

18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Dear families,

And just like that, we are nearing the end of another school year! There's such a lovely feeling around school this week as we celebrate all of the amazing things your children have achieved this year. Things have been extremely busy, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff we have at our school who have ensured that every single event, visit, trip, performance, assembly and overnight stay has been a huge success! A huge welcome to the families who have just joined us, or are joining in September. We have enjoyed getting to know you all over the last few weeks!



### Staff News!

We are really excited about our team of staff growing, it was great to have Miss Humphrey with us for two full days during transition. The new Year 4s had so much fun! We have also appointed a Teaching Assistant to join our team. Miss Lee will be supporting in Reception from September, we are so excited to work with her. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Slater and Mrs Gillan to our cleaning team. We have also this week appointed a new friendly face for the office in September! This person will help Mrs Monaher with the running of the office and will likely be the person that will answer the phone most of the time too. We will introduce her to you in September!

### Collection from School Policy

I've attached to this letter a digital copy of our Collection from School Policy. We have clarified the position on older children collecting their younger siblings from school, this is outlined in the policy but summarised below.

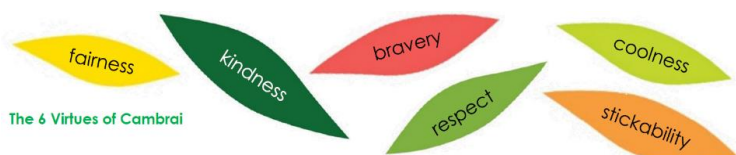
**No child is allowed to leave school unless it is with a responsible adult. School defines a responsible adult as being a person over the age of 16. If parents/carers have no other option than for a teenage child to collect their younger sibling then they must write a disclaimer to the school, this should be handed to Mrs Monaher to be placed on file.**



### Attendance & Punctuality

I've been really impressed with your commitment, as families, to getting your children to school on time and every day. I know lots of you have worked hard to improve your child's school attendance. **Well done to Mr Marshall's class, who have the best attendance for this school year!**

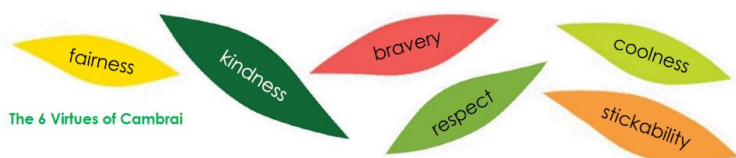
If your child is unwell, please ring and inform the office before 9am. Ideally, this should be done on each day of your child's absence. If we haven't received any contact from parents/carers we will then phone you to find out why your child isn't in school. If we still don't hear from you it is likely that we will carry out a home visit, just to check everything is okay. This is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping your child safe. **Our school day starts at 8:45 when the gates open.**



## Pupil Voice Conference

Last week, we held a Pupil Voice conference in school. This was a special afternoon just for the children to share their thoughts on what we do well at our school and what could be even better. We gave the children 5 areas of school life to think about and they gave us some amazing feedback on how we could make our school even better than it already is. Their feedback is below for you to read:

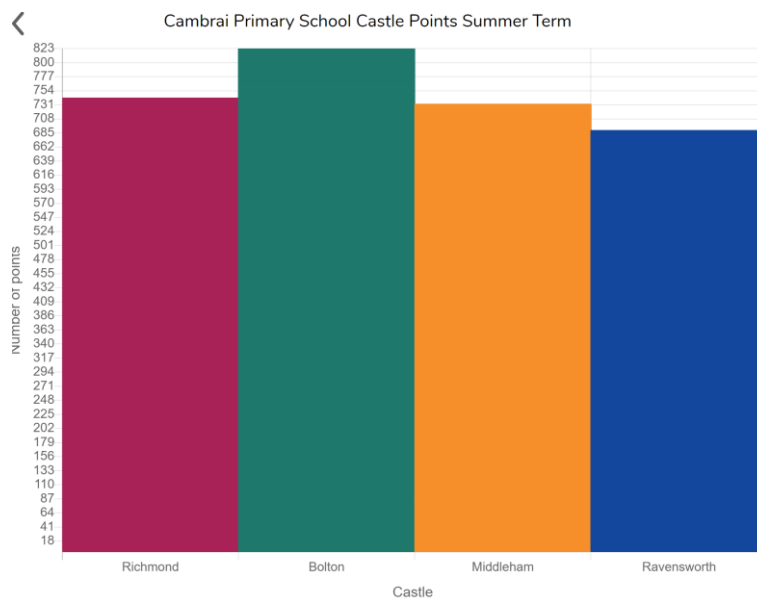
What you told us	What we will do
Have somewhere in school that tells visitors what the virtues mean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The children are creating a 'Virtues Book' that will be displayed at the entrance to school for visitors to read.</li> </ul>
Make our mums and dads know the virtues too	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miss Robinson has added the virtues to the school letter head so they see them every time they get a letter from us.</li> <li>Miss Robinson already talks about our virtues on school newsletters</li> </ul>
Take the jackets from the Buddy Bench – we are all buddies at this school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are so proud that this is how you think – we love that you all see yourselves as buddies. We will remove the buddy jackets</li> </ul>
Corridor Monitor Lanyards need to be better – we are all different sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miss Robinson will order new lanyards for September</li> </ul>
Cambrai Way should include no rude words, no pulling faces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In September Miss Robinson will remind all of the children about the Cambrai Way. We show coolness when no-one is looking and this includes saying rude words and pulling faces</li> </ul>
Teachers could be a little bit more strict with the warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On September PD Days we will remind teachers about when they should give warnings</li> </ul>
Lunchtime – in the hall can be noisy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be less children in the hall from September so less time queuing and waiting for food</li> <li>The children will all have a reminder about behaviour in the hall</li> </ul>
Some children want to play fight outside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miss Robinson has ordered more equipment for outside, including lots of new loose parts so that children don't feel like they have to play fight to have fun</li> </ul>
Some children are silly in the toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All children will be re-taught the expectations around behaviour in toilets. If children don't do the right thing they will get warnings.</li> <li>The Cambrai Way says we show coolness when no-one is watching.</li> </ul>
More outside learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will remind teachers that it is amazing for them to take your learning outside regularly!</li> </ul>
<b>Maths:</b> Laptops for maths lessons Homework Harder work! Counters out for all year groups TT Rockstars Club again	We have reviewed our approach to Maths, especially for children who like to be stretched and challenged. This will be shared with the teachers during the September PD days and through subsequent staff meetings.
A computing/coding club	Watch this space! Coming soon...
A computer room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We'd love this too, but we just don't have the space to make it happen.</li> <li>From KS2 all children have their own device to work on in lessons.</li> </ul>
Cambrai in the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have given us SO many great ideas about how we can help our community. Mrs Cannings will share these with Pupil Parliament and make sure that we organise lots of events.</li> <li>We will have a Community Help Club where children can:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter pick outside school</li> <li>Plant flowers in the school grounds and entrance</li> <li>Make cards and gifts for the elderly</li> <li>A bake sale for the Community</li> <li>Fundraising events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## The Cambrai Curriculum for Behaviour

The behaviour of children at our school is something we are extremely proud of, children are consciously aware of their behaviour at all times and are really trying their hardest to follow The Cambrai Way. When I was writing my comments on your children's reports it was a real pleasure to recognise the brilliant behaviour that we see every day.

We are proud to announce that this term's Castle Point winners were Bolton Castle! They celebrated their efforts with a bouncy castle reward afternoon.



## Service Family Support

Mrs Young remains our Service Family's Champion and is already thinking ahead to next academic year. If you haven't met Mrs Young yet and would like to, please pop your head into Year 1 where you will find her for now! (Year 2 in September)

If you know that your family situation is due to change over the coming months, please do let us know so that we are best able to support children in school. Mrs Young runs a drop-in club every week for Service Pupils whose parents are away, they get up to all sorts of beautiful and exciting things!

## Term Dates

By now you should have all received a copy of the Term Dates for next academic year, they are up to date on the website so please do take some time to get them in your diaries! [Cambrai School Dates 2023 - 2024](#) **Children return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

So from everyone at Cambrai, we hope you have an enjoyable summer break and we will see you in September with 30 new smiling Reception faces to join Team Cambrai.

Kind regards,

**Miss. L Robinson**  
**Head of School, Cambrai Primary School**

