



Cumberland Infant School and Little Cumberland News

***Our Vision** - To be a safe, happy and nurturing environment, inspiring our children to develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment of life and learning through our school's ethos and learning values.*

***Our Ethos** - Together We Care Inspire Succeed*

Message from Mrs Herbert



As I write this I am wondering how this year has gone so quickly, I can not believe our Year 2 children have less than a term left at Cumberland and our Year R children are in their final term of their first year!

At the beginning of this term, I know many families were apprehensively waiting for Junior and Infant school places. The Year 2 children seem very happy with their school places and I look forward to welcoming our new Year R families to our Cumberland community. Transition will start this term between teaching staff and parents and transition for children will begin throughout June and July.

Last half term, Year R were inspired to learn to ride a bike with their week of Bikeability. The school and Pre-School enjoyed immersing themselves in books all day in their PJs on World Book Day. Some Year 2 children had the amazing opportunity to sing on stage at the Guildhall during Infant Voices. All children had a Hampshire Cricket Day and a whole school visit to St Margaret's Church to reinforce their R.E learning about Easter.

Geography and English were at the heart of the learning last term, with Year 1 exploring Portsmouth the Great Waterfront City, with a local walk and minibus tours of the city. Year 2 enjoyed thinking about the villains in Traditional Tales which included writing character descriptions, creating clay masks, writing their own traditional tales and experiencing a traditional tale workshop. Year R loved their Off We Go Project especially travelling on the Gosport Ferry, their home learning completely Wowed me.

That leads us into this term, the children have been hooked into their science lead projects, Year R are connecting with nature with their Glorious Garden project, I hope the mystery seed growing is going well at home! I am sure they will love Tuppenny Barn when they visit this half term. I look forward to the Garden Show outcome too. Year 1 are looking at trees, leaves and animals in their Woodland Wonders Project and are looking forward to their visit to Seeley Copse on Thursday. Year 2 are absorbed with their learning about animals around the world in their Zany Zookeeper project. They have been enjoying pond dipping this week in our garden and I have been Wowed by their writing especially Ajus and Max. They are looking forward to their Marwell visit in a few weeks.

Dates For This Half Term



April

02.05.24 - Year 1 Seeley Copse

06.05.24 - Bank Holiday - school closed

14.05.24 - Class Photographs

15.05.24 - Nurse Clinics

17.05.24 - Author Visit - Mike Henson

17.05.24 - Year R - project outcome

22.05.24 - Year 1 project outcome

24.05.24 - Break The Rules Day and last day of term

24.05.24 - 2.45pm - Book Look for Year 1 and 2

Half term - 27.05.24 - 31.05.24

Return to school - 03.06.24

05.06.24 - Year 2 Marwell Zoo

17.06.24 - Year R Tuppeny Barn

21.06.24 - Year 2 Cluster Sports event for twenty children

05.07.24 - Reports home to parents

06.07.24 - Summer Fayre

11.07.24 - Summer Disco

15.07.24 - 19.07.24 Sports week

17.07.24 - Sports Day – 1.45pm

22.07.24 - Year 2 Leaver's Assembly

23.07.24 - Year 2 picnic for Year 2 children and their families – 1.00pm

Year R and Year 1 goodbye parties

Pre-School end of year party

24.07.24 - INSET Day (School is Closed)

Our Website and Facebook Page



As previously mentioned, Cumberland has an open Facebook page which we use to put reminders and information, so please do look at it. This information will also be on the home page of our website. This will replace the constant reminders we send out as a school. It will be imperative that you check either Facebook or our website to keep up to date about events and reminders regularly. There is normally a daily message.

Supporting and knowing all about your children's learning



We are constantly adding and changing our website. Under Curriculum you will find a wealth of information and photographs of what your children will be learning, succeeding and how they will be inspired throughout their time at Cumberland in all subjects.

We have recently added under Curriculum - English - Reading there is a new video all about supporting your child to read and the importance it plays in your child's education at Cumberland and beyond. Also under Curriculum - English at the bottom there are videos to assist you in supporting your child in forming their letters correctly.

Please do support your children to read daily, either from their banded decodable book or on Bugs Club. If your child/children are in Year 1 or Year 2 they have a new login card for Bugs Club which came home last week. We look forward to welcoming Year R parents on Tuesday 14th May at 2.30pm. We apologise that the Year 2 Bugs Club relaunch had to be cancelled but for nearly a week we have surviving on a back up internet line which is struggling to cope! Year 2 parents if you would like support with Bugs Club do ask.

Staffing



Unfortunately for Cumberland, our longest standing member of staff, Mrs Meade has decided to retire and will be leaving us on Friday 24th May. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the Cumberland community to thank her for her dedication and amazing support she has given so many children over her twenty two years. She will be greatly missed but she will still be volunteering after half term a few afternoons with the Unicorns.

Our new Logo

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We currently have three designs that the children have created which we have shortlisted and are currently in their first draft stage. You will receive a Microsoft Form to complete this week with your child so all of the Cumberland Community have a voice in deciding on our new logo. I have to thank the parent who has been fantastic in assisting with the development of the designs from the children's drawings. It is very exciting and I have to say all the designs have been very special and wowed us!

Our Governors



This term our Governors will be monitoring STEM at Cumberland so they will be looking at Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths throughout the school and Pre-School.

Attendance



We are working together with Portsmouth City Council and the whole Cumberland Community to assist all children to attend school.

A good education is vital for children and young people and regular attendance at school is a key factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. If your child develops a habit of regular school attendance, they'll have a positive attitude at school and beyond.

School is the best place for children and young people to enjoy developing independence, building friendships and learning with their friends. All Portsmouth schools are committed to enabling all children

to develop the best versions of themselves as individuals, achieving the very best they can and learning how to develop the personal relationships and interests which will enable them to live rewarding lives.

As a parent or carer you have a hugely important role to play in your child's education. Your support is crucial to make sure they attend school regularly and to give them the positive encouragement they need.

Your child's school will be keen to help you support your child in their learning. We strongly encourage you to ask questions and make sure you have the information you need from the school to help you do this as well as you can. Find out more <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/schools/school-attendance/>

Please do email me via bherbert@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk if you have any concerns about your child/children's attendance.



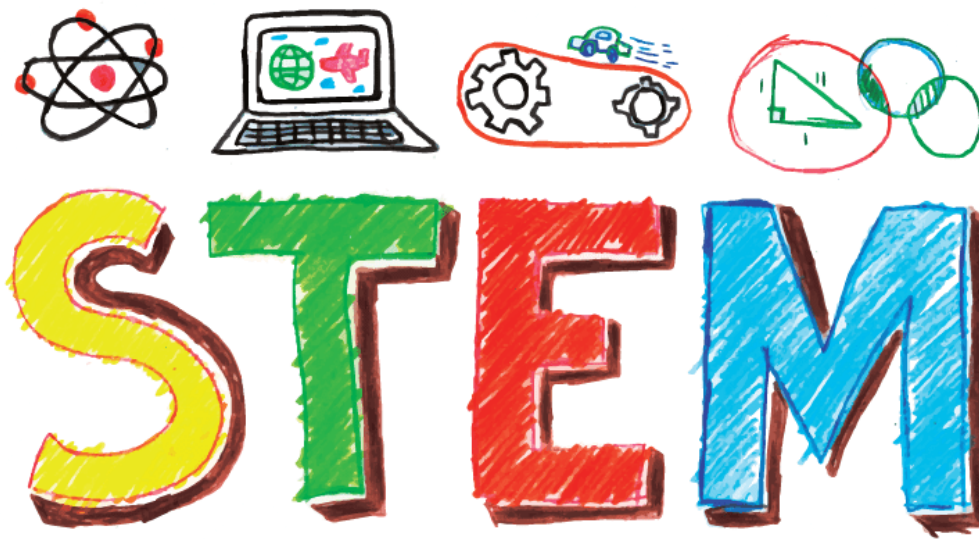
At school,
my child will
access new
and exciting
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At school I can
have fun with
my friends

[portsmouth.gov.uk/attendance](https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/attendance)

At school,
my child will
be active
and socialise
with others

STEM Room parental support



A big Shout out to George (Jackalopes) and Janik's (Phoenix) mothers who have regularly supported children throughout the school engage in a variety of STEM games.

I would like to reach out to any parents who could spare thirty to forty five minutes from 2.15pm to 2.45/3pm to support children to explore our STEM room/garden. This could be on a regular or ad hoc basis. Please email bherbert@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Cluster Athletics event



Last Friday, we welcomed twenty Year 1 children from Brambles, Southsea Infants, Devonshire Infants and Wimborne Primary to join with twenty Year 1 children from the Jackalopes and Unicorns to take part in an athletics event at Cumberland. The focus was for the children to try everything, persevere and have fun at running, throwing and jumping. I think the high jump, hurdles and agility ladders were some of the favourites. I know during their rest and snack breaks the other schools and Cumberland enjoyed playing on the trim trail and dunking a few balls into our basketball hoops.

Year 2 children who hold a responsibility in school were amazing at demonstrating and supporting the Year 1 children in each event and the staff from the other schools really complimented all the Year 2 children but a special mention has to go to Erin, Nico and Isla on the Agility Ladders.

I have to thank Miss Van Steen, Miss Noakes, Miss Abraham, Mrs Povey and Mrs Meade for all their support in making the event a huge success. All the Year 1 and 2 children involved will be presented with certificates in our Cumberland Celebration Assembly on Friday. We look forward to hosting a similar event for Year 2 in June.







Summer Fete



Please keep the date Saturday 6th July 2024 free for our annual Summer Fete, which we are hoping will be bigger and better than last year, if that is possible. Miss Van Steen and Mrs Brooks have already been very busy behind the scenes with the initial organising. A Microsoft form will be sent out soon to ask for volunteers and support in the build up to this very special event that brings the Cumberland Community together. At the moment if you can support with raffle prizes in anyway please email zvansteen@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

The money we raise this year will go towards new Smartboards in the classrooms and iPads with very sturdy protective cases for EYFS.

EYFS resources required



EYFS Educational Programmes

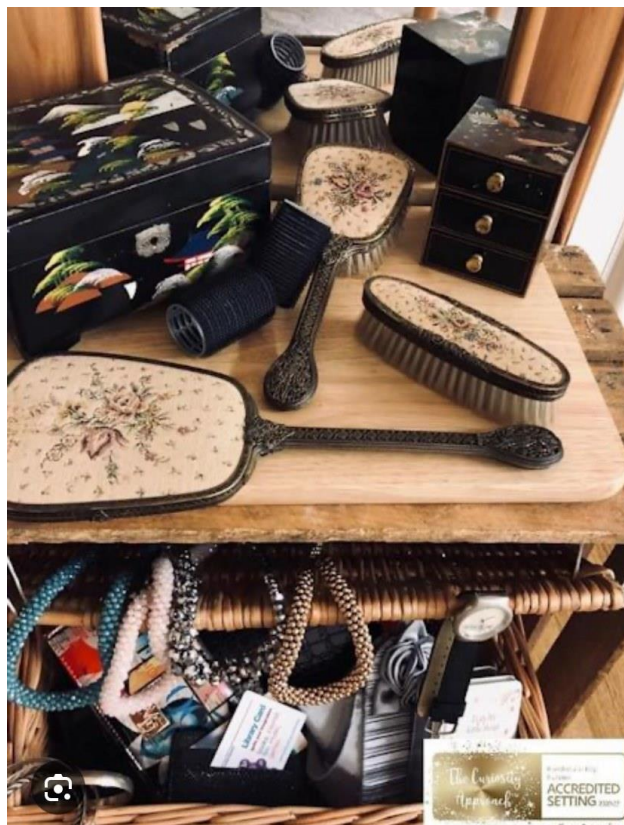
We are currently looking at our Vision for EYFS.

If you have any of the following interesting items that invoke curiosity. Please could you bring them to the office or hand to me when I open the gates in the morning.

- Metal tea sets
- Old clocks
- Unique jewellery boxes

- Wooden or metal serving trays
- Metal, wood or rubber kitchen utensils
- Shells
- Stones
- Wooden household ornaments/artefacts
- Old tech
- Old bicycle wheels
- Pine cones







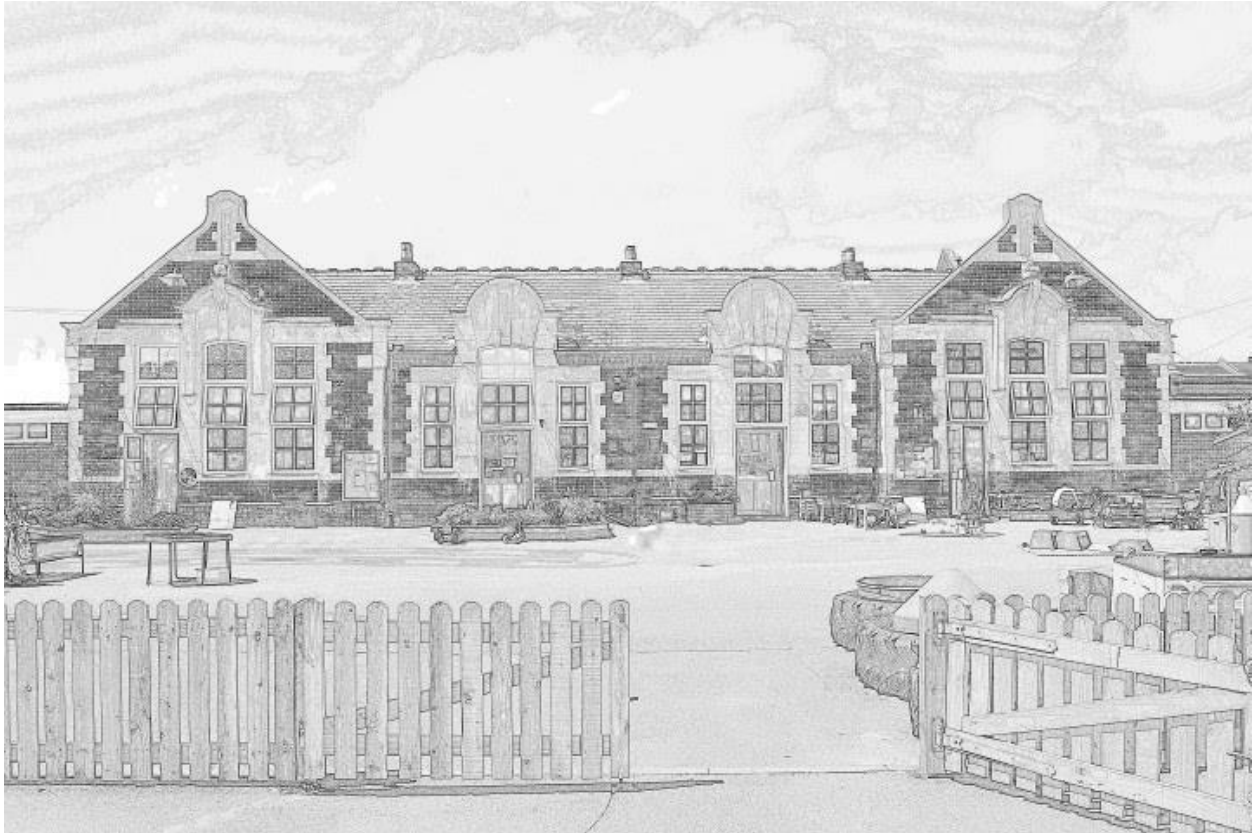
Free items



If any of our families are in need of a washing machine, there is one available free to a good home. Please email me bherbert@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk.

While the sun is shining, our lost property box will be in the playground for you to rummage through. It is overflowing with unnamed jumpers and cardigans. Please do have a look and help yourself to as many as you wish as I will be taking what is left to The Hive in the Central Library.

Contact Us



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School starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm

Total time at school a week - 32 hours and 5 minutes

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