

Newsletter

10th January 2020

Firstly, welcome back and Happy New Year! Can you believe that it is 2020! A kindly fellow pointed out that I have been alive for 7 decades (although I shared this with the children, I did stress that this did not mean that I am 70!) I had a lovely family Christmas and New Year with both friends and family – many popping down from the North.

As you may be aware, we have had visitors at school this week and it has been a privilege to share the strengths of CPS with them. Your children clearly demonstrated our values and worked hard, as we would expect. I am proud to be part of this school's journey. We have therefore decided to end the week with a mini dazzle; we were immersed in the tales of Toad, Ratty and Mole at the beginning of the week, which as planned sparked some amazing learning so as a treat we have watched an animated version of the same tale. I am sure this will further improve their love of these characters and their enthusiasm for this classic!

On behalf of all the staff team and governors, we would like to thank you for your support to date and in particular for the huge number of extremely positive parent questionnaires and comments directed to the inspectors themselves this week. Naturally we look forward to their final judgements and their recommendations. The team of inspectors were also under scrutiny as an additional HMI accompanied them for quality assurance. Consequently it could take up to 5 weeks before we receive the final report. However we will share this as soon as possible.

I guess most of the CPS team will take a breath and pause, returning to work motivated and ready to continue 'business as usual' as we will not cease our journey of improvement across all aspects of CPS.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Hobgoblin Theatre Company– Wind in the Willows

On Tuesday the children had a wonderful visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre Company, who came into school to perform *Wind in the Willows*. The children eagerly watched the performance, and were able to take part in the 'Agents of Wind' secret handshake as well as sing along to 'Poor Old Mr Toad'. In the afternoon Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 were invited to a *Wind in the Willows* workshop. They were able to use their best acting skills to reenact scenes and their favourite characters.



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School Meals

If your child has school meals please note that going forward payment will need to be made in advance for them. At the end of each half term a parent mail will be sent informing you of the cost of the meals for the next half term. A poster with the amount will also be displayed in the office window. Please make sure that the appropriate money is put onto your child's parent mail account by the end of the first week of each new half term.

For this half term, as this is a new system, we ask that all school meal payments are made by 31st January. The cost of this half terms' school meals is £65.80 (£2.35 per day).

In addition please make sure that any current school meal arrears are cleared. This applies whether or not your child currently has school meals as there are some historic arrears.

Please also note that your child may only change from school meals to packed lunches (or vice versa) on the first day of a term or half term.

If your child is changing to school meals please ask for a Special Diet Request form if they have any dietary requirements at all.

If you have any questions please speak to Gill Kosbab in the school office.

Christmas Jumpers

Please bring in any unwanted children's Christmas jumpers and leave them either at the school office or uniform shop and the CPSA will organise a 2nd hand sale of these at the end of the year.

Dates and Reminders:

January	
15/01/2020	Accelerated Reading Session for Parents – 3.30pm - (crèche available)
17/01/2020	Hazel Class Assembly – 9:15am
22/01/2020	Green House Day (Green House events & Green House Mufti)
23/01/2020	National Handwriting Day
24/01/2020	Elm Class Assembly – 9.15am
29/01/2020	Online Safety Workshop for Parents – 9-10am
29/01/2020	Parent Pop-Ins 3.15-3.45
31/01/2020	Chestnut Class Assembly – 9.15am
February	
07/02/2020	Parents' Forum 9.10am
07/02/2020	Oak Class Assembly – 9.15am
11/02/2020	Internet Safety Day
11/02/2020	Y2 Parents meeting about SATs – 2.30pm
11./02/2020	Sycamore Enrichment Performance – 2.50pm
12/02/2020	Y6 Parents meeting about SATs – 2.30pm
12/02/2020	Governor Body Meeting
14/02/2020	INSET DAY
HALF TERM	
24/02/2020	Return to School Thinking Day (scouts etc may wear uniform to school)

These dates are provisional and are subject to change!

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