

Cordwalles Junior School Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another busy academic year at Cordwalles Junior School! We have been delighted to welcome back the children to years 4, 5 and 6, and to meet the new pupils in year 3. We have all been so proud of the year three children, and children in other year groups who are new to CJS. They have settled beautifully into junior school life. We recognise that the transition to junior school is a significant change and are delighted with the positive attitudes and behaviours of the children. Thank you to parents and carers for helping to make this transition so smooth for the children.

We have also welcomed new staff to Cordwalles and congratulate others whose roles within the school have changed. Miss Egan (Yr. 6), Mrs Davies (Yr. 3) and Mr Moloney (Yr. 5) join us as class teachers and Mrs Stoves, Mrs Moloney and Mr Nottrodt join the LSA team. Mr van Vuuren joins our Senior Leadership team as a Teaching and Learning Leader - we also enjoyed his fantastic singing assembly this week with Miss Egan! We now have two Executive Deputy Head Teachers working across Pine Ridge, Lorraine and Cordwalles; Mrs Freshwater and Mrs Nottrodt. If you have children at either of the Infant schools, you will see them on the gates some mornings so do say hello.

Clubs begin w/c 25th September and we have a wide range of exiting activities for the children to enjoy this Autumn term. Most clubs are run by teachers and are therefore free of charge - thank you to our teachers for these enrichment opportunities. Do look at the website for all key diary dates. Coming up this half term, we have the Parent Consultation Evenings on 10th and 12th of October, which are valuable opportunities to discuss your child's progress across this first half term and to get to know your child's class teacher better.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with providing **HEALTHY** snacks for your children at breaktimes, and to avoid all products with nuts. We have a child with a serious nut allergy in school, so we need to be extra vigilant. Within the school curriculum, we promote healthy eating to children and teach them about healthy lifestyles. Dan also teaches this in his Gugafit sessions. Thank you for all you do to support this by providing healthy snacks for your children for school.

E-safety news: as part of our continued mission to teach children how to stay safe on the internet, do have a look at this link on the NSPCC website which has some useful information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> There are ideas for parents about keeping your child safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more.

Please come in and see us if you are able to spare any time to support the school - listening to readers, coming on school trips, helping at events and so on. Any time you can give is so helpful and the children benefit the most. We are busy planning our Christmas Fayre which will be on Friday December 1st immediately after school. We have big plans! If you would like to help us in any way with the fayre, do let the office know.

Best wishes,



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A letter was sent home with the children this week to introduce you to our new email system which we will begin to use from the beginning of October. Please follow the instructions in the letter to register your contact details. We will send future letters home through this new system but when we need you to complete a reply slip, we will also send a paper copy home with the children. Please do ask at the office if you have any questions about Parentmail.

Secondary School Applications

The applications for Secondary School places are now open and you must submit your choices for your Year 6 child by October 31st. To help you make that choice, we will be sending our brochures from our local secondary school as we receive them. These schools have the following information sessions for prospective parents:

Collingwood College: Open Evening on Thursday 5 October 2017 from 5.00pm until 8.30pm. There will be three presentations by the Co-Principals, one at 5.30pm, one at 6.45pm and one at 8.00pm.

Please book morning tours through the Collingwood Website: www.collingwoodcollege.com/form/?pid=585&form=11

Kings International School: Thursday 12th October. Doors open at 6pm. Mrs Langley, the headteacher, will be giving a talk at 6.15pm and again at 7.15pm. No need to book for this event.

Tours of the College will be held every morning, at 9.15am, until Friday 20th October. Please call 01276 683539 to book your place.

Tomlinscote School: Open Evening on Tuesday 26th September with presentations at 6pm and 7.30pm. Tours of Tomlinscote School for Year 6 students and parents will be led by senior members of staff during the period 27th September to 13th October inclusive. The diary for booking these tours is now open. Please telephone the school

School Dinners

This term, please keep your dinner money account topped up with enough credit. Here are the prices that you will need:

Daily £2.25

Weekly £11.25

Up to Half term £76.50

As the weather turns cooler, please do encourage your child to try our school lunches. We have been pleased in the past to hear from parents about how this has helped them to be more adventurous and try some new foods!

DIARY

Year 6 Bikeability— 9th to 13th October

Half Term—Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

Year 3&4 Nasal Flu Immunisations— Wednesday 8th November

Individual School Photos— Thursday 23rd November

Inset Day—Friday 24th November

Christmas Fayre—Friday 1st December

Christmas Disco—Wednesday 20th December

Break up for Christmas— Thursday 21st December

Inset Day— Thursday 4th January 2018

Year 6 Residential—5th to 7th February 2018

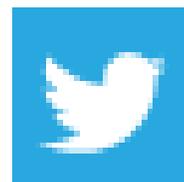
Inset Day—Friday 23rd June 2018

Nasal Flu Vaccination

On 8th November, we will be offering all children in Years 3 & 4 a flu vaccination at school. These immunisations will be free of charge. More details and permission forms will be coming out to you soon.



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