



Cusgarne School Bulletin

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Dear parents,

Another week seems to have flown by!

Following the government's new guidelines relaxing the requirement to wear face coverings in busy spaces, I wanted to update you on our take on this. As a school community we should be proud of how well we have protected ourselves from widespread numbers of cases, and allowed our school to remain fully operational throughout, while many schools continue to suffer with outbreaks and threat of bubbles, closures etc. Your support and cooperation through this time has been very much appreciated.

From Monday 31st January we invite parents to wait in the playground at school pick up time, while they wait for children to come out with their teachers. Although it is no longer mandatory to wear face coverings, we would still encourage parents to wear them during this busy time when many people are congregated together. In this way we will continue to protect each other, our staff, and our children.

For the time being we will continue to operate the Key Stage 1 arrival/exit via the top gate and Key Stage 2 via the bottom gate arrangement. Please make sure you drop your child at the appropriate gate promptly at 8.30am, so that the children can start their learning without delay. All children find arriving into the classroom once teaching has already started unsettling, and it is disruptive for all the children within the classroom. As always, we will continue to review our processes and arrangements and advise of any changes that need to be implemented.

Following on from our health and safety notice in last week's newsletter, we have since had confirmed cases of nits within the school. Please be vigilant, check your child's hair regularly (one of the easiest & simplest ways is with a nit comb & conditioner), and report any confirmed cases to the class teacher. Another reminder that should your child's hair fall below their shoulders, then they MUST tie it back.



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I would like to welcome and introduce you to Laura Medcalf, who joins us this term on a placement for her teacher training programme and will be working with children in Kingfisher class until Easter. She has settled in brilliantly already and is getting to know all the children.

Kingfisher Class are really enjoying their swimming lessons at Carn Brea this term. After only three lessons they are already making great progress. Their lessons are concentrating on teaching them to swim confidently and over a distance of at least 25 metres, using a range of strokes effectively. Two of their upcoming lessons will also focus on how to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.



There's a new app which parents of Key Stage 1 children can now download for free, it's called 1-Minute Maths by White Rose Maths, and it provides access to number work & fluency. We will be using this app in the classroom, and we hope that you will encourage learning through this app outside of school too.



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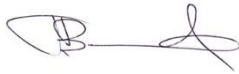
Can I remind you all that there are to be no nut products to come into school either for snack time, or in your child's packed lunch. This includes peanut butter & hazelnut spreads. On a side note, the School Council are due to have a meeting and review what's considered to be a 'healthy snack' – once we have their results of this discussion we shall issue to the whole school.

Next Friday (4th) is Number Day! We are taking part in 'NSPCC Rocks', the fun and engaging way of boosting the children's learning of times table whilst supporting NSPCC Number Day! We are looking forward to a number themed non-uniform day, and there's a suggested donation of £2. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for the NSPCC Timetables Rockstars, and information about why it is important for us to be fundraising next Friday.

Lastly, the whole school will be taking part in an Aspire Sumdog competition which begins today and will run until 8pm on Thursday 3rd February. We'd really appreciate it if you could encourage your child to take part in the competition during the week – we will look forward to seeing where each class ranks on the leader board!

Take care & have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Tim Barnard
Head of School

Friends of Cusgarne

It's lovely to be back in the Spring Term; the end of last term with all its excitements showed us what a generous, supportive and friendly school we are part of - thank you!

There are ideas brewing for the upcoming term; before that, a little notice:

Hula hoops, Quavers, Monster Munch,
Whatever crisps you have for lunch
Inner bags, outer bags, we'll box them all,



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Weigh them, ship them, make money for school!

Looking forward to sharing plans soon,

The Friends x



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Number Day 2022

All money raised will be used to support the NSPCC run its Speak Out Stay Safe programme, which has been designed to help children understand what abuse is, and how to speak out if they are scared or worried.

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

The poster features a green background. In the center, the text 'NSPCC ROCKS' is displayed in large, bold, yellow letters. A green electric guitar is positioned diagonally across the text. To the left of the guitar are the flags of England and the United Kingdom. To the right are the flags of Wales and Scotland. Below the flags, the text 'TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS' is written in a stylized, colorful font. At the bottom left, the word 'Timings' is written in bold, followed by 'Start date: 4th February 2022, 07:30' and 'End date: 4th February 2022, 19:30'.

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