



A Message from Mrs Campbell

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer break. We have lots of exciting learning taking place this term for our children and also for our parents.

We are delighted to be able to offer wraparound care from 7.50am until 4.30pm each day. A letter was sent home over the summer holiday about the care. A copy is also on our website. Please bear with us during the early stages as we begin our Wraparound journey. If you wish to book your child into a club, please use the form / letters on our website. If sufficient requests are made to extend our times, we will consider this in the future. Currently, we are very fortunate that our PTFA, charities, external sports providers and members of the Caldecote staff team, are leading these.

At the end of last term, Carole Bennett (our Trust Leader) and I talked with a parent about developing a partnership in learning with our families. This is a developing project which we will keep you updated with. We are also looking for families to help us to lead this in conjunction with us. The aim is to bring families together as a mechanism for support, to find out how and why we do things in the way we do and for families share experiences in a safe environment. In order to support this, we have purchased Learning With Parents, which is an online platform for families to use when working with the children at home. More details will follow when the platform is set up with logins for you all. Please don't hesitate to ask any of us if there is anything you would like support with, or would like to be the topic of one of our groups.

We would also like to know if there is anything that families would like specific support with, i.e. maths, reading, writing. We would very much like to be able to support this and help families to develop their own skills. Please speak to a member of staff if this is something of interest.

Your child will be bringing home a diary. This serves as a reading record, homework / spelling record and communication book. Please send this to school each day and sign each week.

The children will be reading either in group reading or in Read, Write, Inc. groups several times each week. Research has shown that this is a powerful way to develop reading, understanding and the ability to discuss texts. In addition to this, we will endeavour to hear your child read individually once per half term. We would be grateful if you could read with your child at home regularly too. If you require any help or support with this, please do let us know. Your child will bring home a RWI book after it has been read at school. This is to enable them to have confidence in reading to you. They will also have a colour reading book from the school library. Your child may not be able to read all of the book themselves, which is absolutely fine. They will need your help as they won't know all of the sounds yet. They will also bring home a library book, which is a book of their choice, which you will be able to share with them. Each home read that is put into their diaries, will receive a team point. These will be monitored weekly by staff. The winning team at the end of a half term will get a non uniform day!

Finally, we are really looking forward to working with you again this year.

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Healthy Snacks

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle and healthy snack from September. Key stage 1 children will be given fruit, as part of the free fruit for schools programme, which provides for key stage 1.

Parking in Manor Place

Please help us to start the year off in a positive way. Park respectfully on Manor Place, ensuring that you are not blocking driveways.

Also, a further reminder that you cannot park on the zigzag lines outside of school. Central Bedfordshire have informed schools that wardens will be patrolling outside of schools.

Cygnus Class Learning

This term, Cygnus Class will be learning about inventors. They will be finding out all about teddy bears, ice cream and bicycles. This all sounds very exciting and links well with our bikeability training.

Gemini Class Learning

Gemini Class will be learning about inventors and inventions this term. They will focus on the Victorians as a key era for inventions. They will also be looking at Van Gogh, water colour painting and materials and their uses. The children in Gemini also have a visit to Shuttleworth in October.

Polaris Class Learning

Polaris will be working on inventions this term. The focus will be on the Battle of Britain and how inventions developed during this time, electricity, sound and the development of the printing press. Year 3 already have a trip booked to Shuttleworth with Gemini Class.

Values

Our value is THANKFULNESS.

Psalm 118-24

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Attendance

The Government has produced new guidance on improving school attendance. A copy of this can be found [here](#). (Google: DfE Working together to improve school attendance.) Schools are required to track attendance rigorously and support families where attendance falls below the expected levels. This may lead to involvement from the attendance officer.

The guidance clearly sets out that parents are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends every day the school is open except when a statutory reason applies.
- Notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g. sickness).
 - Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.
 - Book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

We thank you in advance for your support with ensuring that your child attends school every day and for working with us if issues occur.

Dates for your diary

7th September – PE begins for all children. Kit required. PE will be every Wednesday for all children.

8th September – All children to come to school in PE kit

9th September – Welcome to our new Cygnus children

October – Black History Month

Thursday 6th October – Shuttleworth Trip. Children in years 1, 2 and 3 will need to be taken to Shuttleworth and collected from there.

14-18 November – Anti bullying week. Children to wear odd socks for the week.

Monday 5th December – Bikeability Level 1 training

Monday 12th December – Bikeability balance bike training

Friday 13th January – Bikeability Learn to Ride training

14th February – Safer Internet Day (As this is in half term, we will be focusing on this during the week before half term)

ADVANCE WARNING OF DATES DIFFERENT TO CBC:

NO training day for our school on 21st October 2022. Children should be in school.

Monday 20th February 2023 – Academy Trust Training Day. No children in school.

