADs for organising a uniform sale.

Polite reminders

- Please don't phone the Junior site directly, even if you do have the number, as there is no guarantee it will be answered, or the message seen.
- Junior site drop off- if you do leave your children before we open the gate, please make sure you instruct them to stay in the green house area.
- Please do not email staff over the weekend. If you have any worries or concerns, email the office where it will be picked up on Monday or use the head@cds.school email address if it is urgent.

Moving up day

On Tuesday 5th July all children will be spending time with their new teacher. This means the new Foundation children will be visiting in the morning, year 2 will be going to the Junior site for the day (starting at 9.10am and finishing at 3.00pm) and most of the year 6 children will be visiting their new secondary schools.

If your year 6 child's induction day is not on 5th July, they will need to come to school. We will also inform you of the adults working in your child's new class on this day.

Music tuition for September

We have attached information for school-based music lessons to this email. They are available to all children on the Junior site. However, children can only play one instrument in school. Any enquiries need to go directly to the music teachers- Mr Heard (drums), Mr Manders (guitar) and Mr Dimond (keyboard and woodwind).

Changes to the school day

Some of you may be aware that a recent Government White Paper has requested that all schools provide a minimum education of 6 1/2 hours per day. In order for us to be compliant we need to make some changes to our school day. **From September 2022 the hours will be as follows:**

- **Infant site 8.45- 3.15 (gate opens at 8.35)**
- **Junior site 8.55-3.25 (gate opens at 8.45)**

These timings still allow for travel between the two sites. Morning Owls will remain the same- Infants 8.15am start, Juniors 8am start. Night Owls will remain on the Junior site with accompanied bus travel to the Junior site from the Infants, but it will finish at 5.30pm for all children.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity are on the lookout for local children to take part in a very special production of ["Nativity! The Musical"](#), coming to Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre this October. Audition registration is now open, we are looking for around 100 enthusiastic local children with a love of theatre to make this show a huge success.

Diary dates

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| 5.7.22 | Move Up morning- children to meet new teachers and year 2 to Junior site |
| 7.7.22 | Infant site Cotswold Wildlife school trip |
| 7.7.22 | Junior sports day (pm) |
| 7.7.22 | Year 2 parents transition meeting 6.30pm |
| 11.7.22 | Reports out to parents |
| 11.7.22 | Year 6 'Fiver Challenge' sale on the junior playground 3.25pm |
| 13.7.22 | Year 6 games at Mandeville School |
| 14.7.22 | Year 6 leavers service- year 6 parents invited |
| 18.7.22 | Year 6 leavers show in the evening |
| 20.7.22 | End of term- Infants finish 1.15pm, Juniors 1.30pm |

Payments Open -

Morning and Night Owls Bookings
F4CADS Uniform sales
Donations 2021-22 (Junior site food contributions)



YF Vincent and Freddie
Y1 Sophie and Eva
Y2 Eleri and Jude
Y3 Theo and Ethan
Y4 Chloe, Ned and Espi
Y5 Harry, Oscar and Philip
Y6 Finley, Holly and Jess



Sports Stars

Y3 Sofia and Archie
Y4 Drew and Freddie

Science Stars

Y2 Darcey H
Y5 Oscar and Genevieve

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dates www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk*

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