

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD

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Friday 7th January 2022



I would like to welcome all our families back from the Christmas break and hope everyone is refreshed and ready for the term ahead. Please see below for some updates and all the calendar dates. Please check the website regularly for updates.

Covid Testing Updates

As you may be aware the Covid testing procedure has temporarily changed. People who receive a positive lateral flow test (LFT) are now required to self-isolate immediately and do not need to take a confirmatory PCR test. The isolation period can be reduced if the LFT test is negative on day 6 and day 7 (and they are under 18 or are fully vaccinated). If there is a positive case within the home, then close contacts should be carrying out LFT's for 7 days. Children who show symptoms of Covid are advised to take a flow test before coming in to school.

End of School Day – Gate Closures

As part of our ongoing safeguarding we will now be locking the back and side gates at 3.30pm daily. All collection from clubs will be via the front doors.

Absence

Please ensure you have notified the School Offices by 9am of any absences. If we don't receive notification of why a child is absent, and we are unable to contact a parent, we may need to do a welfare visit to the home address as part of our safeguarding requirements.

Extra-curricular Clubs

We still have availability in many of our external clubs – please see the website for full details of what is available. The school-led clubs start w/c 17th January for both schools. Please see website for full timetable. When collecting from clubs parents should use the front entrance and go through to the relevant pick up point and then leave via the front of the school. Infant parents should wait at the front and the children will be brought through. There will be no exit via any of the back or side gates.

Cold Weather

Please ensure your child brings in a warm coat every day. The children play outside even in the cold/damp weather. When the weather is particularly cold, children will need hats and gloves. Could all items of clothing be clearly named as the lost property mounts up very quickly.

School Trips

We are delighted that venues are opening up again for school visits. Full details will be sent out as we get trips confirmed. The payments are open for those attending the residential trips for parents who wish to pay by installments. Full details of these trips will follow.

Parking

We have had a request from a local resident regarding considerate parking, particularly on Barncroft Way where driveways are being blocked making it difficult for ambulances and home-help to visit residents. Please be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and picking up from school. We have also asked the police to support us in ensuring that cars are parking safely around the school and they are now carrying out regular spot checks.

In the event of a school closure (e.g bad snow conditions, boiler failure, etc)

If one or both schools need to be closed unexpectedly, the announcement would be sent via Parentmail, added to the website and an announcement would be sent via the Everbridge Emergency System which sends a text directly to anyone who has subscribed and makes announcements on local radio. This system is used by all schools in Hertfordshire so it is advisable to register at:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

PTA Gift Collection

If you have any unwanted / duplicated gifts that you would like to re-gift then there are boxes at both schools for any donations.

Finally, I will leave you with my favourite saying I have on display in my office and it always helps me when things seem a little tough: *'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain'* – let's keep dancing!

Ms Elbourne-Cload
Executive Headteacher

We welcome feedback from parents. If you wish to send any suggestions or comments, please forward them to admin@cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk

Dates for Diary – Spring Term 2022

January		
12 th Jan	Juniors	Y5 Parents Kingwood Meeting (6-6.30pm in Class 3)
14 th Jan	Juniors	Y5 visit to St Albans Synagogue Y4 Parents Bushcraft Meeting (3.20pm in Class 6)
17 th Jan	Infants	Y1 Parents Phonics & Writing Workshop (2.30pm)
26 th Jan	Juniors	Y3 Trip to Science Museum
February		
2 nd Feb	Juniors	Y4 Parent Partners (9am start)
4 th Feb	Infants Juniors	EYFS Parent Partners (9.10am / 2.10pm start) Y3 Chill Out (am)
9 th Feb	Juniors	Y6 Chill Out (pm)
10 th Feb	Infants Juniors	Y2 Chill Out Y4 Chill Out (pm)
11 th Feb	Infants Juniors	Y1 Chill Out Junior School Trip to Odyssey (all children require a packed lunch)
March		
3 rd March	Infants & Juniors	World Book Day (25 year anniversary)
9 th March	Juniors	Y3 Parent Partners (9am start)
10 th March	Infants & Juniors Juniors	Book Fayre starts until 17 th March Y5 Parent Partners (9am start)
11 th March	Infants & Juniors	Hero Day
14 th March	Juniors	Y4 Chill Out (all day – packed lunch required)
16 th March	Infants Juniors	Y1 Play (9.15am & 2.15pm) Y3 Chill Out (all day – packed lunch required)
17 th March	Infants & Juniors	St Pauls Church visit both schools
22 nd March	Infants Infants & Juniors	Y1 Parent Partners (9am start) Early Consultations
23 rd March	Infants & Juniors	Late Consultations
28 th March	Infants	Y2 to St Albans Abbey
30 th March	Juniors	Y4 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo Y3 Play (2pm & 7pm)
31 st March	Infants & Juniors	Open Classrooms (Inf 3.15 – 3.45pm) (Jnr 3.20 – 3.45pm)
April		
1 st April	Juniors Infants & Juniors	Y5 Chill Out (am) TERM ENDS (Inf 1.15pm; Jnrs 1.20pm)