



Cypress Primary News

12th March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome Back! We are so pleased to see everyone back in school again. There is such a positive buzz around the school and the children have settled back into school life really well. The staff are really proud of the resilience and commitment to learning the children have shown over the period of remote learning. The children have continued to learn and make progress and have produced some wonderful work.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and staff who have worked tirelessly to support the children during this time.

Mrs Carpenter & Mrs Roberts (Heads of School)

This week's news stories



Site Update

If you have visited the Upper Site, you will notice there are some changes underway. The steps from the year 3 classrooms to the top playground are now complete and work has begun on a ramp and steps which will eventually form the entrance to the new school office.

At the Lower site our landscape gardeners were busy outside at Cypress Lower continuing the work to make our woodland more accessible and useable for outdoor education. Our woodland has lots of potential to be a place where, despite being city dwellers, our children can learn a lot more about the natural world and how to look after it. To this end we have: replaced the old pond including a pond dipping area, identified a bluebell wood, added a new plantings to encourage more insects and birds and improved the drainage. There will now be a quiet period of peace and quiet to allow the plants in the new area to establish and wildlife to find the pond. We hope the children will be able to make their first visits later in the summer.

Keeping us all safe in school

In order to keep all members of our school community safe, we are now working in class bubbles. We have also reduced the amount of furniture in the classrooms to provide more space for the adults and children to maintain an appropriate distance. At the Lower school the lunch time rota has been changed so that class bubbles can be maintained. Green, Blue, Ruby and Violet classes are eating in their classrooms until we review the situation at Easter; the children are loving this novelty and our caterers are doing an excellent job at adapting the service so that we can all stay safe. We have also drawn on the children's excellent IT skills and use GoogleMeets for cross class group interventions using the chrome books! We are so impressed with the children's independence in this area of their learning!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 19th March:
Red Nose Day. Wear something red or dress as a superhero
9:05 Hazel Class Assembly

Friday 26th March:
9:05 Willow Class Assembly

Thursday 1st April:
Last Day of Spring Term
Yr 2 Tudor banquet

Monday 19th April:
First day of Summer Term

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th April: Remote Parents' Evening. More details to follow.



More on reverse side

Don't miss this

Keeping everyone safe

Dropping off and collecting your child

In order to keep everyone in the Cypress community safe, we request that:

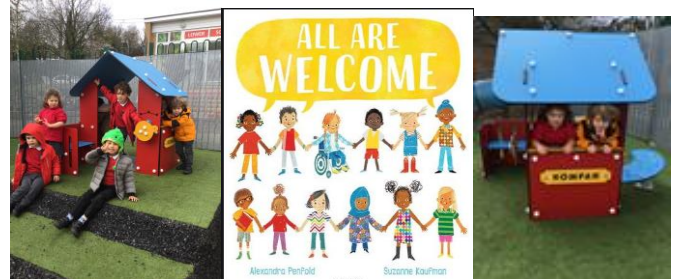
- Only one adult accompanies or collects your child;
- All adults wear a face covering;
- Areas close to the gates are kept clear so that children can safely enter and exit the school;
- Adults remain socially distanced when collecting or dropping off your child;
- Adults leave the premises straight away and do not socialise on the playground or outside the school gates.

Thank you for playing your part in keeping us all safe.

Ethel's 100th Birthday

We received an email from Lakeside Nursing Home, to say that one of their residents will turn 100 on 26th March. They have asked if any children would wish to send her a birthday card. If your child would like to send a birthday card please bring it into school so that Ethel's receives it on her big day.

CYP Lower learning and focusing on 'All are Welcome'



This week the children at Cypress Lower have focused on re-establishing routines and celebrating their friendships, playing and socialising together! Teachers have built in extra time for purposeful use of our outdoor spaces, and there has been additional PSHE and lots of collaborative learning opportunities.

Our Reception classes have focused their first week's learning around the preparation of a 'Back Together' party, which took place today in their classrooms. They used the book "All Are Welcome" which we also shared in our assemblies. This book covers all the unique qualities and skills each child brings with them to school and the different learning experiences they have in their time at school.

School Uniform and PE Kit reminders:

Whilst we understand that lockdown has made purchasing school uniform more difficult, can we please stress the importance of correct uniform and PE kit for all children. This includes appropriate hairstyles and colour, no trainers and no jewellery. Thank you for your support.

Cypress Superstars:

Congratulations to the children in Cedar class who, following their Book Week workshop with Joshua Seigal have had some of their poetry published on his website



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