

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 16 - 3rd May 2024



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely walking around the school seeing and hearing the children laugh and play. Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been working so hard with their learning and it has been lovely to visit the classrooms to hear all about it. Their writing, problem solving and reasoning have been phenomenal and they all should be very proud.

In our assemblies we have been revisiting our three rules Ready, Respectful and Safe and thinking about what it means to be 'Ready' to learn, 'Respectful' to yourself and others and how to make 'Safe' choices.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the bank holiday weekend, kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May – back to school Tuesday 7 th May
FOCUS Bake Sale	Friday 10 th May afterschool in the playground
Walk to School Week	Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May
Hummingbirds Fabulous Finish	Tuesday 21 st May @ 2.50pm
Robins Fabulous Finish	Wednesday 22 nd May @ 2.50pm
Owls Fabulous Finish	Thursday 23 rd May @ 2.50pm
Bank Holiday & Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
Yr. 1 Phonics Screening Week	W/c Monday 10th June
FOCUS Father's Day Crafts	Monday 10 th June – Wed 12 th June
School Class Photographs	Tuesday 11 th June
Energise Me Day	24 th June 2024 (Details to Follow)
Sports Day with Parents	26 th June 2024 - 9.15-12noon (More Details to Follow)
Jolf Day	27 th June 2024 (Details to Follow)
Last Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 23 rd July (School Finishes at 1.20pm)

Our Learning This Week



Year R

Last week, the children started their week with the amazing farm trip and we just want to say how proud we are of them all. They were brilliant ambassadors for our school, showing that they are 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' all whilst having lots of fun! After this, the children wrote simple recounts of our trip using 'time words' at the beginning of their sentences, such as first, next, then, finally.

In maths, we focussed on number formation (lots of numbers are formed back to front), doubles and part whole models.

This week, the children were really excited to dress up as their chosen farm animal. They are applying their knowledge of farm animals to write a simple riddle for a farm animal!

Within maths, the children are learning numbers 10 to 13. They are looking at the place value of two digit numbers, learning what each numeral represents with lots of great concrete resources, such as Numicon to show the '10' and the '1' in 11 for example.

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Year 1

We've had a great few weeks in Year 1. We have continued with our focus story 'Supertato' and have written a news report about the Evil Pea. This week we have designed our own Evil vegetable and wrote our own version of the story. In Maths we finished our learning about capacity and volume and have moved on the learning about multiplication, mainly learning how to count in 2, 5s and 10s. A few weeks ago we did a science investigation where we were testing how a plant grows. We looked and wrote about the progress of our plants. We discovered that plants growing with no water did not grow whereas plants with no light have grown but they look different.

Year 2

Our writing this week has been completing our own stories based on a lovely story called Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundra which we have based a lot of our English on in the last three weeks. In maths we have continued learning about fractions and including halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and numbers using our peas on a plate method. This week we have solved word problems involving halves, quarters and thirds. In science we have labelled different parts of a plant and discussed and recorded the function of each part. We also had an amazing day on Thursday learning how to ride a scooter safely and we even had a chance to practise some tricks with Alex the coach. We have had a great week!



Walk to School Week 2024



WALK WITH US!

We are excited to launch Walk to School week again from 20th – 24th May. Encouraging all our children where possible to walk to school. If you are able to park a little further away than normal and walk the final distance it would be great!

Our five-day walking challenge is a celebration of the walk to school and the perfect activity to run as part of National Walking Month this May

Hampshire County Council is encouraging parents and carers to leave the car at home this Walk to School Week (20-24 May)

Walking to school is a great way for children to start the day. It can help children be more active and arrive at school more alert, improving general health and wellbeing, while at the same time easing congestion at the school gates at busy times. Walking to school can help teach children life-long road safety skills as they learn from their parents and carers how to cross roads and be aware of cars and cyclists.

Walk to School Week is the initiative of national charity 'Living Streets'. According to the charity, by walking to school, parents say they find the journey to school less stressful, their petrol bill goes down, their children perform better at school, and both they and their children feel healthier and fitter.

Housepoints

A huge well done to the Green House who collected the most housepoints last term. As their reward for doing so well, the children received an extra playtime this afternoon. Well done to Green house and also to all the other houses for all their hard work and effort.

Welcome to the team!

We would like to welcome Miss Lauren Saunders to the team, she is an experienced teacher who will be with us for the summer term. Miss Saunders will be teaching the children across the school covering PPA and Leadership time.

We also welcome Miss Bowman and Miss Leslie, both 2nd year teacher training students from Winchester university and will be with us until the middle of June working with Robins and Woodpeckers class.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to both Miss Saunders and Mrs Cody in Year R who are expecting babies later in the year. Both will be with us until the end of the summer term.

School Photographs



A reminder that **Make Photography** will be in school taking **class photos** on Tuesday 11th June.

Make sure that children are wearing a jumper or cardigan for the photograph.

Fabulous Finish Class Assembly

You are invited to come and join us celebrating the children's learning and achievements throughout their class topic. Assemblies will start at 2.50pm and be no longer than 20mins.

Date	Yr.Group	Class	Time
21 st May	1	Hummingbirds	2.50pm
22 nd May	1	Robins	2.50pm
23 rd May	1	Owls	2.50pm
18 th June	R	Wrens	2.50pm
19 th June	R	Penguins	2.50pm
20 th June	R	Owls	2.50pm



We will continue to celebrate children's learning in our usual special ways so keep an eye out for these dates.



Blue Peter Green Badge Winners



Congratulation to Isla and Austin in Owls Class who have been awarded a Blue Peter Green badge. These badges are awarded for demonstrating how much they care about nature, the environment and sustainability and telling us what you do to help to protect our planet. I spoke with both of them yesterday and they told me what they had to do. Isla told me that she visited Lemon and Jinja, a Zero-waste refill shop in Romsey. Austin said that he went litter picking around where he lives. He told me he collected a whole bin bag full! We are all so proud of them both, what an amazing achievement.

For more information on how to get your Green Blue Peter Badge, please visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge>

If you have something you would like to share, then please do come and tell Mr Wells. We would all love to hear about it in our newsletter. If you haven't checked out Lemon and Jinja, more information can be found here: <https://lemonandjinja.uk/>

Supporting Romsey Foodbank

Please do donate if you can.
Thank you!

A list of things they need
can be found here

<https://romsey.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Useful Support and Helplines

Times are difficult at the moment and we want to let you that you are 'Never Alone'. This information has been put together by a number of professional services, highlighting the key agencies that may be able to offer help, support and advice when needed. In addition to this, please visit our new [Parent Support Pages](#) on our website for further support.

Open Days



Please share if you know someone who has a child due to start school in **September 2025**:

We would like to invite you to attend one of our open day sessions to find out about our life and learning here at Cupernham Infant School. Please contact the school office to book a space on 01794 514494.

Wednesday 2nd October 9.30am - 10.30am

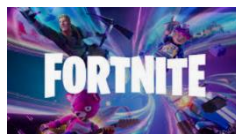
Thursday 28th November 9.30am - 10.30am

Wednesday 9th October 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 3rd December 9.30am - 10.30am

Wednesday 6th November 9.30am - 10.30am

HOT TOPIC - FORTNITE



It has been brought to my attention that a number of children have been talking about Fortnite and acting out some of the moves and language on the playground, which is not okay. A reminder to all that because of its frequent scenes of mild violence, Fortnite is rated 12+ by PEGI. Violence is cartoonish, but some characters and scenes might disturb younger players. As with many games of this type, plenty of children younger than 12 are playing, so it's important that parents are aware of the risks and understand how to help their children play safely. More information on this can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/fortnite-battle-royal-parents-guide-keep-kids-safe-gaming/>





Staff Vacancies

Cupernham Infant School is a three-form entry infant school in Romsey. We are a friendly, caring and welcoming school, providing a creative, rich and exciting curriculum using inspiring resources. Our children are amazing! They are kind, caring, enthusiastic learners who are considerate toward others. We currently have the following vacancies within our thriving school:

- HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)
- HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) Vacancy to Include Forest School Practitioner Training

Full details are on the website at:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/school-vacancies/>

Or for further information please email

adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk or call us on 01794 514494. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.