



Cuffley School

NEWSLETTER

Learning to Learn

30th September 2020

Welcome Back

It has been a strange start to a new school year, but after a few days we have all settled into a new routine and things are working as well as they can. It has been wonderful having the children back and seeing you all again. Thank you for working with us during these uncertain times.

If you are new to Cuffley – welcome! We are really pleased that you have joined us. If you are unsure about anything, do let us know and we will do our best to help you.

Communication

This is going to be a different year for us. Please make sure that you keep an eye on any letters sent home via School Gateway or email and **Google Classroom** as information will be shared here; also little snippets of news will be shared on Facebook and Twitter. The newsletter will become a **monthly** letter, so that we don't overwhelm your inbox.

Virtual Parent Consultations

Unfortunately we are unable to hold parent consultations in school this term. Therefore, we will be offering virtual and telephone consultations to you. A letter will be coming out about this so that you know how to sign up and what to expect. Please watch out for it. The consultations will take place the week before half term, which is the week commencing 19th October 2020.

Virtual Tours

Similar to the above, we cannot host open mornings this year for prospective parents. We are putting together information and a virtual tour which will be shared on our website and on our Facebook page. After October half term, prospective parents will also be able to book a telephone conversation with Mrs Wing or Mr Gatrad to ask any questions they may have.

Annual Flu Vaccinations

Please return your consent forms by **9th October**, even if you don't want your child to have the vaccination. Thank you.

School Photographs

Tuesday 13th October

A date for your diary – please note that the school photographer will be coming in to take individual photos on 13th October. This year, due to the separation of bubbles in school, there will be **no** sibling photographs. Apologies for this.

New Governors

There have been a few changes to our governing body this year. Mr Keith Seagrove, a partnership governor, left the governing body after seven years of service. He has our thanks and best wishes as he moves on. Mr Stuart Brennan (who was a parent governor) has now taken up this role. Mrs Fagan, a partnership governor who was only with us a short while, has left for personal reasons and Ms Alicia Dear has taken up her role. We advertised for a parent governor in July and Mrs Mel Wiltshire was nominated and seconded and, in the absence of any other candidates, was elected unopposed. We are looking forward to working with all of our new governors and know that they will make a valuable contribution to the leadership of the school.

Face Coverings

A reminder please to wear face coverings on site in line with our risk assessment. We all need to do our bit.

Secondary School Applications

Please note that the **deadline** for secondary school applications is **31st October**, which is at the end of half term. Don't forget! Most secondary schools have virtual tours online. If you need any help or advice, please call or email us and we will do our best to help you.

World Mental Health Day

Friday 9th October

This year, we are again supporting World Mental Health day. And this year, raising the profile of mental health is more important than ever. We invite children to wear **yellow** accessories (hair bows, hair slides, socks, ties) and to make a donation in their classrooms for Young Minds.

Christmas

This will look different this year. Please watch this space so that we can share COVID-friendly celebrations.

What's On

9.10.20 Mental Health Day

13.10.20 School Photos

w/c:

19.10.20 Virtual Parent Consultations

23/10 INSET DAY

w/c:

26/10 HALF TERM

02/11 Reception Applications open online

09/11 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations (sign up only)

**18.12.20 LAST DAY OF TERM
Ends 1:30pm**

Payment deadline dates

School Dinners Now

(Please remember to keep your balance in credit as school dinner money is due in advance. Thank you).