

Dear families,

As you will know, it has been a very sad start to the term for us all at Cambrai. Thank you all so much for the messages of support and help. Every one has been very much appreciated. It has also been so heart-warming to see the Just Giving page for Joshua's family really capture the hearts of our community too. In time, we will work with the children and Joshua's family to decide upon a fitting tribute for him in school. We already have some ideas and we'll share these when the time is right.

Over this difficult time we have been working closely with our Trust and many local agencies who have offered support to our children. 'Just B' have given expert emotional wellbeing and bereavement support to our Cambrai family. They work with children, young people and adults, their support service is suitable for anybody, any age experiencing any type of bereavement. On Wednesday 13th September Just B will be in school all day, supporting children and staff as they come to terms with Joshua's passing. **From 2pm** on Wednesday we would like to offer a 'drop in' service for parents, carers and family members to meet with the team from Just B. It might be that you are looking for advice on how to support your children at home through this difficult time, or that you feel you would benefit from just a chat yourselves. The doors are open and the kettle on so please do come in if you feel this would benefit you. <https://justb.org.uk/>

Autumn Term Diary!

Attached to this Newsletter you will receive our Autumn Term diary dates, we've tried to be extremely organised and have all of the dates planned for you right up until Christmas so that you can be equally as organised at home. IF you have any questions regarding any of the events please speak with your child's class teacher.

Reading Books

Reading at Cambrai is always our priority – so thank you all for ensuring your children are reading at home regularly. Over the summer we've spent some time developing the reading areas in your children's classrooms, we can't wait for you to see them on our MacMillan Coffee Morning. Look out for the library books that are brought home on a Friday by Reception, Year 1 and 2, these are books for you to share together. If you have any questions about reading, please speak with your child's class teacher.



Spelling Update (Y2 – Y4)

You will have noticed that your children brought home a 'new style' spelling book last night. The sheet that is stuck into the book contains information about the spelling rule that the children have been taught that day in school. Spelling is such an important part of the curriculum that we have increased our spelling lessons, so children are taught every day.

You will see that the words the children are focusing on that week are written on the sheet stuck on, please practise these using the activities provided by your child's teacher. They will be tested on a Friday in the same book.

Wet Weather!

And just like that the glorious sunshine has disappeared! Please, please ensure your child comes to school every day with a waterproof coat. They should all now have wellies in school too, we go outside whatever the weather!



Punctuality



A reminder that our school gates open at 8:45 every morning and classroom doors close at 9am prompt. From this moment learning starts so it's really important that your child is in school on time every day. If your child enters through the main office they are given a 'late' mark on the register, these marks can impact your child's overall school attendance.

CAMBRAI PE DAYS

RECEPTION **WEDNESDAY (BUT NOT JUST YET, MRS GUEST WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN)**

YEAR 1 **MONDAY & FRIDAY**

YEAR 2 **MONDAY & THURSDAY**

YEAR 3 **TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

YEAR 4 **WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

School Sports Update

Last year we were awarded a 'Silver Award' for our commitment to Sport and PE at school. This year we are going for gold! And that means we are committed to offering 30 active minutes to all children every day. Mr Marshall has organised lots of new in school events, including sports clubs in the MUGA every playtime and a Castle Team sports tournament every half term. It's really important therefore that on PE days children are dressed appropriately for PE, in their PE uniform. The boys' and girls' football teams will very soon start competing against other Garrison schools, we will be in touch with more information as soon as we have it.

The Nest!

For those of you who use The Nest regularly, you will have noticed that we had some major work done over the summer to increase the capacity of The Nest. We've also increased staff hours in there too so that we are able to take more children on both a morning or a night. We know lots of you rely on the regular, affordable childcare and so we have done everything we can to keep improving it for you without increasing our costs. We've listened to the pupil's voice and bought new toys, equipment and activities for the children to do whilst they are in there and also have developed a new menu. We'd love to hear your feedback on the changes! Please can we ask though, that you continue to book with at least 24 hours' notice, it just means that we can ensure the catering numbers are always accurate.

NO SMOKING OR VAPING

Can we just put out a polite reminder to everyone that the school site is a NO smoking site. This includes the car park. Unfortunately we are finding cigarette ends around the parking area and have seen parents smoking. This also includes vaping on site.



Jungle Gym and Climbing Equipment

It is really important that children do not access this equipment before or after the school day, even when supervised by you as parents and carers. We've noticed some children sneaking onto the equipment when being dropped off or collected from The Nest and we must ask that they don't continue to do this. Thanks for your support with this - we just want to keep them safe.

The first ever Cambrai Christmas Fair!

Believe it or not, school start thinking about Christmas before Summer even ends! This year we will be having a school Christmas Fair on Friday 15th December from 2pm. In these early stages of planning we are 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.



Mr. M. Dent
Executive Headteacher

Miss. L. Robinson
Head of School

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2023/24

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

September

Date / Time	Classes Involved	Activity	Notes
	Year 2 & Year 3 Postponed	Bread Sale	The children in Year 2 and Year 3 will be baking bread to sell at the end of the school day (3:15) to raise funds for their upcoming school visits.
21/09	Year 4	Wherever Home Theatre Visit	The children in Y4 will walk to Hipswell Primary School for a Theatre Performance and workshop – Wherever Home. They will walk there and back.
27/09	Year 3	Stone Age Workshop Day	The children will take part in a workshop in school about The Stone Age. The cost of this has been covered by recent fundraising.
27/09	Year 2	Fire of London Workshop Day	The children will take part in a workshop in school about The Great Fire of London. The cost of this has been covered by recent fundraising.
29/09 9:00 – 10:00	Whole School	MacMillian Coffee Morning - Family Reading	Families are welcome to join us for a reading event in school to raise money for Macmillan.

October

Date / Time	Classes Involved	Activity	Notes
03/10 3:30PM	Reception Parents	Phonics Meeting	If you can attend, please join us to hear all about how we teach your child to read. Crèche available
04/10 3:30pm	Year 4 Parents	Times Tables Meeting	If you can attend, please join us to hear about how we teach times tables in Year 4 and how you can help at home to prepare your child for the government Multiplication Check that takes place at the end of Year 4 (their first ever proper 'exam').
11/10	Year 4	School Trip to Binchester Roman Fort	Details and payment info to follow very soon!
13/10	Y3	Visit to Stump Cross Caverns	Details and payment info to follow very soon!
20/10	All	Photo Day	School Photo Day - Younger siblings are welcome to join in from 9am.
23/10 9.30am	Y1	Harvest Festival	Y1 parents are welcome to join us for our Y1 harvest celebration in the school hall
27/10	Reception	Halloween Stay and Play	Reception parents are welcome to join us for a morning of spooky fun! Details to follow.
Date TBC	Y2	Richmond Castle	



November

Date / Time	Classes Involved	Activity	Notes
Tues 7/11 and Thurs 9/11	All	Parent's Evenings	Appointments to follow – an option a parents evening to chat about how your child has settled in and to review any SEND Support plans. (Face to Face or telephone)
Fri 10/11	All	STEM Day	All classes will be involved in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities with a local company
15/11 4.30pm	All	Torch Light Treasure Hunt	Join us for our annual family torchlight treasure hunt in the school grounds! Wellies and torches at the ready!
16/11 9.30am	Y2	Y2 Class Assembly	Y2 parents are welcome to join us for our Y2 work celebration in the school hall
Date TBC	Y1	Y1 Visit to the Church	As part of RE lessons, Y1 will visit the Garrison Church
15/11	All	Children In Need	Celebration and fund raising info to follow
29/11	Y1	Visit to Beamish	The children will visit Beamish as part of their learning about toys from the past. Further details including payment information to follow.

December

Date / Time	Classes Involved	Activity	Notes
13/12	Y2	Community Singing	Y2 children will be singing in a local residential home for the elderly
14/12	Reception (and some Y1-4)	The Nativity	Join us for our beautiful nativity! Reception parents and parents of Y1-Y4 readers are invited. Times TBC
15/12	All	Christmas Fair	Join us from 2pm – 4pm for a Christmas Fair in the school hall! More information to follow.
Date TBC	Reception	Community Singing	Reception children will be singing in a local residential home for the elderly
18/12 9:30	Year 3 & Year 4	Year 3 and Year Carol Concert	Join us for a Carol Concert in the school hall at 9:30.
18/12	Reception	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
19/12	Year 1/Year 2	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
20/12 Afternoon	All	Whole School Trip to the Georgian Theatre – pantomime	All children will join us in our annual trip to the pantomime in the most beautiful and history theatre! Details and payment info to follow.
21/12 PM	Year 3/Year 4	Christmas Party	Come to school dressed to impress!
22/12	All	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day!	All children are invited to join in Christmas lunch – even if usually have packed lunch. Children can bring in small toys and wear their Christmas jumpers! (Donations to charity for Xmas jumper day)
22/12	All	Break Up For Christmas	See you all on Tuesday 9 th January 2024!

We look forward to spending the year ahead with you!

Miss. L.Robinson
Head of School
 Cambrai Primary School

