



CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a strange week it has been for all! At school it has been eerily quiet but the Year 2 and our Three Amigos, Luna, Reggie and Terence have enjoyed the space and playing with their new playground equipment. There has been lots of squeals of delight when they have achieved a new challenge with the equipment! Year 2 have been busy tasting and designing their jacket potato fillings so Mr Potato Head can get his features back! The Three Amigos has been working intensely and learning so much about the Great Fire of London.

I have to say a huge thank you to all staff, parents and children for the effort that has gone into helping all the children to learn this week at school and at home. Every evening, I have been logging into Tapestry to be completely 'Wowed' by the Teacher's recorded lessons and the response of the children. I have smiled, laughed and at times been close to tears by the overwhelming sense of pride of being the Headteacher of this amazing Cumberland community.

Year R photograph in the Evening News

On Friday 27th November the Evening News will have a photograph of Cheerios and Rice Krispies looking super smart in their uniform taken outside in our school grounds. A lovely memento of their first term at school.

Flu Nasal Spray

Just a reminder that all children will have the opportunity to have the flu nasal spray vaccination on Friday 11th December 2020. The nurses who administer the nasal spray are so good with the children and make them feel very relaxed.

COVID-19 Update

After having two positive cases in the school last week and YR and Y1 staff and children having to self-isolate and transmission rate of infection increasing in Portsmouth, the children will be in class bubbles. Year 2 have been working in class bubbles since Monday 16th November. Year R will return to class bubbles on Tuesday 24th November and Year 1 will return to class bubbles on Thursday 26th November. I feel this will further reduce the risk of infection to all children and staff.

Please can I remind all Year R and Year 1 parents to continue to follow the Government self-isolating guidance below until Tuesday or Thursday when they return to school.

Government Self-Isolating Guidance

Don't

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

Christmas School Lunch

We will be having our Christmas Lunch in classrooms this year so the children remain in their bubbles. This will take place on Wednesday 16th December 2020. The children can wear a Christmas hat or head wear to get in the Christmas spirit. If your child does not want a hot Christmas lunch maybe you could provide a Christmas themed packed lunch!

After School Club

We are trying our utmost to keep Breakfast and After School open. This week we have been running both clubs but After School Club pick up is now 5pm. We have decided that we can still run After School Club and provide tea but pick up will be 5pm until we break up for Christmas on Friday 18th December. I hope this does not cause too much inconvenience.

We look forward to all the children returning to school next week and having the normal buzz of noise and enjoyment back in Cumberland Infant School.

Thank you for your continued support and as always I am here to help just email head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

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