

Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 9 - 10th January 2025



Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the Spring Term, I hope had you had an enjoyable, restful Christmas break and were able to spend time with family and friends.

It has been a very busy week back with lots of exciting learning taking place across the school both indoors and outside. It has been lovely seeing the children settling back into learning, catching up with their friends and sharing their news.

I would like to welcome Mrs Richards who has recently joined us as our new Family and Child Support Co-ordinator, her hours of work are detailed below.

Yesterday we shared our OFSTED report with you via email, the report goes live on the OFSTED website next week. Thank you to everyone for your lovely comments and congratulations.

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

Dates for Your Diary



Event	Date
Year R Scooter Day	Monday 13 th January
Parent Forum - details below	Thursday 16 th January @ 9.10am
Curriculum Workshop (letter sent out 9.1.25)	Wednesday 5 th February
INSET Day	Friday 14 th February
Half Term	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February
Back to School	Monday 24 th February
Mid-Year School Reports sent home	Thursday 13 th February
Red Nose Day	Friday 21 st March (details to follow)
Rocksteady Parents only Concert	Tuesday 1 st April @ 10am (details to follow)
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
INSET Days	Monday 21 st July & Tuesday 22 nd July



Our Learning This Week



Year R

The Year R teachers were so impressed with how well the children settled back into school; remembering how to demonstrate being 'ready, respectful and safe' around school. Well done Year R!

The children were very excited to share their Christmas news and even had a go at writing about it, using a simple sentence. To celebrate the New Year, we have been thinking about setting ourselves some personal challenges; such as riding our bikes without stabilisers, getting better at spotting tricky words in our reading books and eating more vegetables!!!

The children are very excited about moving onto their phase 3 sounds, in Phonics, and reading phase 3 words and tricky words!

Towards the end of the week we were very thrilled about the chance of snow and went on a Winter Welly Walk in search of signs of Winter. We talked about how water freezes when it is cold and conducted our own experiment to see if we could freeze some everyday objects in water.

We look forward to scooter day on Monday and the launch of our new topic – Terrific Travel!



Winter



KS1

Year 1 We've had a great first week back of the new year. The children this week have started their new topic which is Kings and Queens. We started with a hook to hunt and find things related to this topic. The children then spoke about what their topic could be. We started a new book in English called 'The Queen's Knickers' which the children have really enjoyed. In Maths we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

Year 2 have enjoyed starting our new topic of the Great Fire of London. In English they were very enthusiastic when learning synonyms for words related to our topic such as, hot: sweltering, sizzling and scorching. In Maths they have been exploring 3D shapes and their properties.





HOT TOPIC - Attendance



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](#).

Attendance Support for Parents

We continue to update our website and have recently added further information to support families around the importance of attendance. [Here](#) you can find out about attendance, punctuality, the registration process, parental responsibility, medical appointments, family holidays and penalty notices and more importantly ways that you can encourage your child to attend school. If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school, you must speak to the class teacher and/or Mrs Richards our new **Family and Child Support Co-ordinator** who will be able to help you.

Attendance Ladder





Meet Mrs Richards
Our new Family and Child Support Co-ordinator



Hello to everyone! I am pleased to have joined the Cupernham family as the new Parent and Child Support Co-ordinator. My role is all about making sure that both you and your child have the support you need, whether it's helping with a specific concern, offering advice, or just being someone to talk to confidentially, I'm here to help.

If you ever have any questions, worries, or ideas about how we can better support your child, then please do not hesitate to contact me. You can always catch me at school on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday or you can email me at c.richards@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk. I'm always happy to have a chat!

Mrs Catherine Richards

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.

An infographic with a pink background and the text 'NEVER ALONE' in a stylized font above a rainbow. The rainbow is formed by two hands, one white and one yellow, holding each other. Various support helplines are listed around the rainbow with arrows pointing to it.

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000 (24hrs)
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (24hrs free)
- Mind: 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri 9-6)
- Victim Support: 0808 168 9111 (24hrs)
- Cruse Bereavement: 0800 808 1677 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- ChildLine: 0800 1111 (24hrs)
- Action on Elder Abuse: 0808 808 8141 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- Respect - Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327 (Mon-Fri 9-5or8pm)
- Samaritans: 116 123 (24hrs free)
- National Centre for Domestic Violence: 0207 186 8270

Parent Forum

Thank you to all those who attended the last Parent Forum. The feedback was really helpful.

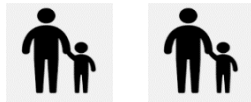
The next parent forum will be on **Thursday 16th January at 9.10am** and the topic will be **parental workshops to support learning.**



Scooters and Bicycles

Both Cupernham Juniors and Infants have observed some 'near misses' to possible accidents with children either riding bikes or scooting whilst on the school site. **Please can parents remind children to dismount from bikes and scooters as they come through the gates so that we can ensure everyone's safety?** Thank you for your support with this.

Supervision



Please can we ensure that all adults closely supervise children on the playground before and after school. Also, could we remind parents children are not allowed on the Trim Trail or the slide before and after school. Thank you for your continued support.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

WE ARE A NUT AND SESAME FREE SCHOOL

As we have a number of children in school with severe food allergies, please could we remind all parents that our school premises is NUT AND SESAME FREE and no products containing nuts should be brought into the school grounds. If children are bringing a packed lunch to school, please ensure that there are no products in the lunchbox containing nuts or sesame. Thank you.

