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MONDAY 02 MARCH 2020



I hope everybody had a lovely half-term and it was good to see all the children back last week looking refreshed and ready to learn.

Corona Virus

We have had several parents asking about contingency plans for the Coronavirus. The advice from Hertfordshire County Council and the government remains that the best action for schools to take in regards to this, is to ensure children understand the importance of thorough hand washing regularly through the day. We will also be encouraging children to use tissues or to use the crook of their arm for unexpected sneezing, instead of their hands. If any families have travelled to/or are travelling to areas with elevated cases (e.g certain areas in Italy) please read government guidance when deciding to self-quarantine. If there are any further guidelines given to schools to pass onto parents we will pass these on immediately by email and on the website.

Caretaker position

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Redit at the end of this academic year as he finally takes up his retirement after 22 years at Cunningham Hill. He has been a fantastic caretaker and one we will be very sorry to lose after all his hard work. However, as a result, we are looking to appoint a new Caretaker from August/September 2020. There will also be the additional role of lettings manager (unlocking/locking the school for evening, weekend and holiday lettings and setting up/putting back furniture etc), which could be taken up in conjunction with the caretaker role, or as a stand-alone position. If you know anyone who would suit this role, please contact the school office for further information.

Librarian position

In a very similar vein, we are equally sad to be seeing the retirement of Mrs Redit, our librarian, who has been at our school for nearly 28 years, firstly as a teaching assistant and then as our librarian. Mrs Redit has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to children's books and she has encouraged and energised our children to feel passionate about reading over many years. So, again, as a result we will be looking for a new librarian who has a passion for children's literature and for promoting the enjoyment of books. The role is 5 afternoons a week and if you know anyone who would suit this role please contact the school office for further information.

Parking for School drop off/collection

We have had several complaints from local residents and from the electricity station opposite about cars parking on verges and across driveways and blocking access. Can we please remind parents that we would encourage all children to walk to school where possible, and if not, please could parents park further away from school and walk the last part, so as to reduce the pressure on local residents.

Class and group photos Thursday 5 March

We will be having class and group photographs on Thursday morning, so we would ask for all children to look nice and smart and to bring in any sports kit/ musical instruments they may need for photos.

PTA AGM Friday 6 March

We have the annual general meeting of the PTA this Friday at 3.20pm. Every parent is an automatic member of the PTA and we would really encourage people to come along if they can. We are also looking for more volunteers to join the PTA as the work they do is vital in raising money for the school that enables us to add 'icing on the cake' in terms of resources and provision for the children.

Parent Consultations Monday 9 / Wednesday 11 March

A reminder that you can book your parent consultations with your child's teacher via the online booking system at: <https://cunninghamhilljnrs.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. We would really like to see at least one parent of every child in order to keep you updated on your child's progress.

PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) drop in Session Monday 16 March

We are lucky to have PCSO Clare Hughes holding a drop-in session at our school at 3.30pm on Monday 16 March. This is for people to come and discuss any police issues with her in confidence. Please go to reception on arrival.

Cunningham Hill Schools Federation Consultation

The consultation process is ending on Friday 27 March. If anyone with links to the school would like to ask any questions, these can be dropped off at reception for a written response or you are welcome to request a meeting with the Chair of Governors or myself. We will be sending out more information after this date.

Ms Elbourne-Cload

TUES 3 MAR	9.05 YEAR 3 PARENT PARTNERS	THURS 19 MAR	YEAR 4 WHIPSDADE TRIP
WED 4 MAR	NETBALL V BERNARDS HEATH (A) Y3 & 4 RAPID CRICKET @ ROUNDWOOD 3.30-6PM	FRI 20 MAR	TEACHER-LED CLUBS FINISH PTA FLOWER SALE YEAR 6 CRUCIAL CREW
THURS 5 MAR	CLASS & GROUP PHOTOS	MON 23 MAR	GIRLS FOOTBALL V FLEETVILLE (A)
FRI 6 MAR	CLASS 8 ENTERPRISE TRIP PTA AGM @3.20PM	TUES 24 MAR	QUIKSTICKS HOCKEY @ OAKLANDS
MON 9 MAR	EARLY CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM NO NETBALL CLUB	WED 25 MAR	YEAR 3 PLAY
TUES 10 MAR	SPORT RELIEF	THURS 26 MAR	YEAR 4 CHILL OUT DAY
WED 11 MAR	NO ART CLUB LATE CONSULTATIONS 5.30 - 8PM	FRI 27 MAR	SCHOOL DISCO LOWER SCHOOL 4:30-6PM, UPPER SCHOOL 6.15-7.45
THURS 12 MAR	CROSS-COUNTRY @ GARDEN FIELDS	MON 30 MAR - 1 APRIL	YEAR 5 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL TRIP
FRI 13 MAR	DEADLINE TO ACCEPT SECONDARY SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS	TUES 31 MAR	CHOIR ALBAN ARENA CONCERT @ 7PM
MON 16 MAR	GIRLS FOOTBALL V WHEATFIELDS (A)	FRI 3 APRIL	YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY TO PARENTS @ 9.05 TERM ENDS 1.20PM