



CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL & Little Cumberland Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we start our fourth week of the Autumn Term, Year R have started their 'All Creatures Great & Small' project, Year 1 have started their 'Wanted' project and Year 2 begin their 'Animals Around the World' project.

Year R on Monday morning had the delight to groom, stroke and get very close to a wide range of farm animals, including pigs, goats, donkeys, ducks, geese, rabbits and sheep. Little Cumberland Pre-School squeezed in a quick visit to see, name and stroke the animals too!

Year 1 on Monday were hooked into their new project with some chairs, porridge and three bears surrounded by some crime scene tape! Year 2 have already started to think about the animal they want to study before actually seeing it during their visit to Marwell Zoo.

In our Assemblies and Relationship and Health Education learning the children have been thinking about being thankful in preparation for our Harvest Assembly and contributing to St Margaret's Church food bank - a letter will follow with more detail.

The whole school have been thinking about how special and unique they are and recapping what our Learning Values are and what they mean. This week the children will be thinking about their emotions.

Covid-19

Just a reminder, if your child has a temperature, a persistent cough or have no sense of taste or smell they have to get a PCR test and remain off school until they receive the result. The rest of the family do not have to self-isolate even when one member of the family has a positive PCR result.

Over the past few weeks, Cumberland have experienced numerous children having a sickness bug. We are asking the children to wash their hands and hand sanitise frequently and attendance this week was very much improved.

Attendance

We are encouraging all parents to sign up to Study Bugs to report your child/children's illness and absence. It is a very easy and convenient way to report your child's absence. Last year, we had superb end of year attendance of 97% which we hope to achieve again this year. Each week the class with the best weekly attendance will be awarded the FA Cup (Fantastic Attendance Cup) in our Friday Celebration Assembly which the winning class keep the cup in their classroom for the following week.

Year 2 parents – Craneswater Junior School Open Morning

On Wednesday 17th November 2021 between 9.15am -10.30am, parents are welcome to visit Craneswater Junior School. At 9.15am Mr Jones the Headteacher, will welcome you with an introduction. At 9.30am there will be a tour of the school and at 10.15am an opportunity to have coffee and ask questions. There is no need to book.

Emails to teaching staff

Please feel free to approach the staff at drop off and pick up if you have any questions you want to ask. If this is not possible you can email the teachers on the emails below.

Pufferfish- mpalmer@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Sharks-cwheeler@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk
cfletcher@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Stingrays- jnewman@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Dolphins- cdilger@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Sea Otters- creckless@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Orcas- aallen@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

The teachers will not pick up these emails until the end of the school day so if you need to get a message to your child's teacher during the day please email-

admin@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk or lhanns@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk and they will get a message to your child and the class teacher.

If you send the class teachers an email after 5pm on a Friday they will not reply to that email until Monday.

Over the weekend or school holidays if you have an urgent email that you need a quick reply please send it to me on head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Website

Important events will now be added to the calendar on the website which is Cumberland Infant School's home page. The term dates and INSET days have been on the website since the end of the summer term.

Please continue to check the website regularly as we are regularly adding photographs, updating policies and adding newsletters.

Important Dates

Year 2 Marwell Zoo - Tuesday 12th October

School Disco - Thursday 21st October 3.15pm-4.45pm

INSET Day – Friday 22nd October

Author visit – Tuesday 23rd November

Little Cumberland Pre-School

We are wondering if any families have any unwanted hard books, dollies, dolly equipment or accessories, wooden toys, wooden food or tea sets or wooden cars or trunks that you would like to donate to our Pre-School. If you do, please bring them to the main entrance.

Volunteers

Over the next few weeks we are hoping to start a Cumberland Parent Association which is mainly run by parents to help organise fundraising events. The money raised we hope to use to redevelop and move our library into a place children are keen to read and share books. If you would like to be involved in supporting Cumberland Infant School and Little Cumberland Pre-School in becoming a part of the Parent Association please email Mrs Amy Allen on aallen@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes

Becky Herbert and the Cumberland Team