



CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL

and Little Cumberland Preschool

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Dear Parents and carers

What a wonderful start to the new term! It has been a real pleasure to see so many smiling faces. The children have picked up the new, bubble-free playtime and lunchtime routines so quickly. The children are so independent and are using their thinking skills throughout the day.

The children are having their break times on the trim trail, playground and field. They have been really enjoying playing with each other and the footballs and hoops this week. Some children have ventured into our revamped quiet/sensory outside area to explore using their senses. All our new YR children are having playtime just as a year group but lunch with the whole school which has worked really well.

The new YR children have amazed us with how happily they have started at Cumberland and already seem so settled. They are very keen to be learning in our outdoor classroom and have joined Little Cumberland Preschool in exploring the garden, maths shed, mark making shed and physical development, construction and den building areas.

On Thursday, Y1 were very active learning circus skills in preparation for their new topic. There are photographs on the website under Y1 already! I saw a lot of spinning plates and perseverance throughout the circus skills workshop.

Y2 have started their Guess Who topic and were busy working out which staff member eyes, ears and nose they were presented with. They worked out it was my eyes, when I walked into the classroom! On Friday, I saw several Y2 children with Wow writing all about themselves.

Football Club

A huge apology, in my letter last week I stated that Football Club will be on a Thursday, but this is not the case. Football Club will be happening after school on Wednesday and starts this week, Wednesday 8th September. It is being run by Pompey in the community and is available to Y1 and Y2 girls and boys. It will be held outside unless it is pouring with rain.

Please make sure your child attends with shin pads, trainers and sports kit appropriate for the weather.

The football club It is currently sold out but if you would like your child to go on the waiting list please go to www.pompeyitc.co.uk or call 023 92728899.

All this information is on our website under School Life – Clubs – Football Club.

After October half term, we are hoping to run a football club for YR too.

COVID -19

As the Government guidance changes, so does Cumberland's Covid risk assessment which is on our website under the Covid-19 tab-risk assessments. Now, if an adult is double vaccinated or a child who is under 18, which is all of the Cumberland Infant School and Little Cumberland Preschool staff and children, they do not need to self-isolate if they are a contact or live with anybody with Covid.

If they develop any of the three Covid symptoms;

A persistent cough

A loss of taste and smell

A high temperature

They need to get a PCR test (not a lateral Flow) and self-isolate until they have received the results. If the results are negative they can return to school even as a close contact or when living somebody with Covid-19.

If they have no symptoms but they are living with family members who have tested positive, please lateral flow test your child regularly.

Breakfast and After School Club

As the children are no longer in bubbles, pick up from After School Club will be back to the main entrance. Drop off at Breakfast Club remains at the main entrance like it has been previously.

Naming Uniform

Unfortunately, in the first few days of term we have already found cardigans and jumpers without names. **Please name your child/children's uniform if you do not want them to lose it!**

Changing Weather

Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed for the weather. This week the temperatures are due to soar so please send a hat in for your child to wear and apply suntan lotion before your child arrives at school. We will not be applying suntan lotion. By the end of the week, it could be raining so please send your child with a waterproof coat as we often go outside even if it is raining.

Parent and child view

This year part of my School Improvement Plan is Child, Staff and Parent Empowerment and a large element of this is the Cumberland Community having more of a voice.

I would like your view on our new drop off and pick up routines. Please email your thoughts to head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

As always please do not hesitate to contact me about anything on the above email.

Mrs Herbert and the Cumberland team