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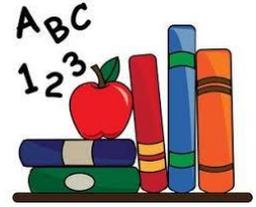
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HEADS UP

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Friday 11 September



So we have finished our first full week back at school. It is so lovely to walk around and see the children all engaged in their learning, and life at school slowly beginning to get back towards a (new) normal.

Staggered times

Thank you for your efforts at social distancing at the start and the end of the day. With the news this week that by Monday it will be illegal to meet in groups of more than 6, it is clear that we need to continue to do our best to keep apart. Therefore, if you could please keep to the 2m rule for drop off and pick up we will all be doing our bit. Also, if I could remind you not to come early and wait that would be much appreciated. There is a 5-minute window to come into school so your child's start time should be the earliest time they arrive at the gate and not before. If you have had to drop a sibling earlier, please wait in a space inside the gate at either school.

Masks when talking to staff

If you need to talk to a teacher in person please could we ask you to wear a mask. Where possible, could meetings be done via phone (call the office to ask to make a phone appointment with the staff member). For infant children where parents need to come to the door, please could we now ask you to wear a face mask. We will be asking staff to wear visors when talking face to face. We are particularly thinking about the new regulations and recent cases in some St Albans schools and so would like to ensure we are protecting all.

Parking

We would really like to encourage families who can, to walk to school or at least park much further away and walk a little way. We have had several complaints about parking. Please do not park:

- At the entrance to the power station opposite the Juniors
- In St Luke's carpark
- Over people's driveways at the back of the school
- On the zigzag lines.

Cycling to school

If you would like to cycle to school we would ask the junior children to put their bikes on the fence by Year 6. Could Infant pupils leave bikes on the bike rack to start with, and then on the inside of the fence away from the gate.

Congratulations

I would like to say big congratulations to Jonah James and Jake Ashton in the Infants. They are runners up in the Young Money Challenge competition. Not only will they receive a £25 voucher each but they have also earned the school £500 which is amazing.

Volunteers for library book sorting

Sadly, at the moment we are unable to have parent helpers to work with children due to bursting 'bubbles'. However, we would really appreciate any volunteers who would be happy to spend an hour or two sorting books in both libraries. When the children return their books they have to be left in a box for 48 hours before being lent out and this means there will be a lot more sorting as children can't just put their books back. If you are happy to give a little of your time please let the junior or infant office know.

Hot lunches

We fully understand that parents are very keen to return to hot school lunches as soon as possible. Unfortunately, this is a decision that has to be taken on a school by school basis in line with our risk assessments and has many dependent factors such as: the size of the dining room, the number of staff available; the speed different year groups eat, etc. As bubbles are not allowed to mix and tables need to be sanitized between bubbles, our usual 'one in, one out' system cannot apply. We are busy looking at how we can introduce this again as soon as possible, even if it is for at least one day a week. As previously mentioned, if we are able to make any changes we will be looking to do this for the first week in October but we will let you know if this is possible closer to the time.

Midday Supervisor Assistant Vacancy (Infant School)

We are currently looking for a new MSA to join our team. The role is Monday to Friday and the candidate would need good written and verbal English. If you would like more information or would like to apply please contact the Infant School Office.

School Closure system – (for any school lockdown issue)

The closure notification system, Everbridge, is managed by Hertfordshire County Council. To receive messages about your specific school closures (including secondaries) parents can register at:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

Dates for your Diary

Unfortunately, many of the school events you would usually be expecting this term are not being allowed to run. We are constantly reviewing this and as the government guidance changes we will change our provision accordingly. Please be aware that the events below can only occur if Covid social distances guidance allows.

Date	Time	School	Event
Tues 20 Oct	2-7pm	Infants	Parent Consultation Evening
Wed 21 Oct	3.40-6pm	Juniors	Early Parent Consultation Evening
Thurs 22 Oct	5.30-8pm	Juniors	Late Parent Consultation Evening
		Infants	Flu inoculations
26-30 Oct		Both	HALF-TERM
Mon 2 Nov		Both	INSET DAY – no children in school
3-6 Nov		Both	SEN Review meetings (to be booked by teachers)
Fri 27 Nov		Juniors	Flu Inoculations
Tues 8 Dec	9.15 & 2pm	Infants	Reception Play
Wed 9 Dec	7pm	Juniors	Year 4 play
Wed 16 Dec		Infants	Christmas lunch
	7pm	Juniors	Year 5 play
Thurs 17 Dec		Juniors	Christmas lunch
Fri 18 Dec	1.15pm	Infants	End of Autumn Term
Fri 18 Dec	1.20pm	Juniors	End of Autumn Term

We welcome feedback from parents. If you wish to send any suggestions or comments please forward them to admin@cunninghamhill-jun.herts.sch.uk or admin@cunninghaminfants.herts.sch.uk

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