



Cupernham Infant School

Newsletter 2 - Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Together we care, we learn and we achieve!

The autumn term is well underway and the children are settling well into their routines and enjoying school. Our curriculum continues to be lively, exciting and purposeful with inspiring resources. Our reception children are now very familiar with their classrooms and the outdoor learning spaces and are now developing their independence. It has been lovely going around visiting all the classes seeing and hearing the children laugh and play.

The playground is a great place to be with children playing together using the equipment respectfully. We are very excited to continue to have 360 Degree Sports Coaches joining us every Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime, providing Multi-skills activities and football coaching for the children, supported by our brilliant midday lunchtime supervisors.

It was so nice to see so many of you at the FOCUS AGM and we all look forward to seeing you at the Parent Consultation meetings w/b 30th September. Please return your appointment choices by next Wednesday.

Please note the dates of our Fabulous Finish Assemblies and our new morning Drop in Sessions for parents found further down the newsletter.

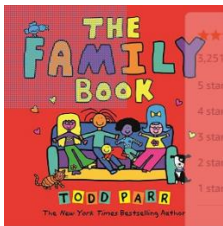
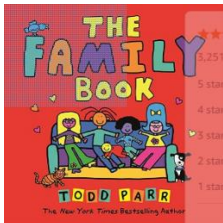
Kind regards *Mr. D. Wells*



Dates for Your Diary	Date
Parents Evening (more details to follow)	Monday 30 th September 2024
Parents Evening (more details to follow)	Thursday 3 rd October 2024
Woodpeckers Fabulous Finish Assembly	Tuesday 15 th October @ 2.50pm
Nightingales Fabulous Finish Assembly	Wednesday 16 th October @ 2.50pm
Kingfishers Fabulous Finish Assembly	Thursday 17 th October @ 2.50pm
Family Portraits – Pre-booking only	Saturday 19 th October 2024 (Spaces still available – details in newsletter)
INSET Day	Friday 25th October 2024
Half Term Holidays	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
Whole School Outdoor Day	Thursday 7 th November (Details to follow)
Odd Sock Day/Anti Bullying Day	Tuesday 12 th November (Details to follow)
Flu Nasal Vaccinations	Tuesday 19 th November (Letter to follow)
Author Visit	Monday 25 th November
No Pens Day	Wednesday 27 th November (Details to follow)
Christmas Holidays	Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January
INSET Day	Friday 14 th February 2025
INSET Day	Monday 21 st July 2025
INSET Day	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025



Our Learning This Week



Year R

In Year R, we have started our topic 'All about me'. We have shared the story 'The Family book' by Todd Parr and discussed who lives in our family and how our families are the same/different to others. For example, some families have pets, and some families are big and some families are small. The children have loved sharing their all about me scrapbooks with their friends too (a special thank you for creating these over summer!) Well done Year R for a fantastic start to school, we are so proud of how well you have all settled in to the school routines!

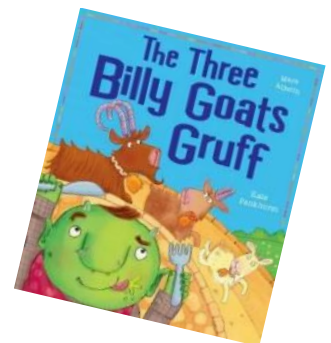
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Year 1

We have started our English unit about traditional tales. We have read lots of different stories and this week we have focussed on 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' This has provided us with opportunity to act out the story, sequence the story and also to write sentences about it. Within History, we have continued our learning about the history of toys by finding out what toys our teachers used to play with when they were 5. Within Maths, we have been revisiting and consolidating our number knowledge, such as practising our careful counting, counting on from a given number, ordering numbers and finding one more. A busy start to Year 1, well done everyone! 😊

Year 2

In Year 2, we have started our topic of 'dinosaurs'. We have been reading the story of 'Dear Dinosaur' and writing our own letters to Dinosaur Doris to show her why we are the best children for a job she wants us to do by explaining how we show being ready, respectful and safe. In Maths, we have been learning about place value and thinking about how many tens and ones are in a number and how we can partition two digit numbers. In History, we have learning all about Mary Anning and being history detectives by finding out lots of facts from looking at different sources of information. Great job on an excellent couple of weeks.





Hot Topic –Positive Behaviour

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Ready, Respectful and Safe

Cupernham Infant school has three school rules based on the philosophy of “treat other people as you would like to be treated yourself”. Our three rules are:

1. I will be ready to learn and show pride and staying power with my work

This means: Children are ready for learning, they arrive at school on time, they have the correct uniform, they have their equipment ready, they show that they are listening and their minds are ready to try their very best.

2. I will be respectful towards everyone, towards property and the school environment

This means: Children are listening when others speak and they respect the property of their friends and the school. They respect that other people have different ideas, beliefs and backgrounds to our own. They respect that people may look different and have different needs but we all feel the same emotions.

3. I will be safe and make the right choices both in and out of school

This means: Children are safe in their learning environment, safe with the people around them and safe in the activities in which they are taking part. They move around school in a safe manner, they follow instructions to keep themselves safe, they use equipment safely, stay safe online and make safe choices in our community.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

We celebrate success and positive behaviour in a number of ways. These include:

- Verbal praise (either private or shared with the class or individuals)
- Stickers celebrating success
- Hot Chocolate Friday Award
- Secret Superstar Certificates
- Postcard/Letters home to parents
- Lunch Time Awards
- Housepoints



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 15 th October	2	Woodpeckers	2.50pm
Wednesday 16 th October	2	Nightingales	2.50pm
Thursday 17 th October	2	Kingfishers	2.50pm
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

Parent Drop in Sessions



Yr. R Marvellous Morning Jobs

Begins Thursday 26th September - Yr.R Parents invited to stay after drop off until 9.15am to work with their child to complete their morning jobs. Then every Thursday 9.00-9.15am.

Yr. 1 Stay & Read

Begins Friday 27th September. Yr.1 stay and read with your child session until 9.15am. Then every Friday 9.00-9.15am.

Yr. 2 Marvellous Morning Jobs

Begins Monday 23rd September - Yr. 2 Marvellous Morning Task sessions until 9.15am. Then every Monday 9.00-9.15am.

Pupil Voice



At Cupernham Infants, we feel it is important to listen to our children and value their opinions. The voice of the children is crucial in shaping our school and curriculum. We endeavour to give all children many opportunities to share their thoughts and opinions and play an active role in the decisions that affect their learning and well-being.

We believe that everyone's voice should be heard which is why we have established various groups within school. We also want to provide opportunities for our pupils to develop their leadership skills, be confident and work collaboratively with the teaching teams within school.

In my assembly on Monday 23rd September, I will be talking to the children in more detail about the following roles:

Eco Gang (2 representatives per class)

Librarians (2 representatives per class)

School Council (2 representatives per class)

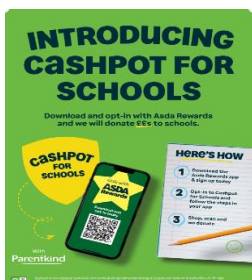
Playground Pals (Yr. 2 Only) (2 representatives per class)

Assembly Ambassadors (Yr. 2 Only) (4 representatives per class)

If your child would like to put themselves forward for one of these roles, they will need to write a couple of sentences explaining why they would be the best person for the role. They will then read their speeches on **Monday 30th September** to their class, supported by their teacher. The class will then hold a class election on **Wednesday 2nd October**, voting for who they believe will be the right person to represent them.

We will then celebrate the elected children in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

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.

Many thanks for your support.

Drumming Lessons

Tom Francis still has availability for drumming lessons in school on a Thursday afternoon. If you are interested, please contact him directly at: tomloydfrancis@gmail.com



Family Portraits



We still have spaces available for the family portraits on Saturday 19th October in the morning. Please call the School Office on 01794 514494 to book a place.



Contacting us

Please don't forget to keep us informed of any change to contact details as soon as possible.

Telephone: 01794 514494.

If you need to report your child absent then press option 1 and leave a message, at any time

Via email: adminoffice@cupernham-inf.hants.sch.uk

Please visit our website at: www.cupernhaminfant.com

Polite Reminders

The Playground

For health and safety reasons please can we makes sure that children are not playing on the Trim Trail or the Slide before and after school. The Train is for sitting on only.

Also, children should not be riding scooters, bikes or playing football on the playground before or after school. Many thanks.



Muddy Footprints

As the weather is changing, the ground is becoming quite muddy, could we ask that children keep off the grass banks and field before school so as not to bring mud into school. Many thanks



Cycling to School

It is lovely to see so many families cycling to school. Please could we ask that if you are cycling to school that you discount before entering the school grounds.



Supervision

Please can we ensure that all children are closely supervised on the playground before and after school by their adult. Also, could we remind parents that we use polite and appropriate language whilst on our school premises and in front of other children.

Supporting Romsey Foodbank



We now have a Romsey Foodbank drop off point and collection point in the main entrance where, if you wish to, you can donate. The donations will be collected regularly so please do donate regularly if you can. Thank you!

A list of things they need can be found here <https://romsey.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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



We have a fantastic opportunity for somebody to join our amazing school and friendly community.

We are looking for a **School Business Manager**.

Full Details can be found on our website at About Us/School Vacancies or directly at:

[School Vacancies](#)

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.



Starting school in September 2025

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before **1 September 2025**, they can start school in **September 2025**.

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2024**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
IS WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025

DON'T MISS IT!



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