Governors Newsletter

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Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all our Cunningham Hill families as we begin another exciting school year.

Although it seems like ages now, we hope you enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to all the learning, opportunities, and memorable moments the year ahead will bring.

We wish all in the Cunningham Hill community a successful year.

Federation Success

You may have seen that in the Schoolsguide ratings Cunningham Hill Federation was ranked in the top 0.5% of primary schools nationally.

This rating was a combination of Ofsted rating and student outcomes. This is a wonderful achievement, and can be added to all the incredible achievements that happened last year. From Young Voices at Wembley Arena to District Athletics success and everything in between, there are so many wonderful opportunities available to the students in the school. A big thank you to all the staff and well done to all the young people who made the federation such a success last academic year.

EYFS



We are delighted to welcome our newest EYFS children and their families as they begin their time with us at Cunningham Hill Federation

Starting school is an exciting milestone and we are all excited for the journey that lies ahead.

A special welcome to all our new families. We hope you quickly feel at home within our friendly and supportive Cunningham Hill community

OPAL

As the Governing Body, we want to acknowledge the success of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) scheme in its first full year. The transformation of playtimes has had a huge impact, resulting in happier children and a noticeable drop in bump notes and playground incidents.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items or gave up their time for the OPAL build day - your support allowed the OPAL implementation to progress much faster than planned.

To keep the momentum going, please continue to follow teachers' guidelines by equipping your children for active all-weather play with waterproof coats, outdoor trainers, and wellies. Any outgrown wellies in good condition are always very welcome as donations to the school!

Parent View

Parental feedback is very important to the leadership team and the Governors. We truly value the opinions of our parents and carers.

The parent view questionnaire will shortly be coming out and it would be great to have as many responses as possible to allow us to analyse where the school is having success and areas we can improve with communication with parents.
A big thank you in advance for helping shape the future of the federation.

Parking

We have received concerns from our neighbours regarding parking around the school. We kindly ask all families to park safely and considerately, avoiding double yellow lines and any restricted or designated areas.

The safety of our children, families and everyone walking to and from school is of paramount importance.

Thank you for helping us to keep the area around our school safe and for being considerate of our local community.





The governing body would like to offer a very warm welcome to all the new staff who have joined the federation in September. We hope you enjoy being part of our school community, and we are excited about the positive experiences you will bring to the federation.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF

Last academic year, we wrote about the importance of positive and respectful communication with our staff when raising any concerns.

We would like to thank our families for the positive response to this message. Staff have really appreciated the considerate and constructive way in which communications have taken place.

We all share the same goal, to support your child and ensure they have the best possible experience at school. We kindly ask that this continues to be at the heart of all communication, particularly when concerns arise.

By working together with kindness, respect and understanding, we can continue to build strong and positive relationships between home and school.

Governing Body

The Governing Body works with the Executive Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team to help ensure every pupil receives a high-quality education.

Governors support the school's vision and strategic direction, oversee finances and long-term planning, and ensure statutory responsibilities are met.

We also act as a supportive but challenging voice, asking questions, monitoring progress and celebrating the federation's successes.

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