



The Cambridge Primary School

Newsletter – Autumn 2

Issued 12th December 2018



A message from Mrs Kennedy

What a busy, long half term! The children have done so well, despite illness and shorter days, they have coped so well. We are very proud of them and their attendance.

We are looking forward to welcoming you on Tapestry in the new year – it is a great tool for you to see what the children have been doing at school and for you to share what they have been doing at home. Don't forget to bring your permission form in! In the meantime, the Learning Journeys are coming home for the Christmas break and it would be great if you could complete a couple of pages. Please return them promptly to school on Tuesday 8th January.

Thank you to those of you who are using the designated car park at the end of Steele's Road for pick up and drop off; it really does send a good message to the children and the neighbourhood.

It has been an incredible first term, the team and I have loved getting to know the children and families in our school community. Your contributions from our wish list requests and your attendance to school events, like parent lunch and mystery reader has a real impact on the children, so thank you.

We hope you have a wonderful time with loved ones over the Christmas break – and look forward to the children's safe return in 2019! Don't forget INSET on Monday 7th January! Merry Christmas! 

Our New Website!

We have a brand new website – take a look, especially under our News and Events page where we upload the newsletter, photo galleries and community events!

www.cambridgeschool.hants.sch.uk

We are also on Twitter – Follow us @TheCambridgePS



Thank you to all our visiting 'Mystery Readers.' The children thoroughly enjoy the visits and the wonderful stories they have heard read so brilliantly. It really does inspire them as readers.

Dates

Christmas Celebration
(2.30pm) – 14th December

Children's Christmas Lunch
and Christmas Jumper Day –
19th December

Last Day of term (finishing at
3.10pm) – 20th December

INSET Day (No children) – 7th
January

First Day Back **The Sea** 'Hook
Day' – 8th January

South Camberley Primary
School children visiting – 21st
January

NHS Height, Weight, Vision
and Hearing Check – 30th
January

Internet Safety Week – 4th
Feb – 8th Feb

Safer Internet Day – 5th
February

Parent Lunch – 8th February

Half Term – Mon 18th Feb –
Fri 22nd February

**Bring your favourite book to
school** 'Hook Day' – 25th
February

World Book Day – Dress Up
as a book character – 7th
March

Wellesley Woodland Walking
Trip – 8th March

Parents' Evening – 27th &
28th March

What have Oak Class been up to?

The children have had a busy half term learning about ‘People Who Help Us.’ They have learnt about doctors and nurses, firefighters, builders, postal workers and life guards. They have enjoyed pretending to be police officers and ‘reporting’ cars and buses that drove too fast past the school! We also celebrated Remembrance, learnt about road safety during Road Safety Week and were visited by the local gritter truck that the class have named ‘Mr Slippy.’

Oak Class have been working extremely hard on their reading, writing and maths skills. As we have finished Phase 2 phonics and moved to Phase 3, the children are starting to apply their skills to read and write words and sentences. During the Christmas holiday, please use the phonic homework suggestions to help your child continue to rehearse reading the sounds and words. They could also practice writing by copying letters and words, in addition to trying to use their sound knowledge to write simple words, e.g. cat, box etc. In maths, we have continued to focus on counting and recognising numbers. Please take every opportunity at home to count objects and recognise numerals. We have also started to talk about addition and subtraction through number problems, e.g. The rabbit ate 3 carrots. Then he ate 2 more carrots. How many carrots did the rabbit eat altogether? The children have been encouraged to use their fingers and draw simple pictures to help them solve these. For the last two weeks of term, we are talking about money and focusing on using different types of measuring and comparing objects by height, length and weight using the words light, heavy, tall, short, long etc. These are practical activities that can be supported at home when baking or shopping.

The children have embraced this half term’s school value of Teamwork and are flourishing as increasingly confident, independent members of the school. Thank you for all your support.



★ ★ ★ The Cambridge Primary Wish List ★ ★ ★



Thank you for all the donations so far! We feel very supported by the community. We are continually looking for ways to improve our resources to ensure we provide a rich learning environment in which the children can lead their own learning through their interests and play. This term we are looking for:

- Plastic Pipes - to create marble/water runs
- Dress Up Outfits/Props

What are Oak Class doing next?



Our topic for the first half of the Spring Term is 'The Sea' starting with a dress up day on the first day of term. The children can dress up as anything 'sea-related' from pirates to sea creatures. Please do not feel you have to buy a costume; a home-made hat or prop is perfect.

As before, the children will lead the learning and decide which areas of the sea they want to learn about. They will continue to combine play and learning experiences with personal, social and emotional development, speaking and listening and their understanding of the world around them. In phonics, we will progress through Phase 3 and learn digraphs which are two letters that make one sound e.g. sh, ch, ea, and trigraphs which are three letters that make one sound e.g. igh, ear, air.

In maths your child will continue to practise their number skills by counting, estimating and recognising numbers as well as continuing their learning about measures to include, size, weight and capacity. They will also be learning about time so you could talk about the days of the week and months of the year as well as ordering what they do in a day during the holidays.

Congratulations!



Indie Turnson

You have collected all your stamps
for your AAA Silver Award!

Parent Lunches

Friday 8th February

We would love for you to join us for lunch!

Letters will be sent out in January. Complete and return a slip prior to Thursday 7th February (including payment of £2.30) and arrive for 12pm at the school Entrance.

