



CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL & Little Cumberland Pre-School

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Dear parents/carers

As I return to school after having Covid for the second time, I certainly missed the children visiting me for Wow stickers, the children's collaboration during their break times and seeing all the wonderful learning that happens on a daily basis! I know the Cumberland team have been working so hard and I can not thank them enough!

Parent meetings

I have been informed that face to face parent meetings have been a huge success. I am sure you enjoyed coming into school and seeing your child's learning and classroom. I have been keeping in touch through Tapestry where I have seen some Wow moments at home and school. I really liked Violet reading to her Grandma at home, Indio and his band performing on the stage in Discovery time and all the writing the children are engaged in at school and home. I have been completely wowed by the home learning from Y1 and their nature scavenger hunts and the Y2 with their imaginative Iron Giant models.

Crowdfunder Wilding Project

Just a reminder of the next Wilding Club meeting during the Easter Holidays. It will be taking place on Sunday 24th April from 10am -12pm. The aim for this day is to continue developing the school grounds and below are some of the tasks we aim to carry out:

- Top up soil in raised beds
- Planting in the raised beds
- Putting up bird/bat boxes
- Building the pond cover
- Building fence planters for outside Year R and Year 1
- Erect reed screening along the pond garden and quiet area
- Build the archway over the access into the quiet area
- plus MORE!

If you're keen to help out with the Wilding Club, then feel free to drop an email to cumberlandwildingclub@hotmail.com if you want to join the mailing list where we'll be sharing more details in the run up!

Website

I know that lots of parents have been looking at the curriculum on our website which we continue to update. In the last week, we have included on the About Us drop down a Safeguarding and Wilding Project tab and these are both under development. Any ideas you may have for our Website please do send any suggestions to head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk . It would be great to get your view.

E-Safety

It has been brought to our attention that children are watching things on technology, especially YouTube and TikTok and playing games which are beyond their years. We would like to create an e-safety leaflet for the whole Cumberland Community. We wondered if any parents would like to be part of a working group to develop this with our Computing Leader Kat Hedges. If you are interested please email Khedges@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk who will respond as soon as she can.

Easter Sporting opportunities

We have been contacted by two local sports communities to promote their Easter sporting opportunities. Both have played an active role over the years with our sports week which is the last full week of the summer term.

The first is the Easter Academy at Portsmouth Cricket Club which is running from Monday 4th April until Thursday 21st April from 9am - 4pm at St Helens Ground, Easten Parade, Southsea. The link below takes you to their booking page.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PS85WJL>

The second is Tennis camps during the Easter Holidays at Southsea Tennis Club which are as follows: Week 1 - Monday 11th April - Thursday 14th April

Week 2 - Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22nd April from 9am-12pm.

To book go to the following website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SouthseaTennisClub>

P.E Curriculum

Yesterday, the children from Year R to Year Two enjoyed a Cricket taster day from The Chance to Shine programme run by Hampshire cricket. From Monday 6th June, Y1 and Y2 every Monday for six weeks will be having The Chance to Shine cricket coaching in their P.E lesson once a week.

Dates

Unfortunately the author Steve Anthony can not make **Tuesday 5th April 2022** so he will be visiting school on **Friday 29th April 2022**.

Wednesday 6th April , Caterlink are providing an Easter Menu and all the children and staff can wear some Easter headwear. I have my bunny ears out ready!

Friday 8th April we will be walking to St Margaret's church to sing some Easter songs between 9.45am - 10.15am. If you can help walk with the children, please email head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk

Monday 9th May is the deadline for the Maths Bingo Challenge, well done to everybody who has already completed it and had or are waiting for their prize.

Last day of term Friday 8th April 2022 and a Easter egg hunt per class and in Pre-School

Sunday 24th April Wilding Club 10am - 12am

Return to school Monday 25th April 2022

Covid -19 update

We are awaiting an update on Covid-19 guidance with Lateral Flow Test not being free from Friday 1st April. I will send out an update as soon as we have been informed.

Volunteering

I know several parents enquired at parent meetings this week if they can come in to help. We will welcome any parents offering to volunteer during the school day as soon as Covid allows. We will ask for you to have a current DBS for volunteers.

Thank you for your continued support which is greatly appreciated.