

Not sure what this is?

Ask your child

about:

STOP IT

PLEASE!



“We want to unlock the learning potential of every child in our school, remove any barriers to learning and offer every child opportunities to develop the skills they need for a happy and successful life”

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As a head, my priority, as always, is having the children come through the gate every morning thinking, “We are going to have a fantastic day”. One way of making this happen is to have a vibrant and motivational school where children feel safe, comfortable and driven to make the best of every learning opportunity. I honestly believe that we are well on the way to achieving that. We can, however, never rest on our laurels and with that in mind, we have agreed to be part of a pilot scheme within Warwickshire. It involves the heads of three schools working together to scrutinise, challenge and support each others’ school. I was happy for Quinton to be first and that took place this week. It was very much like an Ofsted inspection as the other two heads had already familiarised themselves with our school’s SEF (Self Evaluation Form) and spent the day observing lessons, talking to staff and interviewing children with a particular focus on the quality of all aspects of Reading across the school. The day went very well and we await a report to confirm their findings and see what recommendations are suggested.

David Skelcher, Headmaster

Reading

This is our key focus for 2016-2017. Teachers from Year 1 - Year 6 have already taken part in some training which was arranged by our consortium (that is a group of 15 schools that work together) and we are in the process of buying each class the recommended booklists from their reading records. We need to be really clear what we mean by reading. It is so much more than just reading the words on the page; it is understanding, in detail, exactly what is being read; making sure that we are developing the children’s comprehension skills and ability to pick up on the more subtle aspects of inference and reading between the lines. Parents can really help us here when children read at home - ask questions about what they have read; ask them to talk about the characters; ask them to say if they like/dislike what they are reading and explain why; ask them to talk about what they are reading. All these will help but a word of caution - don’t overdo it because more than anything else, we all want the children to enjoy reading just for its own sake.

Harvest Service

It was great to see so many people at our recent Harvest Service and I would like to pass on the huge thanks from the Stratford-upon-Avon Food Bank to all of those who so generously donated food. Thanks also to Ros, the vicar who led us all in a very entertaining celebration.

Parents’ Evenings - Mon 7th + Tues 8th

By now, all parents should have been given a specific time to see their class teacher. Please be punctual. If you miss your time, there is unlikely to be any space later.

Christmas Lunch for the Children

Thanks to the QPA for continuing to provide table decorations and crackers for the children’s Christmas Lunch on 15th December.

School Council

Since the success of the school council's sponsored walk, they are determined to organise more events and have been asking the children what they would like. It seems that some kind of school disco was very popular and so they have worked out the details, drafted a letter for me to approve and sent that letter out to parents. I have been very impressed by their ideas and the way that they have worked together and liaised with me in order to make their projects a reality. I am expecting much more to come my way in the coming months and years!

Christmas Fayre - 14th December, 3.30 - 5.00 Governors

This was organised by the children last year and proved to be a great success. The same format will be used for this year.

Remembrance Service

The traditional school Remembrance Service will take place in the school hall on Friday 11th November. Parents are welcome to attend.

The service will begin at 10.40 a.m. and finish with a two minute silence at 11.00 a.m. If you are either an ex-serviceman/woman or currently serve in the armed forces, you are very welcome to wear uniform.

The most positive news from the governors is that we now have a full governing body and feel extremely optimistic about the future. New structures are in place so that links to Ofsted are clearer and the school continues to fund a training package which is accessible to all governors.

Some Don'ts (Please)

Don't let your child ride bikes etc. on the playground;
Don't bring dogs onto the school premises;
Don't forget to pay for hot lunches;
Don't forget to let us know the reason, if your child is absent.

Intervention and Support - How It Works

Every half-term, we have our PPMs (Pupil Progress Meetings). These help us to monitor exactly what the children have achieved each half-term and by the end of the year, that information will tell us whether a child has reached his/her ARE (Age Related Expectations). At any given time, there are children who exceed their targets and those who do not reach theirs. All of these children may need some support so that they can achieve their potential which may be above or below ARE. The document we use in school is called the Provision Map.

This details every child who needs support, what support they are having and what impact it is having on their learning. It is constantly changing as some children may only need a few short sessions of support and once that is finished, they are removed from the Provision Map. Children who need more support may be referred to an external support group if deemed necessary, following discussion between school and the parents. Our whole purpose for this is to ensure that all children in the school have as much opportunity to access and enjoy the curriculum as possible. If a child is having any kind of support, parents are always kept informed

Cygnets News

It's been a busy start to the Autumn term here at Cygnets with lots of fun activities going on; our Forest School sessions at school continue to be really popular especially in recent weeks exploring the changes in the season, collecting leaves, making bark rubbings and dens. We now have regular cookery sessions with our Cook and started taking part in 'Tappy

Attendance

Latest attendance is 96% which is a slight drop on last month but still respectable. Don't forget, we are looking to hit 98% and can't afford to relax!



Toes' dance & music sessions which have been a real hit!

Remembrance Service at school - 11th November at 10.40 a.m. ALL WELCOME!