



# Cypress Primary News

## Friday 11th September 2020

### A warm welcome back

We have had a great start to the new academic year and would like to take this opportunity to welcome our lovely new children and their families who have started at Cypress Primary over the last week. It has been a pleasure to see everyone return safely, with many children looking much taller and wearing shiny new school shoes. The atmosphere across Cypress Primary School is incredibly positive. Staff and children alike are all excited about the year ahead of us and very happy to have returned to school.

Many thanks to all of our hardworking teaching and premises staff, who have worked so hard over the summer to create fantastic learning environments and make our premises as safe as possible for our children and families.

We would like to welcome Mrs Roberts to Cypress, who will be covering Mrs Sorensen's maternity leave. Mrs Roberts is joining us from Ecclesbourne Primary School and is very excited about meeting all the children, working with the community and continuing the good work at Cypress Lower School. Please take some time to introduce yourself to her and make her feel welcome.



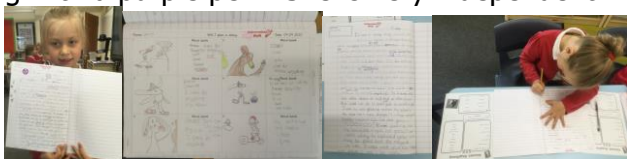
**Jo Sorensen (Head of Lower School) and Nikki Carpenter (Acting Head of Upper School)**

**Welcome to our new families:** It's been another fantastic start to the new school year! A huge welcome to Cypress to our new families on both Lower and Upper sites. It has been wonderful seeing the children in Little Cypress (Rainbows, Gold and Silver nursery) and the reception classes starting at our school. They all look so smart in their uniforms and have settled in to the new routines at Cypress. We hope that you and your children enjoy being part of our brilliant community. Please do not hesitate to ask any staff or other families if you need any advice or support: you are part of the Cypress family now!

**Contact information and medical details:** Please ensure that we hold the correct contact phone numbers for you in the school office. We regularly send text messages which contain important information. If your child has any medical needs, or we hold prescription medicine in school, please ensure this is in date and we have the correct administration details.

### Reconnection Curriculum and Building Learning Power

Our learning this week has focused on the whole Trust Reconnection Curriculum. Children across Cypress Primary School have been exploring how to build our learning power and learning the importance of resilience by being ready, willing and able to lock onto learning and working through difficulties when the going gets tough. Daisy from Turquoise class has shown brilliant resilience to finish her story to a high standard. She planned her story using a story map and edited her writing with a purple pen. She is very independent.



### Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 18th September – 'Jeans for Genes' fundraiser.** Children can wear jeans to school in return for a £1 charitable donation. Children must still wear their school jumpers;
- **Friday 25th September MacMillan Cancer Support** – please donate £1 to be entered into the prize draw to win one of Ms Shadbolt's yummy cakes!
- Further dates for the academic year can be found on our website.

## **Drop-off and collection arrangements**

Many thanks for everyone's support over our new drop-off and collection arrangements to ensure our children and families are as safe as possible on our two school sites. We feel things are working well and we are continually reviewing arrangements, so please keep an eye on any updates we send out. We politely request that all adults wear face coverings when they are on school premises and wherever possible, maintain a 2 metre social distance. Please also avoid congregating on school premises or on Cypress Road.

## **Lower School arrangements**

**Drop-off/morning:** Please follow the one-way system we have in place. We have now opened the field gate so please make use of this space to wait, if needed. Gates open at 8.30am and close promptly at 9am, with classroom doors open to children from 8.45am. Registration takes place at 9am. Children in Year 2 and Green class (Yr1) will be encouraged to walk up the ramp at the top of the playground independently in the mornings, if they are able to, in order to limit the number of people using this path. Staff are available to support this. Children in other classes (Reception, Blue and Indigo) are encouraged to walk independently to their classroom doors, with their parents/carers watching them from a suitable distance. We have a queue system in place outside Little Cypress for children in Nursery.

**Collection/end of day:** Please follow the one-way system we have in place. Gates open at 3pm and will close at 3.30pm and parents/carers are welcome to use the field to wait. Teachers will dismiss children from 3.15pm however will start looking out for parent/carers from 3.10pm. For safeguarding reasons, teachers have to dismiss children from their classrooms. This means that the narrow ramp leading up to the Year 2 classrooms is particularly congested at the end of the day. Please leave adequate time to navigate our school site and if you feel you need to hold back until pathways are clearer then that is fine. It is impossible for teachers to dismiss their entire class at 3.15pm, so therefore school gates are open until 3.30pm. We appreciate everyone's support and patience in managing the end of day collection.

## **Upper School arrangements**

**Drop-off/morning:** The gates and the school doors at the Upper school open at 8:45. Please avoid coming before this time, as this will lead to congestion on Cypress Road and will make social distancing difficult. For health and safety purposes, we ask that children arrive and go straight into the school; we also ask that children do not play on any of the outdoor equipment. Please say goodbye to your child at the gate. You may come onto the playground to remain socially distant from others, but please do not approach the school. The school doors shut and registration takes place at 9:00am. Please note the office is closed to visitors.

**Collection/end of day:** The school gates open at 3:10pm. Teachers will begin to dismiss classes at 3:15pm. Please go to your child's collection area. You may come onto the playground and walk around to the garden area (Year 4 only) at collection time. The gates will close at 3:35pm.

**Please use the email address [cypadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org](mailto:cypadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org) or phone 020 8653 2618 should you need to speak to the school office.**