



Cudham CE Primary School

July 2018 Newsletter

Message from the Head of School



It is with a very saddened heart that I am writing to say farewell to you all, pending my move to St Nicholas Primary School. I have written many newsletters since I became the Head in September 2015, but this is without doubt the most difficult of them all.

My time at Cudham CE Primary has been amazing and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as class teacher, SENCO, Assistant Head and Head of School. I first arrived in January 1997, where I taught Years 4, 5 and 6 in the same class (now the staffroom). It wasn't easy as I had just moved from a large school in Hornchurch high street and I was faced with dealing with a rural environment, which included goats and chickens running across PE lessons on the field!

I am about to enter my 26th year in education, but the majority of them have been at Cudham and since I started I have taught hundreds of children and now I have been lucky to welcome their children to our school. It has been a privilege to watch the children grow and develop from pre-school.

Last week in achievement assembly, I spoke about our Cudham badge and how we wear it with pride regardless of whether we are or aren't wearing a school uniform. Well, it's the same for me, regardless of whether I am not at Cudham, I will continue to wear the Cudham badge on my heart and I will always be proud and grateful to have been given such a wonderful opportunity to work at such an incredible and unique school.

When I show visitors round, I always tell them that our school is more than just a 'school', it is a community where parents, grandparents and staff work tirelessly together to ensure that our children come first and get the very best that they deserve. As long as we all work together, the children will continue to flourish and truly achieve what they deserve.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, whose energy and drive never ceases to amaze me. Working in a small school is very challenging, as we all have to do the same work as other schools who have three times as much staff, but Cudham staff always rise to whatever is thrown at them (metaphorically!) and still manage to be positive and roll their sleeves up!

On behalf of all the staff, we wish all our wonderful Year 6's all the very best for the future. We are immensely proud of you and we will miss you very much. Please come and visit us to let us know how well you are doing!

Thank you to everyone for your support, care and generosity, because without you there wouldn't be such an incredible school. I wish you all a good summer and please remember that **school finishes at 1.30pm tomorrow and children return to school on Thursday 30th August.**

Mrs Sophie Sear
Head of School

FOCs by Paula Freeman

The summer fair has raised £622.51, which is amazing considering the size of our school! This year, all our cake sales were incredibly successful and Merlin raised the most! Well done Merlin! Overall, we have raised a staggering **£6392.86**, which will be allocated to our children.

Thank you all so much for making the events possible with your help and ideas, I've loved organising all the events over the years for the children to enjoy and will miss all the children, parents and staff lots. Thank you all so much for my wonderful gifts, feel truly spoilt.

Wish you all lots of love and luck,

Paula (2014-2018) xx

Musical Extravaganza by Kingfisher and Robin

On Monday, we were treated to a wonderful musical performance by Kingfisher and Robin. The children sang and played percussion instruments, led by Mrs Ellie Osborne from Bromley Youth Music Trust. We will continue to working with Bromley Youth Music Trust, especially as we will be offering piano lessons in the new academic year! Well done children, you made us very proud!



Year 4 Festival at Bishop Justsu

On Tuesday 10th July, Year 4 made Cudham very proud by representing the school in an RE festival. As you can see our children, had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed art and drama workshops.



New Cudham School Pets...

We would like to thank Mrs. Georgina Payne-Gilchrist for donating a chicken coup to our school and for liaising with Foal Farm to provide us with four guinea pigs! The initial plan was to have two guinea pigs, but as they are overrun with guinea pigs and rabbits, Georgina kindly agreed to take four brothers.

The coup will be in Emma's garden and the Payne-Gilchrist family will be looking after them in the summer to ensure that they are fully child friendly.

I'm sure that there will be many offers to look after our new members of Cudham School!



Clubs for next year

As you are aware, it has been a challenge to fill Mrs Willsher's trainers! Nonetheless, we have risen to the challenge and in September, we will be offering our children a range of clubs. As you can see many of the clubs are free, because they are funded by a sports premium grant. Clubs which are not funded are indicated with the word 'fee'.

Detailed below are all the clubs that we will be having:

Day	Before School	Lunchtime	After School
Monday	8.00am-8.40am Morning Fitness (free) Mr Bentley	12.20-1.00pm KS2 – sports club (tbc) Mr Bentley	Multi skills – KS1 Crystal Palace coach (free) Glitterbox (fee)
Tuesday	8.00am-8.40am Morning Fitness (free)	J'aime's Gymnastics (Fee)	Multi skills – KS1 Crystal Palace coach (free)
Wednesday	Fencing (fee) Little Musketeers	Young Leaders	Judo (fee) Crystal Palace Football (fee)
Thursday	Morning Fitness (free) Mr Bentley	12.20-1.00pm KS2 sports club (tbc) Mr Bentley	Tech Club (fee)
Friday	Football Fitness (free) Mr Bentley		

Letter will be coming out the first week back to school.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Celebrating our Wonderful Children!		
Achievement Board for June		
Classes	Christian Value of Trust	Growth Mindset
Kingfisher	Ava and Edward.	Grace and Millie.
Robin	Henry, Layla and Gracie.	Johnny, Layla and Gracie.
Hawk	Chloe, Isaac and Ruby.	James, Oliver, Frankie, Ruby
Merlin	Luca, Toby and Olivia.	Louis, Luca, Toby and Olivia.

Gymnastics award

A huge well done to our Year 1 gymnast below, who received a special award by J'aimie's Gymnastics' Club. Well done and well deserved!



Prayer for moving on...

We go into the world to
walk in God's light, to
rejoice in God's love and
to reflect God's glory.

Amen