



NEWSLETTER

6th December 2019

CUDHAM

CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been the definitive start to Christmas in school. We had a wonderful family fun night last Friday; a big thank you to all who came and supported this evening. It was mighty chilly but the BBQ, fun, music and snow made us feel warm inside.

Our combined choir sang at the Aquinas Voices Christmas Concert on Wednesday; the children made us very proud and I think they were amongst the stars of the show. Yesterday Miss Osborne led our school choir in singing at Cudham Village Hall to entertain the older folk of Cudham; again the children sang beautifully and their Christmas cheer was enjoyed by all.

Pre-school had a visit to Cudham Parish Church this week; they met Reverend Musson and looked at the Christmas Trees in the church. If you do get time please do pop along to Cudham Church to see our trees in situ.

This week I have been in and out of classes again looking at the progress the children are making and how the teachers are using cross curricular links to support their learning. The classes are using some great texts to engage the children, do please try and find time in the busyness of December to ask your child about their class book. I have already had a number of parents who have offered to come and read, but if you do have a spare 30 minutes please come and speak with the office.

As I always say, I am really proud of the children here. Mr Finch has loved his first term with us and the way he challenges our year 5 and 6 pupils to ensure they are secondary ready is great. Next week national comparisons for year 6 pupils are released and the press insist on putting these into a 'league table'. Cudham has a unique selling point of being a small school where every pupil is valued and challenged. Within this remit we are working to ensure this year's Year 6 cohort are secondary ready and equipped to be lifelong learners. If you are a year 6 parent please do continue to support Mr Finch in your child's learning journey as the year progresses, as I know you already are.

In light of the terrible events that happened in London last week, we would like to share with you some useful website resources, should you get any tricky questions or anxious children at home. We won't be sharing these at school as don't want to heighten the children's worry, but as parents if you feel they would be useful do please have a look:

Advice if you're upset by the news

(Newsround) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

Supporting children worried about terrorism

(NSPCC) <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>

How to talk to children about terrorism (The

Conversation) <https://theconversation.com/how-to-talk-to-children-about-terrorism-78290>

As we are drawing towards the end of this Autumn Term, please do note the finishing dates for our school clubs (see below). Can we thank all of our club providers for their support over the term, I do know the children have had some wonderful experiences. We are hoping that our Morning Sports Activity will be running back up to 5 mornings in the spring term and also our Football Club for Key Stages 1 and 2 on a Thursday after school.

God bless,

Mrs Shackleton and Mr Finch

THE Mohawk!!!

It's getting longer! Again thank you to the parents and families who have so far sponsored Mr Finch, your donations have been incredibly generous. We are currently in the process of setting up the Kindles that have been purchased with the money raised so far and are also hoping to purchase a number of Chrome Books which will support the teaching of our Computing Curriculum.

If you would like to sponsor, or have friends or family members who would like to support, please use the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mr-mohawk-finch>

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Our curry night will be on Thursday 12th December at 7:15pm. As it is polling day, you are welcome to park on the school playground. Please buzz, and I will let you in! Please comment on the FOCs Facebook page with your order by Wednesday at the latest and bring cash and drinks with you. Looking forward to seeing you there.



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Recommended Reading Books for Stockings:

I'm sure many of you are far more organised than I am, but if you are still looking for gifts for family members or if you know Father Christmas and know he's looking for some presents, a book is always a good idea. Below is a Book Trust recommended reading list, perhaps if we all receive a new book sometimes over the Christmas period we could write some book reviews and then have a book swap in the New Year? I find reading in the winter far easier; what better way to while away a chilly evening than with a warm drink and good book to take you to another place.

Have a look at the list below and do let us know of any strong recommendations that we can always obtain for the school libraries.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/great-books-guide/>

Reminders:

It is that time of year when sickness bugs are unfortunately occurring more frequently. Please be reminded that in accordance with the Health Protection Agency, children are to be kept away from school for **48 hours following the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea to prevent illnesses spreading**. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Please don't forget we are closed on Thursday 12th December as we are to be used as a Polling Station.

We have an ever increasing box full of unnamed lost property items. If you are missing anything, please do come to the office and check the box to see if we can reunite lost items with their owners.

A morning view at Cudham



Club Last Session Dates

Glitterbox – Monday 9th December
Gardening Club – Tuesday 17th December
J'amies Gymnastics – Tuesday 17th December
Yoga – Wednesday 18th December
Choir – Thursday 5th December
Breakfast Club – Friday 20th December
Morning Fitness – Thursday 19th December

Forthcoming Dates:

December

10th Crazy Hair Day
13th Pre-School Singalong and Crafts
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
16th 10.00am and 6.30pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert (FOCs will be selling refreshments for half an hour prior to the performance)
17th 10.00am EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
Class Christmas parties
18th 10.00am EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
FOCs Christmas Fair
19th Pre-School Christmas Party
Staff surprise for Children
End of term reports sent home
20th 9.00am Christmas Service at Cudham Church
1.30pm School finishes

January - 7th Return to school for children

15th Year 6 Collective worship
23rd Head teacher Coffee Afternoon
24th Year 5/6 NSPCC Talk
Family fun evening – Board Games, Hot Chocolate and Singalong
29th Year 4 Collective Worship

February

11th and 13th Parent Consultation evenings
14th Cudhams Got Talent finals (for pupils only)
17th – 21st Half Term