



Newsletter –11th September

CDW Return to School

A message from your Headteacher...

Dear families,

What a fabulous start to the new school year we have had! The children have settled in remarkably well and have made a super start to the term. It has been wonderful to see so many happy faces around school, with children embracing their learning and school life with enthusiasm. Our new Reception children have had an amazing week! They have loved getting to know their new learning environment, and each other, we thank the staff for settling the children in so well. As one child proudly said to me "I'm here every day now!"

Behaviour across the school has been fantastic, and I have been incredibly impressed by the positive attitudes I see wherever I go. As part of our renewed Behaviour Curriculum, we have been revisiting and reinforcing our expectations to ensure that all children continue to develop the habits that help our school community thrive.

Over the past week, we have been unpicking what it means to demonstrate our Wonderful Walking around school, including moving calmly through corridors, holding doors open for others, smiling when we speak to one another, and remembering the importance of saying "please" and "thank you". These expectations have also been extended into the dining hall, where children have been practising excellent lunchtime routines. Pupils are invited to collect their lunches and lunchboxes when their table is sitting ready, are demonstrating good table manners, tidying up after themselves, and ensuring their tables are left clean and ready for others.

Next week is Aspire Week, an exciting opportunity for children to learn about a wide range of careers and the different pathways that can lead to them. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to come in and speak to the children about their careers and the skills, qualifications and experiences that have helped them reach their chosen profession. If you are able to spare just 10 minutes to talk to a class about your career, we would still love to hear from you. Please contact the school office by email if you can help.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another successful week ahead.

Best wishes,

Jo Baker-Brown

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary!

14.09–18.09.26 – Robin Class
Home Visits

17.09.26 – Y6 Lifeskills Trip

22.09.26 – Individual and
Siblings Photo Day

25.09–30.09.26 – Book Fair
3:15–3:40pm

01.10.26 – Harvest Worship at
9am – Parents Welcome

05.10.26 – Flu Vaccines during
the school day

13.10.26 – Coffee @ CdW at
8:45–9:15am – Topic is Spelling

13.10.26 – Parents Evening at
3:30–6:30pm

15.10.26 – Parents Evening at
3:30–6:30pm

23.10.26 – Break up for **Half
Term**

27.11.26 – PTA Christmas Disco
for children after school. More
information to follow.

03.12.26 – Y1/Y2 Christmas in a
box during the school day

15.12.26 – Rocksteady Concert
@ 2:30pm

16.12.26 – Whole school panto
trip (more details to follow
shortly)

17.12.26 – Carol Service @ Holy
Trinity Church during the
school day

18.12.26 – Break up for
Christmas

Christmas Holidays

BOOK FAIR

We hold two exciting book fairs each year in the school hall at the end of the school day. Children have the opportunity to browse and purchase a fantastic selection of books, as well as a range of stationery items.

Every book purchased helps to raise valuable funds for our school, allowing us to buy even more wonderful books for our children to enjoy. Thank you for supporting our book fairs!



SHED

We're putting out one more plea for a couple of handy volunteers to help us build our new large Keter shed!

This is a two-person job, and despite our previous requests, we haven't quite had enough volunteers come forward yet. We really need to get the shed built and ready for use, so if you have an hour or two to spare and are happy with a screwdriver, we would be incredibly grateful for your help!

You don't need to be a DIY expert — just willing to lend a pair of hands! Every bit of help from our wonderful school community makes a huge difference.

If you can help, please let the school office know. We'd really appreciate it!

FOODBANK



Each year, as part of our Harvest Worship on 1st October, we ask our families to bring in donations for our local foodbank. We are very grateful for the generosity shown by our school community, and we are proud to be able to support people and families in our local area who may be experiencing difficult times.

Donating to our local foodbank is a wonderful way for us to put our school values into action. Foodbanks rely heavily on donations from the public to provide essential food and support to people in need.

Some of the items that our local foodbank is in need of at the moment is;

- Tinned Ham
- Tinned Salmon
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Custard
- Biscuits for Christmas
- Fruit Juice (long life)
- Stuffing
- Chutneys

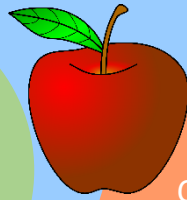
Thank you to all our families for helping us to make a difference in our local community.

FSM ELIGIBILITY

If you still haven't checked to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals, please send your National Insurance number and Date of Birth to the school email address and we can check this for you.

FIDGETS

Please ensure your child is not bringing fidgets from home. If your child's teacher believes they will benefit from a fidget they will be given a school one.



HEALTHY SNACKS

Children in Years 3–6 are asked to bring a healthy snack from home each day.

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, so snacks must not contain nuts.

Children in Reception–Year 2 are provided with school fruit each day.



SCHOOL SHOES

Please ensure that children come to school wearing black polishable, sensible school shoes as part of our school uniform. Crocs and similar footwear are not suitable for school and should not be worn.

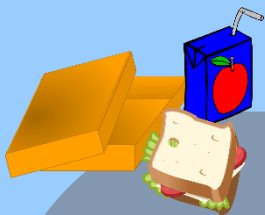
Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our smart school uniform.



COFFEE @ CDW

We will be holding our first Coffee @ CdW on Tuesday 13th October at 8:45am.

Coffee @ CdW gives parents the opportunity to come along, enjoy a drink and have an informal chat with our Head Teacher and a school governor. It's a chance to meet, share ideas and discuss matters that are important to our school community. The topic for discussion will be about Spelling. We hope you can join us!



LUNCHES

Please remember to select your child's lunch choice on Arbor at least 24 hours in advance, even if they are bringing a packed lunch from home.

This is really important as, without a lunch selection, you may be charged for a school meal or your child may have to be given whatever meal is available in the kitchen.

SPORTS COACH

We are delighted to be working with Ignite Sport this year and extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Fowkes, our new sports coach. Mrs Fowkes will be teaching PE to children in Y1–6 on Wednesdays and to Y1–3 on Fridays and will also be leading an after-school sports club on Wednesdays for children in Years 1 to 4. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

OPAL PLAY

We are hoping to begin to expand our playtime offer for all children as part of our new OPAL Play initiative. If you are having a clear out we would be very grateful for donations of any of the following items. Please ensure all donated items are safe, clean and in good, useable condition.

- Small world toys - cars, trains etc.
- Dolls, Barbies with clothes if possible and any accessories like dolls bottles
- Play food and toy tills
- Buckets and spades
- Watering cans
- Trunkis or wheeled suitcases
- Wellies with plenty of wear left in them (especially larger children's sizes)
- Pots, pans, baking trays, ice cube trays, measuring spoons, kitchen tools (spatulas, wooden spoons etc.)
- Old keyboards
- Baskets
- Dress up items and non- themed items e.g old scarfs, hats, handbags, blazers

All donations can be dropped off at the school office ready for sorting. If any parents have any contacts with or work as plumbers, carpet fitters or tree surgeons then we would love to hear from you as we are also looking for large tubing or guttering, large cardboard tubes and logs.

Thank you for your help towards creating exciting play opportunities for our children.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH. CLEEVE
Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September
10am to 4pm
Sunday 13th September
from 12noon to 4pm

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND
INCLUDING
BREAKFAST
LIGHT LUNCHES
AND
AFTERNOON TEA**

All welcome

Safeguarding

At Court de Wyck we are committed to safeguarding – please see our policy on our website: www.courtdewyck.co.uk

Useful online safety links:

<https://net-aware.org.uk>

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>