

# Cupernham Infant School

## Newsletter 17 - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024



*Together we care, we learn and we achieve!*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks celebrating achievements and collecting hundreds of house points for amazing work and being Ready, Respectful and Safe. We have even seen the arrival of baby ducklings in school. It doesn't stop there... Next Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we look forward to celebrating National Outdoor Classroom day. The children will spend the whole day experiencing our amazing grounds and enjoying learning from across the curriculum all outside!

It's good to see so many families walking to school every day but could we remind everyone to be a considerate neighbour when walking to and from school. We received a message from a neighbour living on Fairview Drive asking us to look and enjoy the roses in her garden but please do not pick them.

Thank you so much for your continued support and have a restful weekend.

Mr. D. Wells

### Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Walk to School Week	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Hummingbirds Fabulous Finish Assembly	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May @ 2.50pm
Robins Fabulous Finish Assembly	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May @ 2.50pm
Owls Fabulous Finish Assembly	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May @ 2.50pm
Bank Holiday & Half Term Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
School Picnic Menus available	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Yr. 1 Phonics Screening Week	W/c Monday 10th June
FOCUS Father's Day Key Ring	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June
School Class Photographs	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Wrens Fabulous Finish Assembly	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June @ 2.50pm
Penguins Fabulous Finish Assembly	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June @ 2.50pm
Sparrows Fabulous Finish Assembly	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June @ 2.50pm
Parent-Teacher Consultations	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Energise Me Day	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Details to Follow)
Parent-Teacher Consultations	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Sports Day with Parents	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 9.15-12noon (More Details to Follow)
Jolf Day	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Details to Follow)
Year 2 Leavers Assembly	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2.45pm
Year 2 Leavers Disco	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2.15-3.15pm
Last Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (School Finishes at 1.20pm)

# Our Learning This Week



## Year R

Last week, the children were learning about farm animals and their young. In English, they were writing super sentences identifying the offspring e.g. 'A baby cow is a calf.'

Within maths, the children were recapping some of the key skills they learned in the Spring term: making pairs, odd and even numbers, number composition and formation of numbers to 20.

This week we have based our learning on 'The Three Little Pigs.' We have learnt this story, with the help of actions and creating a story map. The children have been brilliant storytellers and we have seen some amazing shows of 'The Three Little Pigs.'

This week in maths, we have focussed our learning mainly on 2D shapes and how we can use and manipulate 2D shapes for a purpose. We have also consolidated our knowledge and understanding of mass, thinking about how the balancing scales show us which the heavier and lighter object is.

The children have been creative this week with making their own versions of the houses within the stories using a range of different materials to create the effects of straw, sticks and bricks. They have also enjoyed investigating their science experiment – seeing which child had the biggest 'huff and puff!' They showed this by using a straw to blow the Malteser the furthest away – Mr Wells even had a go too!

## KS1

### Year 1

We have had a fabulous week in Year 1, with 14 new additions! Our ducklings have been the highlight of our week and the children have shown so much love and care towards them. Away from this, we have been focusing on non-fiction writing in English, thinking carefully about the features of instructions to help us write our own on how to plant cress. In Maths, we continued our learning on grouping equally and have now moved onto fractions thinking about halving equally. We look forward to learning more about the ducks next week when we will be thinking about the life cycle of ducks, understanding how to care for them and creating a leaflet to record all of this!

### Year 2

We have had a great week in Year 2. We have enjoyed creating our flower sculptures made from clay in our art lessons. In English, we have been enjoying planning our alternative endings to the story of The Princess and the White Bear King, thinking of how we can use three simple objects to defeat the Troll Queen. In maths, we have been continuing learning about time and looking at the time past the hour and to the hour, making the 5 minute jumps with each number on a clock. We've been enjoying learning about the weather and seasons in geography, as well as the special books, the Bible and Torah within Christianity and Judaism in RE. Lastly, we have been really enjoying our computing learning journey of planning and creating a stop-motion film based on either a growing plant, the Great Fire of London or Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War.



## HOT TOPIC



### Attendance

We are committed to providing an education of the highest quality and work together to secure this for all our children. Every child has a right to access the education to which he/she is entitled. Parents and teachers share the responsibility for supporting and promoting excellent school attendance and punctuality for all.

If you are considering **any** type of absence for your child/ren from school, **you must contact the school office** who will be able to send you the appropriate Hampshire County Council forms. We will then be able to register your child/ren correctly. Please visit the website for further information – click [here](#).



### Walk to School Week 2024



### WALK WITH US!

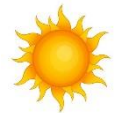
We are excited to launch Walk to School week again from next week 20th – 24<sup>th</sup> May. Encouraging all our children where possible to walk to school. Hampshire County Council is encouraging parents and carers to leave the car at home this Walk to School Week. If you are able to park a little further away than normal and walk the final distance it would be great! Walk to School Week is the initiative of the national charity 'Living Streets'.

## INSET Days 2024-25 Academic Year

Our INSET days for September 2024 through to July 2025 have been approved. They are:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 25th October 2024
- Friday 14th February 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

## Sun Safe Policy



Please remember to apply sun-cream before school and supply a named hat for your child to wear outside.

Our Sun Safe Policy can be found on our website at:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/policies/>

## Parent Forum

Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Forum on Wednesday. I found it really useful to understand and consider the best ways to share information and communications with parents.

Later in the term, I will be sharing our communication strategy with you so you know exactly how we will be communicating with you, on what platform and what to look out for.

Next parent forum is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2.30-3.15pm to discuss Clubs and Trips.

## Our New Parent Governor

I would like to give a special warm welcome to our new parent Governor David Richards. He attended his first Full Governing Body meeting on Tuesday and looks forward to working with you as the parent representative and the school.



## Our New Assistant Caretaker

We would like to welcome our new caretaker assistant Alex Griffiths to the team. Alex 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!



## Scholastic Books

Thank you for everyone who brought a book from the book fair. We managed to earn enough points to buy these books.



## Fabulous Finish

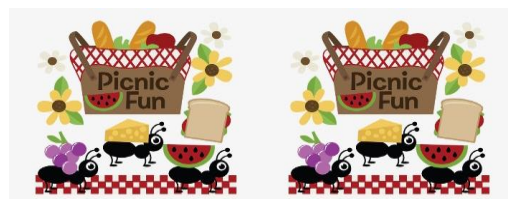
Next week, Year 1 celebrate their amazing learning this term through their Fabulous Finish Assemblies. Please see the dates opposite to check the dates for each class.

Each assembly will start at 2.50pm so please arrive at 2.40pm at the main office. Each assembly will be 20mins long so that will give you enough time go back out and wait on the playground for collection. We looking forward to seeing you next week.



Date	Yr. Group	Class
21 <sup>st</sup> May	1	Hummingbirds
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1	Robins
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	1	Owls
18 <sup>th</sup> June	R	Wrens
19 <sup>th</sup> June	R	Penguins
20 <sup>th</sup> June	R	Sparrows

## Hampshire County Council (HCC) Education Catering School Picnic Menus



HCC Education Catering School Picnic Menu will be available from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June until the End of Term

Our School Picnic Lunch option has been designed by HCC Education Catering to provide a balanced selection of carbohydrates, protein, fresh fruits and vegetables. The children can select these in class as an alternative option to the usual meat and vegetarian menus. Special diets will be catered for.

- **Monday:** Cheese Sandwiches or Roll
- **Tuesday:** Ham Sandwiches or Roll
- **Wednesday:** Cheese Sandwiches or Roll
- **Thursday:** Ham Sandwiches or Roll
- **Friday:** Cheese Sandwiches or Roll



Full details are on the website at: <https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/school-meals/>

## Annual Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in our annual survey and sharing your views. Once we have collated all the information we will be sharing these with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

## School Photographs



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

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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am - 10.30am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9.30am - 10.30am

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am - 10.30am

## 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.





## 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) Vacancy
- 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](mailto:adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk) or call us on 01794 514494. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.