

## Dear families,

Welcome to the May edition of Cambrai's 'Team Talk' newsletter! I also extend my welcome to our new families, who will be joining us in September as our family grows with our next reception class... welcome to Team Cambrai!

This newsletter is a quick round up of a few pieces of information which we would like to share. Please remember, all of our back catalogue of letters are shared on our school website, in the newsletter page of the 'For parents' section.

### Welcome Mrs Cannings!

I am so pleased to be able to let you all know, that from September, Mrs Cannings will be our new team member and Year 2 teacher! Mrs Cannings is an experienced teacher and is currently a teacher at an outstanding school in Durham – which is also the regional English Hub! We are delighted to appoint such a high calibre teacher but most of all, such a friendly, positive person! The children met her today in assembly, via video!

### Staffing for 2021/22

	Teacher	TAs
Reception	Mrs Guest	Mrs Watson*
Year 1	Mr Marshall	Mrs Maguire
Year 2	Mrs Cannings	Mrs Simpson

\*We are also about to advertise or an additional member of staff to primarily work in Reception, as well as additional lunchtime staff. It is so exciting to see our school grow before our eyes!



### 'Moving Up' Days

We are hoping (restrictions allowing) that we will be able to use 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July as our days when Reception and Year 1 spend the days with their new teachers, and we begin our Reception transition days. If restrictions do not allow, we will reviewed and re-plan... like the rest of the year!

### Building Works

You may have noticed that part of the car park is now fenced off in to a compound. This is because work is starting to permanently fence in the car park and woodland area... finally! This work is undertaken by the Department for Education – not us – which is why it is taking so long! Once the fencing is complete, we are hoping that the car park and playground will be resurfaced and then our site is complete! Please keep your children away from the work areas, once construction work begins.



### Courses for Parents

North Yorkshire County Council are promoting a selection of FREE courses for parents. These are all online and have been chosen to support parents with the most tricky aspects of parenthood!

- [Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby](#)
- [Understanding your baby](#)
- [Understanding your child](#)
- [Understanding your child with additional needs](#)
- [Understanding your teenager's brain](#)
- [Understanding your brain \(for teenagers only!\)](#)
- [Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby: for women couples](#)
- [Understanding your child's feelings \(a taster course\)](#)

The courses, which are free to anyone living in North Yorkshire, are delivered in modules. These can be worked through at your own pace and can be accessed on laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc by logging on to [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) and entering the access code NYFAMILIES

### Reading

As always, please keep reading, reading, reading with your children. It is VITAL that they read their phonics books at home – otherwise they simply will not keep up with the rest of the class. **Re-reading the same book several times is key to successful reading.** Each time they read it, they should be building less words and becoming more fluent. It is a key reading approach that is so important to early readers. And please don't sign the reading diary if you haven't read with them... they tell us! ☺



### E-Safety

Remember – your children are never too young to worry about their safety online. We teach children about being safe online at school, but for advice, support and tips for keeping your children safe online, I recommend <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> as they have a specific age 4-7 guidance section which is particularly useful.

### Facemasks for Parents

The guidance for facemasks at Primary School remains unchanged. Staff still wear facemasks in communal areas, but not in classrooms (in their own bubble) and will always wear them when meeting parents at the gate to hand over the children. As such, we still encourage you to wear facemasks when on our school site. The government identifies school pick up and drop off times as a time when many people may come together.



### Tree Planting!

This week, all of the children have been involved in planting 100's of trees and bushes across our site! We applied for a delivery from the Woodland Trust and were successful! It was certainly wellie weather and activity! It is great to see the children taking ownership of their site!

### Clubs

Unlike many schools, we were desperate to get our extracurricular offer up and running as soon and safely as possible this term. I am delighted with the uptake of the clubs – and so thankful to the staff who provide them for the children after school. After half term, the clubs will continue, but Year 1's will change focus from after the break. There will be no clubs in the final week of term or during the week of planned parents evenings (see below). The Nest will run until the end of term, but not Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and will run during Parent's Evening week. **We are assuming that reception children already signed up to the sports and music clubs will stay the same, but ask Year 1 children to re-select a club from their new offer, using the attached form!** Next half term will be an ICT Club with Mr Marshall and a Sports and Games Club with Mrs Maguire and Mrs Simpson for Year 1! Exciting times!

Reception	Year 1
Music Club – Mondays until 4pm	ICT Club – Tuesdays until 4pm
Sports Club – Tuesdays until 4pm	Sports and Games Club – Thursdays until 4pm

### Future Dates and Events...

We are as keen as you are to start planning events which involve parents; sports days, open days, parent's evenings, stay and play etc... but until the guidance changes we are not in a position to do so. We are sincerely hoping that 'Step 4' will allow such things but we have had no clarification from government about this and I'm sure you are as aware as we are that the June 21<sup>st</sup> Step 4 target date is not set in stone. As soon as we know, we will spring in to action – because we can't wait to get you all inside to see the magic of Cambrai first hand! The list looks minimal at the moment... but it won't once we have the green light for trips and events!

31/05/21 – 07/06/21	Half Term Holidays (Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June is a teacher training day)
15/06/21	Planetarium In School
24/06/21	Reception Parents 2021/22 Information Session (details in posted pack)
01/07/21 – 02/07/21	Move Up Days – Children spend 2 days in their new class, with their new teachers
23/07/21	Break Up for Summer
07/09/21	School Re-Starts for next year!

Best regards,

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### Appointments in School Time

Wherever possible, we ask you to arrange medical appointments for outside of the school day. We also ask you to share confirmation (card, letter or email) of the appointment with Miss Ferguson, for our absence