

Dear families,

I hope that you are well and gearing up for the October Half Term! The children have had such a brilliant first half to the term, we're especially proud of our Reception children who have settled into life at Cambrai brilliantly. We will be back at school on Monday 6th November 2023.



Halloween Lunch!

On Friday 27th October the children will be having a special 'spooky' themed meal, a copy of this has been emailed to you all. Reception class are also having a Stay and Play Halloween session from 9am – 10am, as in previous years they can come to school dressed in their Halloween clothes if they wish to. The rest of the school **must** still come to school dressed in their uniforms on this day

Children in Need!

Date for your diary – this year's Children in Need is on Friday 17th November and this will be a non-uniform day in school. More information will follow.

Poppy Appeal!

From Monday 6th November we will have available poppies, zip pulls, reflectors and silicon wristbands for £1 each. They will be available to buy from the main office.



Wet Weather!

Please, please ensure your child comes to school every day with a waterproof coat that you don't mind them getting muddy. They should all now have wellies in school too, we go outside whatever the weather!



The Nest!

Thank you for your patience whilst we get used to a new system for booking and paying for The Nest. *If you are paying for The Nest through Tax Free Childcare please allow up to 10 working days for the payment to clear and for us to update your balance.*

We are thrilled to see so many of you making use of The Nest and the children loving their new, bigger space! I just wanted to ask that you please try and get children into The Nest before 8:30 on a morning as this is the time that we stop serving breakfast and the children start getting ready for their school day. Of course, in an emergency we will always make sure your children get fed!

You'll also notice that we are now asking parents to wait outside at collection time whilst we get the children ready for home. This is purely for safeguarding purposes as the room is bigger, we have more children and we want to make sure that all children are safe inside at all times.

We have slightly tweaked the evening menu for The Nest from 6th November:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pizza Bagels Selection of desserts/ fruit/yoghurt	Spaghetti Hoops on toast Selection of desserts/ fruit/yoghurt	Cheese & Crackers Selection of desserts/ fruit/yoghurt	Ham, Cheese, Tuna, Sandwich Selection of desserts/ fruit/yoghurt	Hot Dogs Selection of desserts/ fruit/yoghurt

School Meal Update:

Some of you will have heard that we are moving to an online system for menu choices very soon, this system is called School Grid and after Half Term you will receive information on how to sign up

for this and exact details on how the system will work. This will replace our old system of circling choices on paper menus and give you the flexibility to choose menu choices online with your child. We are aiming to launch this on Monday November 20th – watch this space!

Harvest!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated food to go to the Storehouse at the Influence Church in Richmond. We are so grateful and know they will be too.

Thank you also to our wonderful Year Ones who performed a class assembly all about being thankful at harvest time! They spoke with such confidence expression and clarity, it really made us all smile.



Trips and Visitors

Wow! Haven't the children been busy with exciting learning opportunities outside of the classroom. We've had a Stone Age Workshop, Great Fire of London Workshop, an animals visit, trip to Stump Cross Caverns, trip to Binchester Roman Fort, a theatre show at Hipswell, sporting events and a trip to Richmond Castle on Friday. We've used all of the fundraising from Sports Day equitably between the classes to contribute towards reducing costs for you.

Staff at Stump Cross Caverns and Binchester Roman Fort said our children's behaviour was 'impeccable' and we agree, the Cambrai virtues shone through! Well done!



Parents Evening

You should now have received your time slots for Parents Evening on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November. We're really looking forward to seeing you there!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for joining us for our reading event and MacMillan Coffee Morning. We appreciated all of your baking – what a great community of bakers we have. We raised £330.00 for MacMillan Cancer Research.

Cambrai Christmas Fair!

Preparations are well underway for our school Christmas Fair on Friday 15th December from 2pm. We are still looking for local businesses who may be interested in having a stall. We are asking for a donation of £20 per stall and a donation of a prize for our raffle. All money raised at the fair will contribute towards the cost of school visits and trips, to keep costs down as much as possible for you at home.



Torch Light Treasure Hunt!

Join us on Wednesday 15th November 2023 for our annual Torchlight Treasure Hunt. Search around the school site with your family and torches to find the clues to solve the riddle! Don't forget wellies and torches. Hot chocolate and fire pit snacks included for everyone! Arrive 4:30pm to complete the trail by 5:30pm.

Children in The Nest that aren't collected by 5pm will have the opportunity to join the hunt outside with staff!

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