



Newsletter Autumn term 2023

20th September

WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are very pleased to welcome you all back to a new school year. We hope you had a most enjoyable summer.

We would especially like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and families that have joined us this term. We are sure you will soon feel part of our school community and enjoy your time here at Cropwell Bishop Primary School.

As always it is great to see the children keen and ready to start work. It was lovely to see lots of smiling faces on the first day (*and of course pristine uniform and lots of shiny shoes!*).

Many exciting things have already been planned as part of the curriculum for your child's year group which you will see in your child's class newsletter. Other

exciting whole school events have also been planned, including can you believe it, Christmas things! You have already been sent the whole school dates in an email, and they can also be found on the website.

We will of course send more details of the events as information becomes available.

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Nicholson who will be teaching Y6, it is great to have him on the team. A warm welcome back also to Mrs Bird who has returned after maternity leave. We also welcome Miss Barling and Miss Samuels, our new Teaching Assistants.

New Arrivals

I'm sure you will be aware by now that we have new arrivals in school in the form of two new school guinea pigs – 'Pip' and 'Pom Pom'. They are settling in well and the children have been doing a great job of looking after them.

School Values

This term, in classes and assemblies, we will be reaffirming our school values of **Pride, Perseverance, Kindness and Respect**. Not only thinking about what each of these words mean but how we can demonstrate these qualities in all we do. Firstly, we want our children to take **pride** in all they do, from how they move around school, present themselves, take pride in their work as well as their many curricular endeavors. It would be wonderful if you could ask your

children about these values and praise them if you catch them demonstrating one of them. Of course, we would love to hear from you if you do! There will be special certificates for children who demonstrate any of the values.

Thank You

As always Mr. Alldred (*our wonderful Site Manager*) has worked tirelessly over the summer cleaning, painting and polishing around school ready for the start of the year. School is looking great - a huge thanks to him, from us all, for his efforts.

Our Wonderful PTA! (FOS)

The PTA, Friends of the School (FOS) have already organised several fundraising events for the school this term. Please support FOS events as the school benefits in many ways from their hard work and dedication. They are also an integral part of the life and soul of the school helping to develop children's learning and understanding of the world. So, if you could join them, offer any help or support the events they hold, this would be greatly appreciated. Many of the resources that make our school special have been made possible because of the hard work of the FOS. Please remember they are always looking for new members, so if you feel you have a little time or any skills to offer, please contact school or any of the current members. Thank you.

Stilton Stumble 15th October
Disco's 10th November, 23rd
February & 5th July to name a few!

Important Reminders (*apologies there are a few!*)

Now for a little housekeeping! As always, **please make sure that ALL school uniform and property is clearly named.** There was a huge amount of lost property at the end of last term. **Please do remember that if you buy secondhand uniform from the FOS, this will need renaming.** Sometimes it is very tricky to work out which child is the rightful owner! Thank you.

Whilst thinking about uniform please ensure children have the correct PE kit in school each day. Black/blue shorts, plain white T-shirt or blue school sports top, blue/black joggers and blue jumper for outdoors for inclement weather.

Please also remember that **no jewellery, including earrings,** nail varnish or other make – up can be worn at school by any child. Novelty head bands and hair accessories are also not permitted (including large bows, things with ears etc). Small simple headbands in either school colours or black or brown only please. Thank you for your support with this.

Water bottles – all children should bring a refillable water bottle to school every day. **They must contain water only – no juice.**

Packed lunches- please ensure if your child has a packed lunch, they contain a balanced healthy meal. Children should not bring sweets or chocolate bars.

Please adhere to our **NO NUTS** in school policy! We have children and staff with severe nut allergies!

Please, as always, if bringing children to school by car, park safely and with due consideration to our neighbours!

Finally, please ensure that you do not drive on to the school site at any time without prior permission from Mrs Cook. This includes drop off and collection times for The Lime Trees.

Attendance

I know it's difficult some mornings however, please ensure your child is on time to school it does make a big difference to the start of the day. If they are 10 minutes late, we have been told to put this down as an absence. Please note that we are not able to authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence. We appreciate holidays are a lot cheaper in school time, but we aim for an attendance of 97% and taking a holiday in school time really can have a detrimental effect for your child on their attendance figures and education.

Communication

This newsletter, along with all other letters including class newsletters and dates will all be on our website. We will always try to give as much notice as possible for any upcoming events. However, please could we ask for your understanding where we haven't been able to send communications as far in advance

as we would like - this is often due to circumstances out of our control.

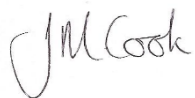
There are many ways you can contact school: by email, letter, phone call, a note to the teacher or a note in the home /school diary or planner.

If you need this newsletter in another format, please contact the school office.

We hope you are as proud of our school as we are! If there is anything you would like to ask us or add to the life of the school, please contact us via the school office – we would love to hear from you.

As ever, if you have any questions, suggestions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.M. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mrs Jenny Cook
(Executive Head teacher)

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.