

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-GLOAD

Welcome Back!



# HEADS UP

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

We have got the new school year off to a roaring start, with 'Meet the teacher' meetings under our belts. We hope you found these informative and if you were unable to make the meetings the slides will be available on our website.

We welcome all our new reception children, and several other new children across the federation, together with our new staff. We are looking forward to a really positive, action-packed year, and have put many of the dates for the whole year on the website calendar. However, we also have the usual 'dates for the fridge' for this term (and onwards) at the end of this letter. Please be aware as we are trying to give as much notice as possible sometimes dates may be subject to change.

### Her Majesty the Queen

In light of the sad passing of our Queen, both schools had an assembly where we reflected and celebrated her contribution to the country especially her meeting with Paddington Bear!

### Attendance

As (hopefully) the impact of Covid is now in our rear-view mirror, we are hoping that attendance will quickly return to our pre-Covid measures. Our attendance has usually hovered around 97% per school, but over the last couple of years we have seen a big drop, with a lower increase in the last year than predicted, and this has been mirrored across the country. As a result of this, there is a national drive to get children back into school with high attendance, so we will be monitoring this closely. With that in mind, can I remind you that there are very few occasions when absences will be authorised as being an exceptional circumstance. Routine dental and optician checkups should be booked for holiday and weekend appointments where possible, and holidays will not be authorised in school time.

Understanding the impact of lateness and attendance on learning time			
MINUTES LATE PER DAY	HOW MUCH MISSED IN A SCHOOL YEAR	PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE	HOW MANY DAYS MISSED IN A SCHOOL YEAR
5 minutes	3.4 school days	97%	6 school days
10 minutes	1.4 school weeks	95%	10 school days
15 minutes	2.6 school weeks	90%	20 school days
20 minutes	2.8 school weeks	85%	29 school days
30 minutes	4 school weeks	80%	39 school days
<p><b>Although teachers do their best to help children with lessons they have missed, they are not able to repeat the whole lesson again for one child, so this is lost learning time.</b></p>			
<p><b>Research shows that pupils with no or very low absence/persistent lateness are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs compared with those with less than 95% throughout their school career.</b></p>			

**Please remember that children should be walking through the classroom door at the infants at 8.45am promptly and at the juniors at 8.50am. We still have several children arriving late.**

### **Uniform**

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE label your children's uniform. We already have uniform that has been misplaced and is unnamed. We keep lost property for 4 weeks, but then it is added to the second hand uniform sale. Uniform is available to order on Arbor, and can be collected from the junior school office - we shopped around last year to reduce the cost of our branded uniform as much as possible. Below are links to non-branded items if you wish to purchase these instead:

Polo-shirts: Sainsburys Tu Purple Unisex Polo Shirts 2 Pack (3-12 Years) £3.00

<https://tuclimbing.sainsburys.co.uk/p/Purple-Unisex-Polo-Shirts-3-Pack-%283-12-years%29/128753061-BrightPurple>

Amazon: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fruit-Loom-Unisex-Sleeve-](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fruit-Loom-Unisex-Sleeve-Manufacturer/dp/B004MNVCF5/ref=asc_df_B004MNVCF5/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=226585437504&hvpos=&hvnetw=q&hvrnd=5585322866347100681&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmid=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9072509&hvtargid=pla-370766501646&pvc=1)

[Manufacturer/dp/B004MNVCF5/ref=asc\\_df\\_B004MNVCF5/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=226585437504&hvpos=&hvnetw=q&hvrnd=5585322866347100681&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmid=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9072509&hvtargid=pla-370766501646&pvc=1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fruit-Loom-Unisex-Sleeve-Manufacturer/dp/B004MNVCF5/ref=asc_df_B004MNVCF5/?tag=googshopuk-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=226585437504&hvpos=&hvnetw=q&hvrnd=5585322866347100681&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmid=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9072509&hvtargid=pla-370766501646&pvc=1)

Sweatshirts (charcoal grey): <https://amzn.eu/d/hHS8kbU> £5.95

### **MSA (dinner 'lady') Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant coming up at the infant school for 5 lunchtimes a week. The position requires someone who enjoys interacting with children and who has a confident level of spoken and written English (bump notes). If anyone would like to be considered for the role please let the infant office know.

### **Clubs**

Teacher-led clubs start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. There are some spaces still available in clubs, including the external clubs, so please sign up this week.

### **Great Big Green Week**

Both schools will be participating in the Great Big Green Week organised by The School Games/HCC and families are encouraged to increase physical activity by walking/cycling/scooting to school to reduce congestion and improve safety around the school.

### **Playing cards and board games**

We are looking for multiple sets of playing cards, packs of Uno and sets of draughts. If anyone has any of these items they would be willing to donate to the school, please could you drop them off at the infant school where they will be gratefully received.

### **Medical Care Plans**

If any children have, or should have, medical care plans or asthma forms please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure we can update/write these.

## Contacting school

Just a reminder that there is a lot of information available on our Federation website and this would be the best place to go to answer general questions or check dates in the first instance. You can also contact the schools via:

[admin@cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk) for both schools.

[juniors@cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:juniors@cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk) for the juniors.

[infants@cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:infants@cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk) for the infants.

Any emails for teachers or other staff will be forwarded from here - please put FAO and the staff member's name in the subject box. Communication from school will usually come in the form of an email from Arbor so please ensure we have the correct contact details for you. Please do not use the learning platforms (Google Classrooms/Seesaw/Tapestry). Teachers will respond when they are able, however if you have an urgent communication it is better to phone the school or talk to the teacher at collection time.

## SENCO Surgeries

These are available every Wednesday. If you would like to book a slot, please contact the junior office.

Kind regards,

Ms Elbourne-Clod

## Cunningham Hill Federation Dates for the Fridge

Sept 22 – Jul 23

Date	Infants / Juniors	Event
6 Sept	INF	Meet the Teacher Evening
7 Sept	JNR	Meet the Teacher Evening
9 Sept	JNR	Y5 Chill Out Day
14 Sept	PTA	SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE (outside Jnr Library)
16 Sept	INF & JNR INF	Art Day EYFS all day
19 Sept	JNR INF & JNR	Y5 Parent Partners Teacher-led Clubs begin
21 Sept	INF	2.30pm EYFS Parent Workshop – Reading & Phonics
27 Sept	INF & JNR	School Photographs
28 Sept	JNR	Y4 Chill Out (all day) Y6 Crucial Crew (afternoon)
29 Sept	JNR PTA	Y3 Chill Out (all day) PTA AGM
30 Sept	INF	2.30pm EYFS Parent Workshop - Writing
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
4 Oct	INF	1.15pm Infant Harvest Assembly
7 Oct	JNR	10.15am Junior Harvest Assembly
10 Oct	JNR	2-3pm Y6 Parent Partners
12 Oct	JNR	Y4 Egyptian Workshop Day Residential Trip Meetings for parents
18 Oct	INF & JNR	Early Consultations
19 Oct	INF & JNR	Late Consultations
20 Oct	INF	Y1 Chill Out
21 Oct	JNR	Y6 Chill Out Day
<b>w/c 24 Oct</b>	<b>INF &amp; JNR</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
31 Oct	INF & JNR	SEN Review Week
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
2 Nov	INF	Y2 Parent Partners
9 Nov	JNR	Y4 Chill Out (morning only)
17 Nov	JNR	Y3 Chill Out (afternoon only)
18 Nov	INF & JNR	Occasional Day

22 Nov	JNR	Y6 Chill Out (afternoon only)
23 Nov	JNR	5.30pm Y6 SATs Meeting w Parents
29 Nov	INF	9.15 & 1.15 EYFS Play to Parents
30 Nov	INF	Y1 Parent Partners
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
7 Dec	JNR	2pm & 7pm Y4 Play to Parents
9 Dec	JNR	9am Y3 Parent Partners Last swim for Y3
14 Dec	JNR	2pm & 7pm Y5 Play to Parents
15 Dec	INF & JNR	3-3.30pm Open Classrooms
16 Dec	INF	Christmas Lunch
20 Dec	JNR	Christmas Lunch
21 Dec	JNR INF & JNR	Odyssey Trip TERM ENDS
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>		
9 Jan	INF & JNR	Start of Spring Term
19 Jan	JNR	Young Voices Concert @ O2 (Upper School Choir)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
9 Feb	INF	Y2 Parent Partners
<b>13-17 Feb</b>	<b>INF &amp; JNR</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
20 Feb	INF & JNR	SEN Review Week
<b>MARCH</b>		
14 Mar	INF & JNR	Early Consultation Evening
15 Mar	INF & JNR	Late Consultation Evening
22 Mar	JNR	Y3 Play (7pm)
27 Mar	INF	Y2 Chill Out
28 Mar	INF	Y1 Play (2.15pm)
31 Mar	INF & JNR	<b>Term Ends</b> (1.15pm Inf; 1.20pm Jnr)
<b>APRIL</b>		
18 Apr	INF & JNR	Start of Summer Term
<b>MAY</b>		
16 May	INF & JNR	Class Photos
22 May	INF	Y2 Chill Out
<b>29 May – 2 June</b>	<b>INF &amp; JNR</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>JUNE</b>		
5 Jun	INF & JNR	SEN Review Week
<b>JULY</b>		
4 Jul	INF	Y2 Play (9.10am & 2.20pm)
11 Jul	INF & JNR	Open Classrooms (3pm – 3.30pm)
12 Jul	JNR	Y6 Play (7pm)
13 Jul	JNR	Swap-over Day (Y6 to Secondary Schools)
17 Jul	INF & JNR JNR	Sports Xtravaganza Week Junior Sports Day
18 Jul	INF	Infant Sports Day
19 Jul	INF & JNR	Optional Parent Consultation (3.20pm)
21 Jul	JNR INF INF & JNR	Y6 Leavers Assembly (9.05am) Infant End of Year Assembly (11.25am) <b>End of Term</b> (1.15pm Inf; 1.20pm Jnr)