

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 4 - Friday 18th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers, *Together we care, we learn and we achieve!*

With only 4 school days left to go of this term, I cannot believe we are coming to the end of our first half term and what an amazing half term we have had!

I would like to say a very big thank you to our Teachers and Learning Support Assistants for their enthusiasm, support and dedication to provide an inspiring curriculum for our children this half term. Furthermore, I would like to say a special thank you to the admin team, the site team, those who provide the wonderful lunches, our Midday Supervisors, Governors and our amazing FOCUS volunteers.

This week's Hot Topic is parking which I feel I must mention as unfortunately, we have had a high volume of anti-social behaviour regarding this recently.

It was lovely to see everyone dressed in yellow last week; we raised an amazing £190 for Young Minds Charity on World Mental Health Day. Also well done to year 2 this week for your amazing Fabulous Finish assemblies, you were all amazing and I still have the Mary Anning song going around my head!

Finally, I would like to say a very big thank you to our amazing children who make us proud every single day and to you, the parents, for your continued support.

Please have a safe and relaxing half term when we get there, and see you on Monday 4th November ready for another half term of exciting adventures when the countdown to our Christmas Celebrations begin.

Please remember – Friday 25th October is an INSET Day.

Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*



Dates for Your Diary	Date
INSET Day	Friday 25th October 2024
Half Term Holidays	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
Back to School	Monday 4 th November
Whole School Outdoor Day	Thursday 7 th November (Details to follow)
Parent Forum - discuss strategies to support parents with your child's learning.	Thursday 7 th November @ 9.30am
Odd Sock Day/Anti Bullying Day	Tuesday 12 th November (Details to follow)
Flu Nasal Vaccinations	Tuesday 19 th November (Please submit your consent)
Author Visit	Monday 25 th November
No Pens Day	Wednesday 27 th November (Details to follow)
FOCUS Secret Santa	2-4 th December (Details to follow)
Year R Nativity	Tuesday 10 th December @ 2.30pm (Details to follow)

Year 1 Nativity	Wednesday 11 th December @ 2.30pm (Details to follow)
Year 2 Carol Concert	Thursday 12 th December @ 2.30pm (Details to follow)
FOCUS Christmas Parties – Dress Down Day	Wednesday 18 th December – wear Christmas party clothes
Rocksteady Concert (for Rocksteady parents only)	Tuesday 17 th December @ 10am
School Christmas Dinner	Thursday 19 th December (Details to follow)
Last Day of School	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January
INSET Day	Friday 14th February 2025
INSET Day	Monday 21st July 2025
INSET Day	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Our Learning This Week



Year R

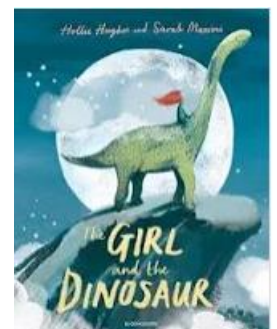
It's been another fun filled week with lots of new learning in Year R. We started the week off by using the iPad to take selfies and then used the photographs to write simple words and sentences about our emotions. In maths we have been exploring the composition of number and using stem sentences to talk about our maths "1 and another 1 is 2" .

During family time, we had great fun looking at baby photos of ourselves and members of staff and trying to guess who was who! Then we talked about how we have changed and what has stayed the same as we have grown. Well done Year R another fabulous week 😊

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Year 1 have had a lovely couple of weeks learning. We have been learning all about the Harvest festival in RE and discussing different celebrations. In our maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers and amounts in lots of different ways. We are looking forward to sharing all of our learning in our Fabulous Finish Assemblies next week. Well done Year 1 😊

Year 2 have had a lovely couple of weeks finishing off all their great learning about Mary Anning and sharing this through their Fabulous Finish Assemblies. Thank you to everyone that could attend. Children have been busy writing re tells of their key text The Girl and the Dinosaur, and have been working hard using conjunctions and adjectives in their writing to make it exciting. We have had lots of fun in maths, learning how to use the Rekenreks and beginning to explore fact families. Finally, children have been learning about the famous artist and sculptor Nick Mackman and next week will sculpt their own clay dinosaur. Well done Year 2!





Hot Topics



Parking



At drop off and pick up times we appreciate that it is usually very difficult to park and many schools locally unfortunately have the same issues. However, please could we ask you to consider whether you could avoid having to drive to school, which will in turn also benefit the environment and the health of our children and parents. You will also be assisting us in our Walk to School initiative.

We realise that for many, driving to school is unavoidable; if this is the case then **please can you** try to park up for as little time as possible, and **NOT park across people's drives, in front of garages, on double yellow lines and near to junctions or on grass areas**. We have received so many emails and telephone calls from local residents and parents around the immediate vicinity voicing their concerns about people reversing in to their driveways, blocking their driveways; and generally blocking their access.

Did you also know that the small car park outside our school gates is our staff carpark not parent car park. We politely ask that you work with us ensuring that staff can park safely and easily when arriving at work.

Supporting our Park and Stride initiative means that perhaps you could park further away and walk into school. Also, did you know that you can now park your car at Abbotswood Sports Centre carpark and walk to school? Please see a map attached to this newsletter.

Please help the school to be a good neighbour – remember that it is our staff who have to deal with all the complaints.

We have asked that all residents let us know and then directly report any concerns/incidents directly to Test Valley Council and Hampshire County Council with photographic evidence where necessary.

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/communityandleisure/communitysafety/anti-social-behaviour>

Any aggressive, anti-social behaviour or derogatory remarks made to anyone should be reported directly to the Police.

Thank you for your continued support.

New bike shelter at local school receives council grant boost

Test Valley Borough Council has awarded a £1,000 Councillor Community Grant to the Friends of Cupernham Infant School (FOCUS) to contribute towards the installation of a new bike and scooter shelter.



The shelter was installed in readiness for national Cycle to School Week last week, which aims to inspire students to embrace cycling as a fun, healthy, and eco-friendly way to commute.

It is part of a broader initiative to promote active travel, and is designed to foster a love for cycling, promote physical activity, and reduce traffic congestion around the school.. Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC), Hampshire County Council (HCC), and Cupernham Infant and Junior Schools have collaborated to ease congestion at the school gates by encouraging parents to park at Abbotswood Sports Pavilion and walk, bike, or scoot to school.

Read the full article here: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/news/2024/sep/new-bike-shelter-at-local-school-receives-council-grant-boost>

How do we communicate with you and what to look out for!



As well as providing more opportunities to celebrate your child's attainment and progress, we will also continue to share with you our fortnightly newsletter, monthly online-safety newsletter and regular learning updates via your child's Tapestry account. We also celebrate our amazing curriculum and memorable experiences via our Instagram page and website. Please find below an outline of our existing parent communication schedule:

- **Letters:** to inform you of upcoming events and activities.
- **Fortnightly Newsletters:** look out for the Key Dates!
- **Safeguarding Bi-Weekly:** our safeguarding internet safety Updates.
- **Tapestry:** regular Information and learning updates directly from class.
- **Instagram:** celebrating our amazing curriculum and memorable experiences
- **Website:** a go to for all our information
- **Memorable experiences:** highlighting upcoming trips and events
- **Text reminders:** for urgent information or reminders.

We are always working to evolve our communication strategy and going forward we will also be looking to provide a bi-weekly Key Dates Sheet (on the alternative Friday to the Newsletters) and are working on having a school Facebook Page.



Memorable Experiences

Find out what trips and experiences are coming up for your child in this academic year:

<https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/memorable-experiences/>

Harvest Festival



Thank you so much for all your donations for our Harvest Festival, your support has been overwhelming. **Thank you to the School Council** who have today sorted and bagged up all the food ready for them to load up the van next week.



New School Lunch Menus Hampshire County Council Education Catering

Please view the new **Hampshire County Council Education Catering** menus for November 2024 to April 2025 on our website at:

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

Full details of all menus are also on the **Hampshire County Council Education Catering** website at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary>

If your child requires a special allergy menu please apply on the portal which can be found on our website at: <https://www.cupernhaminfant.com/allergy-specific-menus/>



Hampshire
County Council

Education Catering



Special Diets

E-Consult for Nasal Flu Vaccination

School
Age
Immunisations



Today's Health, Tomorrow's Future

Your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination is NOW DUE. This is free from the NHS.

Click the link below for the consent form and information about the vaccine. Access to the consent forms will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: SH116048

Session date: Tuesday 19th November 2024

Link to website: [Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the form and indicate that you do not consent. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

If you have already completed the consent form, please ignore this message. Only complete one consent form per child.

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From the School Age Immunisation Service

Parent Drop in Sessions



Thank you for all your positive feedback, we are glad that you are enjoying the parent drop in sessions; **these will continue until the end of the autumn term in December.**



Don't forget to let us know if there any changes to your contact details.

Fabulous Finish Class Assemblies

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 20 minutes.



Date	Year	Class	Time
Tuesday 22 nd October	1	Owls	2.50pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	1	Robins	2.50pm
Thursday 24 th October	1	Hummingbirds	2.50pm
Tuesday 12 th November	R	Wrens	2.50pm
Wednesday 13 th November	R	Penguins	2.50pm
Thursday 14 th November	R	Sparrows	2.50pm

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

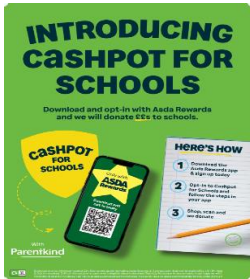
Fabulous Finish



Year 1 will soon celebrate their amazing learning this term through their Fabulous Finish Assemblies. Please see the dates above 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 soon.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools



Please opt in through the Asda Rewards app and choose our primary school between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 to earn money for our school.



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National Trust Half term Activities



With half term approaching, why not get involved in some of their great activities? Follow a wildlife trail, discover historical stories or get creative with natural materials. Wherever you go, there will be plenty to do with the children this October. Click on the link below to find out about the fun you can have at various places, plus you can search for an event near you.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/whats-on/october-half-term-events-and-activities>

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.





Day Rate
£25
Weekly Rate
£100

Based at The
Mountbatten
School,
Romsey

Childcare
Vouchers
Accepted

October Half Term Activity Camp



28TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER 2024 FROM 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Sign up for a fun-filled week with a range of activities to keep your children entertained, making friends and memories that will last a lifetime.

Spaces are limited so book early to guarantee your child's place!



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