



CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL and Little Cumberland Preschool

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed catching up with family and friends. For some it may have felt rather long and for others, like myself it has gone so quickly! Yesterday, we held a Stay and Play Coffee morning for Little Cumberland Preschool which allowed the children to explore and discover the garden, outside and inside areas. There were lots of mud pies! The teachers have been very busy preparing the classrooms and planning the topics for the start of term.

During the summer, we had the national Citizenship service, a team of about fourteen 16-17 year olds and their leaders. They worked together to transform the quiet area into a sensory area and painted some fences too. We hope the children will enjoy relaxing in this space.

Risk assessment and Website

I will be adding our updated Covid-19 risk assessment for the beginning of term onto our website by the end of this week. In line with Government guidance, you no longer have to wear face masks when entering the school grounds. We are regularly adding to our website so please look at it frequently.

Morning drop off at 8.50am

On Thursday 2nd September, please enter the playground through the black gates on Methuen Road, I will be there to welcome the children back. These gates will be open from 8.40am and your child/children remain your responsibility until the bell goes at 8.50am. At 8.50 I will ring the bell and your child will line up with their class by one of the Learning Value signs on the back fence and staff from each class will come out to collect the children.

Chameleon independence sign – Miss Palmer and the Puffer Fish

Owl thinking sign – Mrs Wheeler/Miss Fletcher and the Sharks

Ant collaboration sign- Miss Newman and the Stingrays

Peacock Wow sign- Mrs Dilger and the Dolphins

Spider perseverance sign- Mrs Allen and the Orcas

Elephant imagination sign- Miss Reckless and the Sea Otters

Afternoon pick up at 3.15pm

The black gates on Methuen Road will be open at 3.05pm. Please could you queue at the Learning Value sign your child lined up at during morning drop off. There will be a cone opposite the sign for you to start the line. I will be there to answer any questions or to give guidance on where to go. At 3.15pm each class and staff members will come out to the first wooden fence, closest to the school. We will allow one child from each class to come through the wooden fence to greet you. Please leave the grounds as soon as you have your child/children to keep all children safe and allow After School club to play outside as soon as possible.

Lunchtimes and Assemblies

From Thursday 2nd September, the children will be eating their lunches back in the hall instead of in their classrooms. Assemblies will commence from Monday 6th September in the hall and no longer be virtually on the smartboards.

The new menu starts on Week 1.

Breakfast and After School Club

Both clubs start on Thursday 2nd September and will be based back in the library and year groups will be all in together. Breakfast Club starts from 7.30am and **any children arriving after 8am will not be able to have breakfast** so all staff and children can go outside to play.

After School Club finishes at 5.45 and if you are more than 5 minutes late or regular 5 minutes late there will be a £10 late fine. If your child is staying for tea please to not arrive before 5pm so they have time to finish their tea before you arrive. **There are spaces in both so for more information please contact** lhanns@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Football Club

Football Club will run after school every Thursday starting on 9th September from 3.15 – 4.15pm. To book your child's place please contact 023 9272 8899 or www.pompeyitc.org.uk. Over the next few weeks, I will update you of some other after school clubs we will be running during this half term.

Early Morning Drop Off

Cumberland will be providing an early morning 8.30am drop off which will be £1 a day, this is particularly for parents who have children at Junior School to avoid the children being late at either school. The children will be overseen by a member of the Breakfast Club in the hall where they will watch programmes on the big screen until the 8.50am start to the day.

Naming uniform

Every year, we have lots of lost property. Please name all your children's clothing, including their P.E kit, vest and socks and especially their jumper or cardigan. If your child's clothes are named they will get returned to them.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and your child/children back to Cumberland.

The Cumberland Team