

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD

HEADS UP

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Friday 11TH November 2022



In the week of COP 27 we have been doing our bit for the climate at schools – turning off lights and plugs and keeping doors shut to keep heat in etc. With the additional energy costs I am sure we are all looking at ways of cutting down energy use and with that in mind my Grandmother's message of 'Warm the body, not the room' seems very apt.

Jumpers and Winter Coats

As the weather turns colder and wetter we are noticing more need for wrapping up, but a number of our children are still coming into school with not only no winter coat but also sometimes without a jumper or cardigan. The children will still go out to play in light rain and any child without a coat has to stay under one of the shelters, which is less fun for them. Please could we ask you to ensure your child has a warm winter coat and jumper/cardigan every day (even if it starts off looking nice in the morning). Also please make sure there is a clearly visible name.

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day

As part of anti-bullying week Monday 14th November is Odd Sock Day. To celebrate what makes us all unique children are invited to wear odd socks if they wish.

School video

We are very pleased to announce that our promotional school video is now on the website. A big thank you to everyone who took part. We think the video reflects the lovely warm, caring and inclusive nature of the whole school community.

Toys/accessories

We would like to remind parents that children should not be bringing in soft toys or games/accessories into school. These often cause disruption and upset, especially if the child misplaces them. We have had increasing issues with this with infant children over the last few weeks, as this also encourages others to do the same.

Arbor App

We would encourage all parents to download the Arbor App. This app enables you to receive immediate notifications, rather than having to check your email and also stores past messages so you are able to go back and look for any information you may have missed. It is free to download and very easy to use. We will still send messages via email for those unable to use the app. Unfortunately, Arbor does not allow for payments to be made via the app at this time but we are hoping they will introduce this soon.

Parent Donations

Having seen an article on the national news about schools struggling with the price rises, a few parents have asked us how they could give a donation to the school to help. We have an item called 'donation to school fund' and this is available on the school shop on your Arbor account. Any donations will be very gratefully received.

SENCo Surgeries

There are SENCO surgeries every Wednesday afternoon to meet with Mrs Marvally the SENCo. If you would like to be booked into a slot, please contact the junior school office.

New Toy Donations for Christmas

We are again collecting new toys for Christmas on behalf of the Salvation Army. If you would like to donate a new child's toy, game or book for a child aged between 5 and 9 years please deliver this to the infant office from Monday 5th to Monday 12th December. Please ensure the items are not gift wrapped.

PTA cake sale – 25th November

We have a PTA cake sale on Friday 25th November. We would love to be able to sell lots of cakes so any donations would be very welcome. Don't forget to come promptly at the end of the day to the junior school hall to save disappointment before we sell out.

Nasal Flu Spray Catch up

If your child missed the nasal flu spray the nursing team will be returning to the Infant School on 1st December and Junior School on 6th December for a catch up session. We will send the sign up link via Arbor in advance approx. two weeks before. Alternatively you can contact your GP.

Calling all Parent Accountants

Several years ago we were very lucky to have a parent accountant who kindly audited our school fund accounts. If there are any accountants out there with a spare hour on their hands we would be very grateful if someone would be willing to do our annual audit for us. If this sounds like a job for you please contact the Junior School office.

Lastly, don't forget that we have an **Occasional Day next Friday 18th November** so school will be closed. We hope you enjoy a long weekend before the busy season begins! If you would like to check on any other dates don't forget the school calendar on the Cunningham Hill website (and our lovely new video too).

Kind regards,
Ms Elbourne-Cload

Diary dates to the end of Term.

NOVEMBER		
14 Nov	INF & JNR	Odd Sock Day
17 Nov	JNR	Y3 Chill Out (afternoon only)
18 Nov	INF & JNR	Occasional Day
22 Nov	JNR	Y6 Chill Out (afternoon only)
23 Nov	Y2 & Y6 JNR	SRA Music Visit 5.30pm Y6 SATs Meeting w Parents
25 Nov	INF & JNR	PTA Cake Sale at Juniors
29 Nov	INF	9.15 & 1.15 EYFS Play to Parents
30 Nov	INF	Y1 Parent Partners
DECEMBER		
1 Dec	INF INF JNR	Y2 trip to Natural History Museum, Tring Infant Flu Nasal Spray catch up Y5 Greek Day
2 Dec	INF & JNR	All teacher led clubs end for the term
5 Dec – 12 Dec	INF & JNR	Accepting Salvation Army new toy donations
6 Dec	JNR	Junior Flu Nasal Spray catch up
7 Dec	JNR	2pm & 7pm Y4 Play to Parents
9 Dec	JNR	9am Y3 Parent Partners (Last swim for Y3)
13 Dec	Y1 & Y3	Carols at Orchard Care Home
14 Dec	JNR	2pm & 7pm Y5 Play to Parents
15 Dec	INF INF & JNR	Mini Beast Zoo Visit (whole school) 3-3.30pm Open Classrooms
16 Dec	INF	Infant Christmas Lunch and festive jumper day
20 Dec	JNR	Junior Christmas Lunch and festive jumper day
21 Dec	JNR INF & JNR	Odyssey Trip (packed lunch required) TERM ENDS (1:15pm Infants, 1:20pm Juniors)
JANUARY 2023		
9 Jan	INF & JNR	Start of Spring Term