

Cumberworth First School

Newsletter

September 2016



Welcome!



Welcome to all our new starters and welcome back to everyone else. It is good to be back and as you can see the children are working hard, playing hard and having fun! We are delighted with the way they have settled into the new academic year. Additionally our new starters are nearly at the end of their first week having had lots of new routines and information to learn. They are doing great and we are all very proud of them.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 12 September
R, Yr 1 & 2 Lunchtime
Dance Club starts

Mon 12 September
Yr 5 Author visit at
Lindley Junior School

Mon 12 September
Mo's After School
Football Club starts

Mon 12 September
19:00 Helping Hands
meeting in The Foresters

Tues 13 September
KS2 Dance Club starts

Tues 13 September
Yr 4 / 5 Cross Country @
Thurstonland

Wed 14 September
Individual & family group
photos

Fri 16 September
9:15 Stars Assembly –
All welcome

Mon 19 September
18:30 Phonics workshop
19:15 Spelling & Grammar
Workshop

Tues 20 September
Yr 2 / 3 Cross Country @
Shepley First School

Fr 23 September
9:15 Stars Assembly -
All welcome

Stars Assembly

You are warmly invited to our weekly Stars Assembly in school every Friday at 9.15. We will be giving out certificates from school and home and celebrating the children's successes!

Medical Needs

We all have a duty to keep our children safe in respect of their medical needs and medicines in school. Please make sure you keep us informed of any changes to your child's medical needs. Care plans should be renewed annually with a copy sent to school please.

Please don't forget, we are a 'nut free' school!



Please keep this in mind if you send any food in to school whether it be a packed lunch, a snack or a class treat.

Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of all our children extremely seriously. For this reason, should we have any concerns about a child's wellbeing or safety we will contact you directly.

All staff, volunteers and the wider community have a responsibility to speak out where there are any concerns. We encourage our children to do the same.

Working together we can ensure all our children are safe and well looked after. Many thanks for your support.

Parking

Please remember that we can't park on the zig-zag lines on either side of the road outside school. We must all avoid parking immediately outside the school and of course bus stops and neighbour's driveways must be left clear. We know it's not always easy to find a parking space nearby but better to have to walk for a few minutes than put a child's life at risk.

We have had a complaint from a resident living in the small cul de sac on Dearnfield where some of the residents have found themselves 'trapped' at home by thoughtless parking. It is a narrow road and some of the householders are elderly, relying on their cars to go about their business. I am sure you can imagine their distress and upset when they are unable to go out because they can't get off their drive due to school visitors, perhaps attending Stars or a Class Assembly leaving their car parked inappropriately. The complainant has told us that they have contacted the Police to ask them to monitor the situation. Please think before you park.

**Open day
Thursday 6th October
from 2:15**

You are all more than welcome to come along to our Open Afternoon on 6th October from 2:15 onwards. You will be able to go and have a look in all the classes, talk to the children and find out what they are doing. At 3pm our visitors will be asked to go to the gym where some of the children will give a short presentation.

Helping Hands

There is a Helping Hands meeting on Monday 12th September at 7pm in The Foresters at Lower Cumberworth.

The first social event of the year is the Autumn Disco in school on Friday 14th October: 18:30 - 20:30.

More details to follow shortly.

**Stay
Safe
Speak
Out**

Here at Cumberworth First School we obviously place great importance on ensuring that our children are kept safe in every possible way. We use a simple message to help children remember that there is always someone to talk to, 'Stay Safe, Speak Out' (printed on all the book bags) and we will continue to reinforce this message in school but please also remind your child about this regularly at home.

Dinner money

Dinner money is £2.05 per day for children in KS2, and is payable through ParentPay. Please make payment in advance and try to ensure your account remains in

Applications to School Admissions

All applications for a place at school, whether it be for Reception, Middle or Junior School for next September must now be made online.

**Please don't miss the deadline of
15th January 2017.
www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions**

Rainforest / Nurture Group

Many of you will have heard staff or children talk about Rainforest at Cumberworth so here's a very brief explanation of what our Rainforest is. It usually consists of a small group of about 6 children working with Ms Hewitt 3 or 4 times a week for around 12 weeks. The composition of the group is well thought out to create a balanced and functional group. Our Rainforest / nurture group is part of school's PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) provision. The purpose of our Rainforest is to offer children opportunities to re-visit early learning skills and promote and support their social and emotional development. There is much research evidence to show that children's learning is most effective when they have a sense of emotional wellbeing, good self-esteem and a feeling of belonging to their school community. Our nurture room provides children with opportunities to further enhance these feelings and helps them to develop their maturity and resilience. Rainforest is a place of learning. We provide unconditional positive reinforcement. The knowledge and expertise that Ms Hewitt has is wide ranging and she has provided support and training to a number of local schools trying to establish similar groups. She is highly regarded in this field and very well respected by many local Head Teachers and other school staff, not to mention the rest of the staff here at Cumberworth.

A good start to the day

We know that very occasionally things do go wrong first thing in the morning and it is hard to get to school by 9am, e.g. the car won't start, baby is sick as you are walking out of the door etc. However, these types of issues aside, it is really important for children to be in class ready to start work and be registered by 9 o'clock. We have got off to a great start so far this term please keep it up and ensure your child doesn't miss any learning time or disrupt others by coming in late. Many thanks.

Library

Library day for all the school is Friday so please make sure your child brings their library book back. It is important that books are returned by their due date - usually 2 weeks from the date borrowed. A book can be renewed if your child hasn't finished reading it but please do make sure it comes back to school to be stamped. Please encourage your child to treat the books with care and help us to reduce the number of 'lost' books. Missing books reduce the choice in the library and also eat into the school budget when we have to replace them.

Thanks for your support.



Flu Immunisation for Yr 1, 2 & 3

The flu immunisation for Yr 1, 2 & 3 is scheduled to take place in school on 30th November. Whether or not you wish your child to be immunised it is important for the form to be returned by 21st September, either giving consent or ticking the reason for not wanting the vaccination.

Classes & Year groups

Over the coming weeks you will hear and see many references to different classes, year groups and Key Stages so we'd just like to try and help you understand them.

Class Hedgehog has Early Years children, also known as Reception Year group (EY or Yr R) and Year 1 children (Yr 1). This is Mrs Parry's class.

Class Owl comprises Year 1 (Yr 1) and Year 2 children (Yr 2) and Mrs Eason is the class teacher.

All Year 1 and Year 2 are in Key Stage 1 (KS1).

Class Atlantic - Mr McKay's class - is made up of Year 3 (Yr 3) and Year 4 children (Yr 4).

Class Pacific pupils are Year 4 (Yr 4) and Year 5 (Yr 5). They are taught by Mrs Barrett.

All Year 3, 4 and 5 are in Key Stage 2 (KS2).

Hopefully this will help to clarify some of the terms we regularly use in our letters,



Recent letters:

6 September

Welcome - All

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7 September

Flu Immunisation - Yr 1, 2 & 3

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7 September

Cross Country - Yr 2 & 3

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7 September

Cross Country - Yr 4 & 5

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7 September

Author Visit - Year 5

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8 September

Dance Club - KS2

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8 September

Lunchtime Dance - KS1 & EY

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8 September

Football Club - All

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8 September

Photo Information - All

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9 September

Transferring to Junior or Middle School - Yr 5

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Upholding Christian values, together we ENJOY our learning, ENRICH our lives and EXCEL by making the most of our talents and gifts.