



# NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

CUDHAM

CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have introduced our class candles for collective worship. We spoke about carrying the light of Jesus to our collective worship and then back to our classes; for those of you who worry as much as I do, please don't as these are battery operated candles so we are quite safe. Yesterday morning we also had our first Spinnaker collective worship of the term and when I returned to school later in the afternoon I was greeted by a lovely email from the Spinnaker team "The assembly this morning was an absolute delight and it's great to be back in school again after the summer break!" what a lovely end to the week.

We are also pleased to be working in partnership with Bromley Y to provide a School Wellbeing Service. The Service includes the provision of workshops on Positive Emotional Wellbeing for students, supporting pupils and parents in the transition from primary to secondary school plus providing advice and guidance to staff. See the future dates section for details of the next sessions.

Have a great weekend, enjoy the autumn sunshine

**Mrs. G Shackleton**

**Headteacher and Trust Improvement Partner**

## **Mr. Finch's five minute team chat:**

Thank you to all of the parents, carers, AAC members, staff and children who have completed our survey to decide the Christian Values you would like us to promote in Worship. The survey closes today at 4:30pm and we will be delighted to inform you of the results next week.

I would also like to thank the Year 6 parents and carers who attended our Class Worship on Wednesday. I hope you enjoyed it and found a blessing for being there.

Finally, a reminder to all fathers, grandfathers and any other male role models who are involved in the raising of a child at our school, that they are warmly invited to our first Cudham's United Dads (CUDham) meeting in the Old Jail Pub on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 11:30am-1:00pm.

God bless,

**Mr D Finch**

**Assistant Headteacher**

## **News & Events**

### ● **School emails**

To ensure staff have a work life balance, I have asked all staff to refrain from sending emails or answering emails between the hours of 5.00pm and 8.00am. If you do email into the school during these times, please don't be offended when your email isn't answered. I'm sure you will appreciate that we get lots of emails after the school day and I do have a duty of care to look after our wonderful staff. Staff will endeavor to reply to emails within 48 hours.

### ● **Parent Fitness Classes**

We are contemplating offering parent bootcamp fitness classes on Tuesdays at the school after drop off. There will be a small charge for this, and we do need a minimum number of parents to make this viable. If you are interested please do let the office know and hopefully this is something we can get up and running in the very near future.

**A big thank you to the FOCs for their first tuck shop this week, I hope you all enjoyed the goodies on offer; what a great supportive community we have.**

## **Forthcoming Dates:**

### **September**

24<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Phonics parents meeting in Rose Class  
10.30am Year 3 Church Celebration

25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am and 6.30pm Open morning/evening for prospective parents

25<sup>th</sup> FOCs Tuck Shop

26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Open morning for prospective parents  
2.15pm Headteacher's coffee afternoon and Cake Sale for MacMillan

28<sup>th</sup> CUDham meeting – 11.30-1pm – Old Jail Pub

29<sup>th</sup> Education Sunday at Cudham Parish Church

### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> FOCs Cake sale

4<sup>th</sup> 6.30 – 8.00pm School family matchbox treasure hunt and sing song

### **November**

7<sup>th</sup> Bromley Y emotional wellbeing workshop for year 4

25<sup>th</sup> 2.00 – 3.00pm Managing fears and worries in your child (**for parents/carers**)



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## **Reverend Johns Newsletter**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Welcome back to Cudham Church of England School, or if you're new, welcome!*

*For over 150 years Cudham School has been associated with its parish church, St Peter and St Paul's, Cudham. The school logo - the sword and cross - reflects these two great heroes of the Christian faith and early followers of Jesus. We are proud of this long and historic association at Cudham Church, and regularly pray for the school, children and staff.*

*You will always receive a warm welcome at Cudham Church – in particular, why not come and join us one Sunday morning for our 11am service. We keep things reasonably informal, with worship songs which suit both young and old, and have a lively group for 3-11's during the service on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays, organised by an experienced teacher and a rota of fully trained and DBS checked volunteers. On the first Sunday of each month the whole church family stays together for worship, and children help lead part of the services. We always have tea, coffee, squash, biscuits (often home-made) after the service in church. There is also a room at the back if little ones need some extra space, as well as a craft table in the side chapel for those who find it useful to use their hands to concentrate better!*

*From time to time we have special services in church, and there are three coming up soon.*

*Sunday 22nd September at 11am is our Harvest Festival. As well as traditional Harvest Hymns, we will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Orpington Foodbank, and finding out more about Rochester Diocese's Poverty and Hope Appeal, which helps vulnerable families in this country and overseas. There will be Sunday Club as well.*

*The following Sunday – 29th at 11am is Education Sunday. Mrs Shackleton and Mr Finch will be sharing something of their vision for the school, and it would be great to see other parents, children and staff from the*

*school coming to give thanks for the school too. At the service we will also be blessing your bags! Bring along school bags, gym bags, work bags or (reusable!) shopping bags as we pray God's blessing on them and us as we use them for work, school or leisure – and Sunday Club will be happening during the service too.*

*Just in case you don't know – Cudham Church is at the top of Church Approach, Cudham Lane TN14 7QF, with a small car park just before the church on the left, though there is more parking in Cudham Rec, just past the Blacksmith's Arms.*

*And on Sunday 6th October, we will be celebrating St Francis, the patron Saint of Animals. We are delighted to say that Christmas Tree Farm, Downe, have allowed us to hold our service there among the animals (free admission for those coming to the service) – 10.30am start.*

*Finally... it's been a privilege, during the 9 years I've been at Cudham so far, to be involved with school families for occasions such as Weddings, Christenings and Funerals. Please get in touch with me if there is anything I can help with – a listening ear for anything that's worrying you, something you'd like me to pray for, or a special celebration that I can help you mark. Best way to contact me is on the playground Tuesday mornings, or email [vicar@pcd.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pcd.org.uk) or telephone 01959540012. There's lots more information on the church website at [pcd.org.uk](http://pcd.org.uk). We'd like to set up a prayer group for parents in school. If this is something you'd like to get involved with, please let me know.*

*With all my blessings for the New Term,*

*Rev John*