



CAVERSHAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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With the end of Term 1 upon us, I would like to share with you events that have taken place in school this term and remind you of a few other areas of school life that need attention drawing to.

Harvest Celebration

It was lovely to see so many parents / carers and other family members attending our Harvest Assembly earlier on in the term. A huge thank you to all those of you who donated items that were then passed onto a local charity, Readifoods. They were very grateful to receive these harvest gifts.



Class Visits



Earlier in the term, the children in Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Reading Museum and a walk around Forbury Gardens to support their learning in history. Then only this week, the children in Years 1 and 2 had a fun time visiting Bekonscot Model Village to support their learning about transport in the past. On both of these trips, the children's behaviour was excellent and the accompanying staff reported back that the children had a very enjoyable and informative time.

Sporting Fun

The children in Year 4 recently enjoyed participating in a football tournament with a couple of other Caversham schools. Their sense of fair play and team spirit was exemplary. The children in Year 5 have also enjoyed football coaching from The Performance Sports Group and again, played enthusiastically. In addition, all children in Key Stage 2 have received cricket lessons delivered by a coach from Berkshire Cricket and all children in Years 2 to 6 have received weekly hockey lessons delivered by Kick Off, which culminated in in-class tournaments this week. More sporting fun is planned for Term 2 and here's hoping that rain does not stop play!



R/KS1 Adventure Play Equipment

As you may have seen, we have a new piece of play equipment on our R/KS1 playground that was purchased using funds raised at PSA events. The children are really enjoying it! Thank you to all those of you who have supported PSA fundraising events and to the hardworking PSA parents who give their time to organise and run these events.



PSA Events

Thank you to our PSA ladies for organising the Autumn Discos that have taken place this week. The children really enjoyed themselves. Plans are now in place for their Christmas Market after school on Friday 6th December, for which there is a non-school uniform donation day on Friday 29th November. Again, more details to follow.



Year 5 Class Assembly

Well done to the children in Year 5 for presenting their interesting and entertaining class assembly today. We certainly learnt lots about the Anglo-Saxons. Thank you to Mrs. Davies for all her hard work in organising this assembly.



Mental Health Support

You may have seen that there is now a noticeboard titled, "Healthy Minds" that is on the wall, in the covered area, outside of the Year 6 classroom. Brighter Futures for Reading Mental Health Support Team are offering a range of free workshops and coffee mornings for all Reading parents / carers on various themes as to how parents / carers can be supporting their child's mental health at home. Details as to how you can sign up for these, are on the various posters.

In addition to these, Miss Innes, our ELSA, and Mrs. Newbury, our SENDCo, are running a workshop for our school parents / carers from 8:45–9:30am on Thursday 7th November. The theme of this workshop is "supporting your child in and out of school". There is no need to sign up for this, just join them in "The Nest" the classroom next to Year 3. Tea / coffee and biscuits will be provided!




Parent/Teacher Meetings

These meetings will take place in person on the afternoon and early evening of Monday 18th November. Please can I remind you, however, that the school will be closed to the children on this day. Further information will be sent out after the half term holiday as to how your time slot/s with the teachers can be booked.



School Uniform Reminder

 With the seasons now changing, it is lovely seeing the children coming in with warmer outer wear. Please can I remind you of the need to have all items of clothing, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves, clearly labelled with their name, as this does make for an easier life in school and help to ensure that it remains the property of your child! On this note, there is a large container full of lost property in the school library, that requires claiming!

Also, please can I remind you, that if your child wears boots or wellington boots to school, that they require a pair of school shoes to change into for the school day, as boots are not suitable to be wearing around school during the school day. Trainers are also not part of our school uniform and are to only be worn for PE and other suitable outdoor activities. Thank you.

Please visit our school website to see a copy of our School Uniform Policy and a detailed list of required items, including the correct items of footwear.

Packed Lunches

If, rather than a school dinner, you prefer for your child to have a packed lunch from home, please can I remind you that we encourage healthy packed lunches. We have noticed that some of the children have been bringing in items such as sweets, donuts and chocolate bars, that are more than just a small chocolate coated packed lunch biscuit: items that are not allowed as part of their lunch box in school. Larger packets of crisps and other salty, processed snacks have also been seen as part of a packed lunch: which again, are not healthy options. There is a leaflet available on our school website which provides ideas for a healthy packed lunch. Likewise, the children in KS2 should only be bring fruit or vegetables as snacks for morning break. The children in Duck and Robin Classes receive free fruit and vegetable items as part of a Government funded scheme. Thank you for your support with providing healthy options.




Please can we remind you however, that items containing nuts and sesame, including hummus, are not permitted in school, as we have children in school, with severe allergies to sesame seeds. Also, if you are providing grapes in packed lunches, please can we ask that these are cut in half so as to avoid possible choking incidents.






Illness

With the winter season of bugs and illnesses nearly upon us, please can we remind you to contact the school office on the first day of your child's absence, giving reasons for their absence. Please can we also remind you that in the case of vomiting or upset stomachs, that you keep your child away from school for 48 hours after the last episode, so as to help prevent the bug from spreading to other children and staff.

Children in Need

 With the BBC fundraising event, Children in Need, nearly upon us, I would just like to inform you that as always for this event, we have a pyjama day in school. This year, Children in Need Day is on Friday, 15th November and for a donation to the charity, the children (and adults) can come to school on that day in their pyjamas. I would however, like to remind you, that as with any charity / fundraising events in school, they are entirely optional and the children can come to school in their school uniform on these days. More details to follow prior to the start of the event.

Diary

Monday 4th November	Start of Term 2	
Thursday 7th November	8:45 am—Parent / Carer Workshop—see details in this newsletter	
Monday 11th November	10:45am—Y6 Remembrance Day Assembly for Year 6 Parents / Carers	
Friday 15th November	Children in Need Day	
Monday 18th November	Parent/ Carer / Teacher Meetings—School closed for children	
Friday 29th November	PSA Non-School Uniform Day—in return for donations for the Christmas Market	
Friday 6th December	PSA Christmas Market	
Wednesday 11th December	Reception / Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Play - more details to follow	
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper & School Christmas Dinner Day - more details to follow	
Tuesday 17th December	Year 3 / Year 4 & Year 5 Visit to the Pantomime—more details to follow	
Friday 20th December	9:00 am—Carol Concert 1.30 pm—End of Term 2	
Tuesday 7th January	Start of Term 3	



Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe half term break ahead.
See you on November 4th.
Miss Ray

