

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 11 - 7th February 2025



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting couple of weeks of learning at Cupernham Infant School and the children particularly enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with Year R, viewing our amazing artists in Year 1 sketching their own portrait of King Charles III and reading Year 2's fabulous stories of Vlad and the Greta Fire of London. This week, we have recognised Children's Mental Health Week "**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**", Learning this week was all about empowering them by providing them with opportunities to express themselves. It was lovely to see so many children coming into school today "Dressed to Express!"

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Curriculum Workshop evening, we hope you found the information useful. We are developing a Parent Curriculum Help section on our website where we are able to upload many resources to help support you with your child's learning. More details to follow.

Don't forget Friday 14th February is an INSET Day. We hope you have a lovely half term holiday when we get there and we look forward to seeing you on back at school on Monday 24th February.

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
FOCUS Valentine's Disco - tickets are available to purchase until end of day Tuesday 11th February	Thursday 13 th February Year R 3.30pm, Year 1 & 2 4.30pm
Parent Forum - topic will be Fundraising	Thursday 13 th February @ 9am
Mid-Year School Reports sent home	Thursday 13 th February
INSET Day	Friday 14th February
Half Term	Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
Back to School	Monday 24th February
FOCUS Bake Sale (details to follow)	Friday 28th Feb 3.20pm in playground
Year 1 only: Phonics Meeting for parents	Wednesday 5 th March @ 3.30pm-4.00pm
World Book Day (Parents in 8.50am-9.10am)	Thursday 6 th March – Non Uniform Day
Red Nose Day	Friday 21 st March (details to follow)
FOCUS Mother's Day Craft in school	Mon 24th-Weds 26th March
Rocksteady Parents only Concert	Tuesday 1 st April @ 10am (details to follow)
Easter Raffle Draw	Thursday 3rd April 3.20pm in the playground
Easter Holidays (inc. Bank Holidays)	Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April

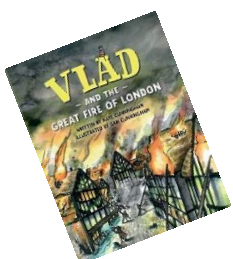
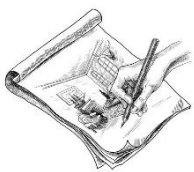
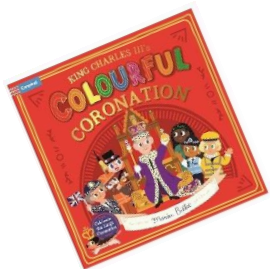
Year R Longdown Activity Farm	Monday 28 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Year 1 Seacity Museum	Thursday 8 th May
Half Term (inc. Bank Holiday)	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May
Year 2 Marwell Zoo	Thursday 12 th June
INSET Days	Monday 21st July & Tuesday 22 nd July

Our Learning This Week



Year R Kung Hei Fat Choi! Welcome to the year of the snake! This week we have loved learning about Chinese New Year and the story of the Great Race. The children have enjoyed playing in the Chinese restaurant role play and acting out the Great Race in PE. We have even tried some Chinese food! We were so impressed at how the children were willing to try the prawn crackers and rice noodle, lots even enjoying the sweet chilli sauce! This afternoon we have all participated in a Dragon dance, using the dragon heads we have created in class this week. In maths we have been using a 5 frame to count out objects to 5 and recognise ways of making 5 when there are gaps on the frame!

We have also enjoyed the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' and designed our own fantastic vehicles ahead of junk fest next week!



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Year 1

Year 1 have loved the story 'King Charles III's Colourful Coronation.' This week they have retold the story using the conjunctions 'and' and 'because.' We are so proud of how amazing their stories are! In Maths, the children have been learning to use their number bond knowledge of 10, to find number bonds to 20. In Art, they have been sketching a portrait of King Charles using sketching pencils.

Year 2

Children have written the most brilliant stories based on their text Vlad. They were extremely creative and used a range of exciting vocabulary to bring their stories to life. They have been historians, looking closely at the tools people used to help tackle the fire in 1666 and analysing how effective they were. In art, children have used different materials to create textures when creating flames. They were precise and did not give up. Great resilience!

We Need Your Help!

Gardening



These brambles need removing so we can uncover our woodland path and open up more space for our pond area. Do you know anyone in the local community that could donate their time and removed these? We would be happy to mention/advertise them in our next newsletter.



Marketing Support

We are also looking for a company who could donate some of their time to help us develop a marketing strategy and also work with the children and staff to create an exciting and interactive prospectus that celebrates and promotes our amazing school.

Social Media Support



Finally, we are about to launch our own Facebook Page alongside our Instagram. We would like someone to donate a couple hours of their time to help us with our social media campaign and how to get the most out of our social media platforms to showcase and share incredible curriculum and school.





HOT TOPIC



**Internet Safety Day –
Tuesday 11th February 2025**



The next Safer Internet Day (SID) will take place next week with a theme of “Together for a better internet”.

Throughout next week the children will be discussing how to keep safe online and offline particularly discussing how they use technology and the games they play.

As parents/carers, whilst the internet is such a wonderful thing it can bring its challenges. Having regular and open conversations with your child about their use of technology is the best way to stay up to date with what they are doing and seeing on line.

Online games can be a great way for children and young people to keep busy and stay in touch with friends and family, but it’s important that they play safely.

Previously a number of children shared with us the games they are playing or watching older siblings play and some of our older children are saying that they are playing Fortnite: a game that is not age appropriate.

The behaviour of your child could be affected by some games they play. Very intensive games can result in short-term bad behaviour such as poor temper or ‘ragequitting’, which is getting so upset they stop playing immediately. Ensuring a game’s suitability can help, as can limiting playing time.

More information about keeping safe online can be found at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>



Safeguarding Newsletter



In today's ever-evolving technical world, keeping our pupils safe online is always at the forefront of our minds. As a school, we play a vital role in keeping our pupils safe online. Parents/carers also have an important role to play. We appreciate that it can be difficult to know exactly what you can do to help your children navigate this world safely – especially as changes and advances are happening all the time. Please read our monthly newsletter (attached) and refer any enquiries to a member of the senior leadership team.

Our New Assistant Caretaker

We would like to welcome our new site assistant Danny Lead to the team. Danny will be supporting Dan Thomas, our joint Site Manager, across both schools. Please say hello and welcome him to Cupernham.

We have been looking to appoint someone for this role for a very long time and I am so pleased that somebody else is able to lock up the school from now on!



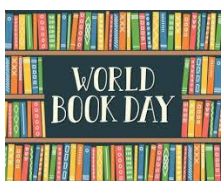
Our New Parent Governor

I would like to give a special warm welcome to our new parent Governor Megan Elkin. She attended her first Full Governing Body meeting recently and looks forward to working with you as the parent representative of the school.



School Menu Change – Week 3 Wednesday Pizza

At the request of the majority of our children, the pizza served on a Wednesday for week 3 will now be a cheese and tomato pizza instead of BBQ chicken.



World Book Day 2025



On Thursday 6th March, we would like the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of your 'favourite' book! Or from a book that has inspired you to be a reader. For this week (Monday 3rd – Friday 7th March) only there will be no morning drop off sessions, however we would like to invite you all into class on Thursday 6th March 8.50-9.10 to stay and share a book with your child.



Year 1 Parents



In June, the children in Year 1 have to undertake a National Phonics Assessment. This requires them to read 40 real and nonsense words covering the sounds that children should know and be able to blend when reading by the end of Year 1. To explain this assessment to parents and provide ways in which you can support your child at home, we are running a parent meeting on **Wednesday 5th March at 3.30pm-4.00pm**. A crèche will be available and the presentation will be available on Tapestry shortly after the event for those that cannot attend. Full details will follow shortly.



FOCUS will be holding a

Valentine's DISCO

Thursday 13th February:

Year R 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Year 1 & 2 4.30pm - 5.15pm



Please note: Valentine's Disco tickets are available to purchase until end of day Tuesday 11th February from PTA Events <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/focus-infants/index.cfm>. Parents/Carers are very welcome to gather in the Year R Classrooms during the Discos where hot drinks and snacks will be available to purchase. Card and cash payments accepted.

Parent Forum



Thank you to all those who attended the last Parent Forum. The feedback was really helpful. The next parent forum will be on **Thursday 13th February at 9am** and the topic will be **Fundraising**.

