



Cuffley School

NEWSLETTER

Learning to Learn

25th February 2021

Welcome back!

As many of you know the Prime Minister has announced that all children are to fully return to school on **Monday 8th March**. Children will return at normal times. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school. **Please keep an eye out for more information over the coming days.**

First Things First - Stay and Play

Week commencing 1st March 2021

We are aware that many children may well be anxious about coming returning to school. To smooth this transition, are inviting children to come into school for 1 hour 'stay and play' sessions next week so that they can see their friends and teachers and catch up. Children will be playing outside throughout and will therefore need to be appropriately dressed. Dates are in the What's On section. Please keep an eye out for the sign-up information which will follow. Children should **not** just turn-up – booking a place is essential for safeguarding reasons.

Congratulations and a Goodbye

Mr Gatrad has successfully secured his first headship and will be moving to the north Midlands with his family at the end of this term. Mr Gatrad has had a significant impact on the development of teaching and learning at Cuffley over the past few years and we will be sorry to see him go. However, we are delighted that he will now have the chance to lead his own school. We wish him every success as he starts out on his new adventure.

Recruitment for a new Deputy Headteacher will take place over the next term and our intention is that they will start in September 2021.

Baby News!

We thought you would like to share in the good news that Mrs Bedwell had a baby girl last week. Mother and daughter are doing very well and we send them our warmest wishes.

Controlling COVID Measures

One Way Pedestrian System

Please remember to follow the one way system around the school, during drop off between 8:45 – 9:00am and pick up at 3:15pm. **Enter the school via the pedestrian gate and exit via the vehicle gate.**

Face Coverings

Most parents are wearing face coverings when on the school site – thank you! Unless you are exempt, please wear your face covering – this rule is here to ensure that we all feel comfortable and to keep us all safe.

Social Distancing

Even when wearing face coverings, do ensure that you adhere to social distancing guidelines, keeping away from other adults by 2m where possible, in line with government guidance.

Uniform and Dress Code

At Cuffley our uniform is part of our ethos. It promotes inclusion, smartness and a sense of pride in belonging to Cuffley. Please continue to support us by ensuring your children comes back to school dressed appropriately and by following our uniform code and expectations. It might be that school shoes become an issue for you, as shops are still closed, but children's feet are still growing! If that is the case, please just do your best, but we understand and will make allowances.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle for use at school as our water fountains have been disabled, in line with our risk assessment.

NO dogs on site please

Many of us at school are dog lovers, however dogs are not allowed on site and cannot come into school whether on a lead, held or in bags. Please respect this rule.

Reports

School reports will be sent to all parents via e-mail during the week commencing 22nd March 2021. Reports this term will be more concise than our normal reports due to the length of time that children have been out of school this year.

Nursery applications for September 2021

The application forms to join our nursery in September 2020 are now available [online](#). The deadline for application forms to be returned is **13th March 2020**.

Magic Moment



Lucy and Ava from Year 1 deserve a mention in this section. We have been looking at online activities and assessments to use when children return to school. Lucy and Ava were our very willing guinea pigs and were keen to trial a maths programme. They were fantastic and certainly helped us in making the right decision for our school.

What's On

w/c: 1.03.21	Stay & Play In Year Group Order (NOT date order)
04.03.21 10-11:00am	Nursery
03.03.21 1-2:00pm	Reception
02.03.21 1-2:00pm	Year 1
02.03.21 2:15-3:15pm	Year 2
04.03.21 1-2:00pm	Year 3
02.03.21 1-2:00pm	Year 4
05.03.21 2:15-3:15pm	Year 5
05.03.21 1-2:00pm	Year 6
w/c: 22.3.21	Reports due out
26.03.21	END OF TERM 1:30pm finish
12.04.21	INSET Day
13.04.21	Children return to school at normal times
16.04.21	Reception Places Allocation Day

Payment deadline dates

School Dinners Now

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