



## Dear families,

What a beautiful week we are having! I have not seen a more beautiful school than Cambrai in the sunshine! I think all of the sunny smiley faces of our children help to make the place even brighter too! As you will imagine, as we start to reach the final stretch of the term, things are becoming very busy, so I just wanted to write to you to give you a full run down of all things Cambrai for the remaining few weeks. As always, if you have any questions – our doors are always open.

### New Staff and Classes!

As a growing school, we are always growing our team. As such, I am delighted to be able to let you know who will be teaching which classes next year.

Reception	Mrs. Guest
Year 1	Mr. Marshall
Year 2	Mrs. Cannings
Year 3	Miss. Adams

Year 2 parents will already know Miss. Adams as she trained with us over this full year. During the interviews she blew us away with her passion for Cambrai – and the Year 2 class. We already knew that she was a fab teacher! I'm sure you'll all agree, she is the perfect fit for Year 3! Year 3 will stay in the current Year 2 classroom and Year 2 will move across the corridor to the last remaining empty classroom downstairs!

We are still in the process of appointing teaching assistants. Sadly Mrs. Maguire is leaving us to go back to her previous family posting in Wiltshire. Mrs. Watson is leaving us for a post 5 minutes from home (rather than the hour she commutes each day currently) and Miss. Hardstaff has secured a role at Mowbray Special School. We have already appointed one additional TA, but seek to appoint another by the end of the year. Once we do, we'll let you know who will be working with each class.

We've also said goodbye to Miss. Reid, our lovely cleaner – and say hello to Mrs Samways, her replacement. Ms Mathison has also just joined us in the kitchen to work with Mrs. Lambert. We welcome them all to the Cambrai family!

### Meet Miss Robinson!

As you know, from next term, Miss. Robinson will be taking up position as Head of School. My role and Mrs. Guest's roles remain unchanged – but Miss. Robinson will add extra leadership capacity as the school is growing. I am also now a lead OFSTED Inspector, so not only visit the schools to inspect them, but also write the reports that are published – which takes me away from school a few more days over the year. I will be spending less time in some of our other Trust schools though, so hopefully you will see me more next year at Cambrai. I know that you will all welcome Miss. Robinson warmly. She is currently on maternity leave, so will build her time over the term to 4 days per week, by November. Here is a message from her...

*Hi, I'm Laura Robinson and I'm so excited to be joining the team at Cambrai as Head of School from September. I'm currently on Maternity Leave and will be until November, but I have lots of days planned between now and then to come into school and get to know the fabulous children and you as parents/carers too! I've worked as part of Lingfield Education Trust for the majority of my career so far, most recently working as a senior leader at Northwood, in Darlington. At home I enjoy walks in the countryside with my dog Ivy, caravan holidays and also car racing – up until Covid hit, I worked in British Motorsport on a weekend!*



*I've been blown away by the kindness and positive attitudes shown by the children I have met already and have been made to feel so welcome by the fantastic staff at Cambrai, I can't wait to get started!*

### Olympic Charity Event

We are absolutely blown away by the £1283.85 which we raised last week as part of our Olympic athlete event! Cambrai families never cease to amaze us – as even during the toughest times, you always show kindness and compassion. Our lovely charity wall in the entrance is awash with your generosity over the year. Not only do our children live up to our strap line of being 'good people' – it's so lovely to lead a school where our families do too. Thank you all so much!

### Uniform Update

Over time we've had a few suppliers for our uniform – but choices are limited as not many suppliers do the grey primary sized jumpers! The current 'thick' jumpers are available from our current supplier, but Lottie, one of our parent governors, has found that the previous supplier also still stocks the thinner jumpers that many of you also liked. They look very similar so we are happy with whichever uniform you choose. I've updated the links on the website to give you the choice of both providers.

We've also decided that to mark the occasion of our first class becoming juniors by getting them all a school tie! This is not a compulsory part of the uniform, but if children want to wear their tie with their polo shirts or 'proper' shirts, they can do. It's your choice! Going forwards, only juniors will be able to wear ties to show that they are the 'Juniors!'

In September, we will continue to ask children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days – it really does save so much time at the beginning and end of PE lessons. We will, however, be a little stricter on what this consists of – as some children currently don't always wear a PE kit that identifies them as being part of the school. The table below should help:

Normal Day (from website info)	PE Day (to be shared in September)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black school shoes</li><li>• A school grey jumper or cardigan, black skirt, black pinafore or black school trousers, with white polo shirt or shirt.</li><li>• In summer, children can choose to wear a green gingham dress, or black short trousers.</li><li>• NEW – Junior children are able to wear a school tie if they wish (provided by school)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School jumper (they take this off for PE)</li><li>• Plain or school logo white polo or scoop neck t-shirt</li><li>• Plain black PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms (no stripes or other colours please)</li><li>• Trainers (as plain as you can – no luminous colours). Black is ideal.</li></ul>

As a primary school, we also share our expectations on our website regarding haircuts and jewellery. As a reminder, it says:

- children to have smart haircuts, and strongly discourage radical designs, such as tramlines, patterns, colored dyes, 'rats tails' or 'skinheads'. The Executive Headteacher reserves the right to decide if a haircut is 'radical'.
- Children are not allowed jewelry other than a watch and a single stud in each ear, which must be removed or covered for PE

Can I also remind parents that we do not expect children to wear makeup at primary school. This includes nail varnish. This is in line with almost all other primary schools.

### Uniform Bank

This year we have been collecting uniform from families in preparation for creating a 'uniform bank'. This bank would allow parents to come and choose used uniform, which is still in great condition, for a donation of your choice. This will be managed by Lottie, one of our parent governors. We've agonized how to organize this – but we think that affording those families who have children who receive the government 'pupil premium' funding will be invited first to come in to school to see if they would like anything, with it

being open house the night afterwards. Families invited to night 1 will get an email from the office. Equally, if you can't attend, but want us to look for something for you, please just reply back to the email and we will see what we can do.

Please keep sending in any uniform – so that we can keep restocking – particularly at the end of the year for the September date.

#### Dates:

**Invite Only:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 3pm – 3.45pm

**Open House:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 3pm -3.45pm

**Open House:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 3pm – 4pm

There is also an opportunity to visit Store House and Influence Church in Richmond to support with uniform. They have a provisional date of 9<sup>th</sup> August – so look out for information on their website and social media. We will send our school jumpers there too.

#### School Trips

This year has seen us tentatively 'get back to normal' in so many ways. Because over the year, rules and guidance has progressively changed and loosened, we weren't in a position to plan a full year in advance – this will be our intention next year. In September, we aim to nail down the key dates for families for the full year – class assemblies, performances, trips, parents evenings etc. – so that you can plan accordingly. We know that some things have felt a little last minute – and that is not how we want to work! The Year 1 trip, I appreciate, has come as a bit of a surprise to some. Sadly, as Catterick is so far away from lots of the exiting places that we want to take our children to, the transport costs are so high! There really aren't too many things to go and visit in the immediate locality that links to what we teach our children. We do subsidise these trips, but as you would imagine, we just simply are not able to pay for all children, all of the time. If you ever need help, or worry about paying for these activities, please speak to myself or Mrs. Guest and we will always help.

#### Remaining Term Dates

Event	Which classes	Date / Time	Further Info
<b>School Reports out</b>	All classes	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	
<b>Parents Open Evening</b>	All classes	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 315pm	Come and see your child's wonderful work. There will also be an opportunity to meet the next years' class teacher.
<b>Trip to Life Centre</b>	Year 1	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	We provide lunch. Uniform and water bottle please.
<b>Trip to Newcastle</b>	Year 2	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	We provide lunch. Uniform and water bottle please.
<b>School Sleepover</b>	Year 2	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs. Cannings will send out more info
<b>Move Up Days and welcome to our new Reception starters.</b>	All	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Children spend the day with their new teachers
<b>Water Fun Morning</b>	All classes	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Children are able to bring in their water guns. Please bring in their PE kit to change into after for the Sports Day! Suitable footwear for getting wet also.
<b>Sports Day</b>	All classes	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	From 2pm parents are invited to attend.
<b>School closes for summer</b>	All classes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Non Uniform Day!
<b>School Reopens for Autumn Term</b>	All Classes	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	

#### Term Dates 2022/23

These have been on our website for some time, but we did need to add one more PD as this is a PD that all schools from across our Trust attend. With 10 schools and around 500 staff, you will imagine that wasn't an easy thing to organise! The updated calendar is now online, with the only change being the additional PD day being added for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Children return on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

#### School Results

WOW! This year will be the first year that we have to report our school results to the government This includes:

- Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
- Year 2 Phonic Screening Check
- Year 2 Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments
- Reception Early Years Profile Results

Results across school are brilliant! In most respects, they are at least in line with the last national averages produced in 2019 – and often above them... despite the pandemic! Individual children's' results will be included in their end of year reports.

Our children, families and staff truly are amazing. What a lovely note to end on.

Take good care, and thanks again.



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