



# CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I really cannot believe that on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July the children will be breaking up for the summer. Sports week so far has been a great success and there has certainly been lots of smiley, energetic children. The weather has been very kind to us! I know the Rice Krispies had a great time on their visit to Tuppenny Barn, especially their coach journey! On Friday, we will end sports week in the morning with each year group having a sports day just for children and staff. In the afternoon, the My Dog Sighs project will start- don't forget to send in a 'found item' for your child to use on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July in a named bag.

## **Lifting of the restrictions**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July with the final restrictions being lifted, it will be your choice to wear masks at pick up and drop off, just like it will be the staff's choice if they wear masks in the shared area of school. As the children are in for only three days, we will keep the staggered drop off and pick up times for the rest of the term. I will let you know about September in another newsletter early next week.

## **Transition for all**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July Year Two children going to Craneswater Junior School in September will be meeting their new teacher, class and spending time in their classroom. We will be taking them to Craneswater Junior for 9.30am and picking them up at 11.30.

During Wednesday morning, all YR and Y1 children will spend time with their new class and teachers but in their new classrooms.

## **Year Two countdown to leaving Cumberland Infants**

Year Two leaving Cumberland is always the sad part of the end of the summer term. I know the children and staff have been working very hard to put together a recorded Leavers Assembly which I know I am really looking forward to watching on the screen. You will have an opportunity to watch their Leavers Assembly in the comfort of your own home.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, just Year Two children should bring some of their own clothes in a named bag to change into at end of the day. Year Two will stay at school until

5pm. They will be having a leaver's party which will involve a scavenger hunt outside, a quiz about Cumberland and there maybe time for a little dancing. Please fill out the Google form if you haven't already with what your child would like to eat.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, we are having a special Year Two picnic on the field. We are inviting **one** parent to come and spend time with their Year Two child, their Year Two friends and other Year Two parents. Please arrive from 1.45pm and we will let you in through the black gates on Methuen Road. The children will be escorted to the field by the staff. Please bring picnic blankets, chairs and a picnic to share at this goodbye picnic. There will be an opportunity to visit the ice-cream van on the school site during the afternoon. The children will be able to sign each other's school tops so a Sharpie may also be useful. When you are ready to leave, you may take any siblings with you that are in Year 1 or Year R.

### **Year One and Year R on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Your child/children will be having a class party in the afternoon to say goodbye to their class and the staff. Please remember to send your child in with some money as they will have an opportunity to buy an ice cream or a lolly from the ice-cream van visiting in the afternoon.

### **Break the Rules Day**

Just a reminder on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July all children and staff can break the rules and arrive at school with tattoos, coloured hair, their own clothes etc. Remember every rule you break you have to pay 50p so the more rules you break the more money we raise. If Mrs Herbert wears her own clothes -50p, colours her hair-50p and wears nail vanish-50p she has to bring £1.50 into school for breaking three rules!

### **Returning Cumberland reading books and equipment.**

Please can you search your houses, especially your child's bedroom for any reading books and return them by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. It doesn't matter how many you find at home, we would just like them returned. Similarly, if you have any whiteboards , pens, paints or any other equipment that you borrowed from Cumberland during Lockdown to help with remote learning can this also be returned.

### **Bring a bag to School**

Please ensure on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July your child brings a large strong bag into school so they can take home all their books and belongings.

### **Lost Property**

We have numerous red jumpers and cardigans which are unnamed and in our lost property box. These will be out on a table from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July for you to reclaim.

**Help to make our garden into a learning space.**

If you are a keen gardener and have a few hours or a free day to help make our garden into a mini wooded area, mud kitchen and wildlife sanctuary, please email on [head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk).

**Little Cumberland Preschool**

We have been busy recruiting for the nursery and we are pleased to announce we have recruited Mr Christopher Topps as our lead practitioner who will be leading the nursery in partnership with the school. We are pleased to be keeping the current nursery staff on and we wish, Jeanette Davies all the best for the future and her new endeavours.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Becky Herbert and the Cumberland Team**