



Dear Families,

As we hurtle towards the end of what has been a very interesting year for schools, I again want to thank you for your continued support, understanding and championing of Cambrai. When we embarked on this year together in September, I never thought for one moment that we would still be in the grip of the pandemic and schools would still be so dramatically affected... but the end is in sight! Importantly, I could not be more proud of the staff, children and yourselves this year – we've managed to maintain a safe school throughout (touch wood!) and because of no bubbles closing or major staffing disruption, the progress that that children have made is phenomenal. Compared to many other schools, our children are flying! Thank you.

Below is a roundup of a few bits and bobs for the end of term...



Sports Day

You will have heard that from 19th July, all being well, national restrictions will largely be lifted in England. As such, I am pleased to extend the offer to attend our sports day to two adults! We will still expect you to be safe – maintaining your family group and staying in your allocated zones, but we are so pleased to begin to widen our invite! Please arrive from 1.15pm. You will be able to take children home as soon as the sports day is finished, but if you need children to stay for The Nest, it will be open as normal.



Bubbles

Whilst the government suggested that 'bubbles' would no longer be a legal requirement from 19th July, it has suggested that schools may want to continue these until the end of term, where schools break up after this date. As children would still be required to self-isolate until 16th August, keeping contacts minimal through keeping bubbles till the end of term will reduce the risk of a test and trace directive for children, families and staff... none of us want to be self-isolating for the beginning of the holidays! From September, as it stands, there will be no bubbles and a more 'normal' school. We are already planning look around events, class assemblies and stay and play events... a long time coming, but so exciting!

Thorp Perrow

A big thank you to everyone who has paid for the Thorp Perrow trip! And just a gentle reminder to those of you who haven't yet, to please do so by Friday 16th July, through SIMs pay. The trip is £8. If you need any support with SIMs pay, please contact Miss Ferguson.

After School Clubs

After school clubs for all year groups (Music and Sports for Reception and Sports and ICT for Year 1) will not be running for the last two weeks of term, due to staff making parents calls and attending additional class handover meetings. Thank you for supporting these this year!



Pupil Books and Reports

Year 1 parents, today you will receive your child's reception books for you to keep. These are so lovely and showcase what a great year your children had last year. On Friday, all parents will also receive this year's books alongside your child's report – but these books are required to come back to school on Monday 12th. This is because we will need to quarantine these for a couple of days before children use them again for the remainder of the term. Thank you!

Parental Questionnaire

Next week you will receive a questionnaire via email. Please take some time to complete it to let us know how the year has gone for your child and family, so we can continue taking Cambrai from strength to strength together.

New Team Members

I am delighted to share that we have appointed several new brilliant staff to join the team as our school grows. We can't wait to welcome them in to the Cambrai family. These are:

- Mrs Needham – a Teaching Assistant to work primarily in Reception with Mrs Guest and Mrs Watson
- Mrs Binks – lunchtime Play Team Member (to make lunchtimes even more fun!)
- Mrs Williams – Catering Assistant to work with Mrs Lambert
- Mrs Cannings – our new Year 2 Teacher



Last week, our current children got to meet their new teachers. We did this by inviting Mrs Cannings and Mr Marshall to meet their children outdoors and with activities that did not require them to compromise social distancing rules. I know that the children appreciated this – and so did the teachers! Sadly, our new Reception children have not been able to visit school yet, but across our Trust and nationally, school bubbles are closing daily, with more and more children having to self-isolate. This week, there are 600,000 children at home self-isolating nationally. We do not want to increase the risk for staff and children of having to self-isolate by bringing in to school an additional 30 children and accompanying parents, when current government guidance advises against this. I know that in September, we can more than make up for this inconvenience this side of summer, that you all understand the position that schools are currently in and the guidance that we must follow. Roll on September 2021!

Suncream

Please pop some suncream on to your children before school each morning if it is going to be warm. We never mind helping to top up if needed, but children must come to school with cream on in the first instance as we assume that they have had cream applied.



Upcoming Dates

9 th July	Pupil books home for the weekend
12 th July	Return pupil books please
12 th July	Year 1 / Reception Parent's Evening calls
13 th July	Year 1 / Reception Parent's Evening calls
20 th July	Water fun day @ 9:30am – Sports Day @ 1:30pm (parents can arrive from 1:15pm) (Please come to school in clothes that you don't mind getting wet – and bring a PE kit for sports day... black shorts, white t-shirt and trainers)
21 st July	Thorp Perrow trip!
22 nd July	Visit from the fire brigade
23 rd July	Schools out for summer ☺
6 th Sept	PD Day (Including new reception children visiting)
7 th Sept	Children return for the best year ever!

All that is left to say is that I hope that you all have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer. I will always feel humbled to be the Headteacher of Cambrai and am already excited about our plans for September – but I, like the rest of the team, also can't wait for a rest!

Take good care.

Best regards,

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