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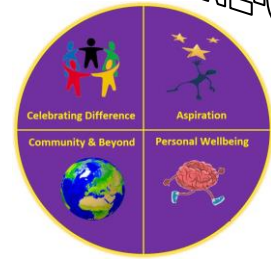


MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD

HEADS UP

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Friday 13th January 2023



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 ensure children are dressed in full uniform and have a coat with them every day. Could we also remind you that children should be in black school shoes and not wearing boots inside school.

Curriculum Drivers

You can see at the top of the newsletter our curriculum drivers which are also on our website. These are the four key areas that drive our curriculum and all we do. Although we share this in school, we thought it was worth reminding parents – more information on these are available on the website.

We have attached the dates for the diary but please always check the website for most recent updates.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

After school clubs start for both schools next week (Mon 16th) please note we have now aligned both teacher-led and external providers to start/end at the same time so this should make things easier for parents/carers to keep track! There are still some spaces in external clubs. If you would like to sign up, please contact and pay directly. Individual fliers and contact details can be found on the club timetable on the website:

<https://cunninghamhill.herts.sch.uk/clubs/>

Chinese New Year

We are celebrating the Chinese New Year on **Friday 20th January**. All children are invited to come to school in red themed non-uniform with a donation of £1 (this can be paid in the School Shop section of Arbor or in cash).

We would also really like our children to find out more about the celebrations directly from the families who participate. If any parents would like to come and talk to their child's class about celebrating Chinese New Year please let your class teacher know. This is part of our 'Celebrating Differences' drivers and we would like to maximize any opportunities for celebrating different cultures and religions throughout the year.

E-Safety Evening

We will once again be hosting an e-safety evening for all parents on **Wednesday 25th January at 7pm**. We receive good feedback following these meetings with parents finding them very beneficial. The talk is aimed at the parents of primary aged children and covers social media and life on-line. Further details and how to book will come through next week.

Pastoral Coffee Morning & Talk by Elaine Bridle

We are very lucky to have Elaine Bridle join us for our coffee morning on **17th January**. She will be talking about emotional based school avoidance. This is a hot topic in education at the moment and starts with seemingly trivial incidents such as nervousness, refusing to do homework and can develop into school avoidance or even truancy. Elaine is the SEN lead for St Albans and Harpenden and will discuss how to spot the signs and triggers and how parents can help. Please see flier or website letters for sign up.

Author Visit

We are looking forward to the visit on **Wednesday 25th January** by award winning author, Emer Stamp. She will be speaking to Year 2 – 5 about a career as an author and will be talking about her acclaimed new series

P.E.S.T.S. We have asked for a voluntary contribution of £2 which enables us to offer these enrichment activities. There is also the opportunity to buy her books and have them signed on the day. These books can be purchased in the School Shop section of Arbor.

PTA Meeting

The PTA will be meeting on the evening of **Wednesday 18th January** at 7.30pm in the Junior School (Class 1). We would like to encourage as many attendees as possible. We are very aware that the pandemic curtailed so many of the events that have been long standing traditions in the Cunningham Schools. The PTA have done a sterling job in keeping the money raising going through this challenging time but now we would like to be able to return to our full former glory which is only possible with your help!

To start the ball rolling we are hosting a Quiz Night for all parents on **Friday 3rd February**. Get your baby sitter booked and your team ready! Details sent earlier today on Arbor and listed on the school website.

Absences

Please ensure you notify the School Office by 9am if your child is absent. If we do not 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.

Spare Clothing

If you have any spare tracksuit bottoms and pants/socks (age 4-7) that we could have to keep as spares we would be very grateful – we often have accidents at school that sometimes require a change of clothing. If you have anything you are able to donate please take to the Infant School Office. The Junior School are in need of swimwear so any donations would be much appreciated.

School Crossing Patrol

Mr Cunningham, our School Crossing Patrol, is now wearing a body worn CCTV camera that has been provided by HCC. Please be aware this is being used and will be viewed if there is an incident. Any footage would then be passed to the police.

NSPCC

We look forward to welcoming in the NSPCC again this year to hold our NSPCC assemblies for both schools in the coming weeks and workshops for year 5 and 6. Children accessing the workshop will come home with an accompanying booklet.

Ms Elbourne-Cload
Executive Headteacher

Cunningham Hill Federation Dates for the Fridge

Date	Infants / Juniors	Event
JANUARY 2023		
17 Jan	INF & JNR	Pastoral Coffee Morning
18 Jan	PTA	PTA Meeting (all invited)
19 Jan	JNR	Young Voices Concert @ O2 (Upper School Choir)
20 Jan	INF & JNR INF	Chinese New Year (wear red non-uniform) EYFS Maths Workshop
23 Jan	JNR	Y3 Chill Out (pm only)
25 Jan	JNR	Y2-5 Author visit E-Safety Parents Evening (7pm)
27 Jan	JNR	Y4 Chill Out (am only)
FEBRUARY		
2 Feb	JNR	Y6 Chill Out (pm)
3 Feb	INF & JNR	PTA Quiz Night
7 Feb	JNR	Y4 Parent Partners Y5 to St Albans Court Room
9 Feb	INF	Y2 Parent Partners
13-17 Feb	INF & JNR	Half Term
20 Feb	INF & JNR	SEN Review Week
27 Feb	JNR	Y6 Trip to Natural History Museum
MARCH		
3 Mar	JNR	Y3 Parent Partners
8 Mar	JNR	Y4 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
14 Mar	INF & JNR	Early Consultation Evening
15 Mar	INF & JNR	Late Consultation Evening
22 Mar	JNR	Y3 Play (7pm)
23 Mar	JNR	Y3 Chill Out (all day)
24 Mar	INF & JNR	Clubs finish
27 Mar	INF JNR	Y2 Chill Out (all day) Y5 Chill Out (all day)
28 Mar	INF JNR	Y1 Play (2.15pm) Y4 Chill Out (all day)
29 Mar	INF	Y1 Chill Out (pm)
30 Mar	INF & JNR	Open Classrooms
31 Mar	INF & JNR	Term Ends (1.15pm Inf; 1.20pm Jnr)
APRIL		
18 Apr	INF & JNR	Start of Summer Term
MAY		
16 May	INF & JNR	Class Photos
22 May	INF	Y2 Chill Out (all day)
29 May – 2 June	INF & JNR	Half Term
JUNE		
5 Jun	INF & JNR	SEN Review Week
JULY		
4 Jul	INF	Y2 Play (9.10am & 2.20pm)
3-7 Jul	JNRS	Y6 Residential Trip to Portland
5-7 Jul	JNRS	Y5 Residential Trip to Stubbers
11 Jul	INF & JNR	Open Classrooms (3pm – 3.30pm)
12 Jul	JNR	Y6 Play (7pm)
13-14 Jul	JNR	Y4 Residential Trip to Phasels Wood Swap-over Day (Y6 to Secondary Schools)
17 Jul	INF & JNR	Sports Xtravaganza Week
18 Jul	INF	Junior Sports Day
19 Jul	INF INF & JNR	Infant Sports Day Optional Parent Consultation (3.20pm)
21 Jul	JNR INF INF & JNR	Y6 Leavers Assembly (9.05am) Infant End of Year Assembly (11.25am) End of Term (1.15pm Inf; 1.20pm Jnr)