

# Primary Matters

News and Information from Primary Phase - Wednesday 24th November 2021

## Vice Principal's Message

At the end of last term, we celebrated Big Health & Happiness Week, which included a very special visit from 'Word Guerilla'. Every class enjoyed the opportunity to create an original piece of poetry about health and wellbeing, in a rapping style. Lots of fun was had by all during this fantastic finish to Term 1; take a look at the BH&HW activity photos on the final page of this newsletter.

Term 2 is well under way and we are in the middle of planning a host of festive activities, not least our wonderful Foundation Stage 'Nativity' performance and, for the very first time, our school show (Year 4 - Year 13) is also focused on the Nativity in the form of 'Nativity! The Musical'. Please see the email sent out on 17/11/2021 for details of how to reserve tickets. You can find **provisional dates** for all our Christmas events in the 'Dates for your Diary' section of this newsletter on page 3; however, further details about each event will be sent to parents by email as soon as they have been finalised.

The children were so excited to receive a surprise visit from Pudsey Bear on Children in Need day. Pudsey made a guest appearance in FS and KS1 classrooms and was the star of KS2 playtime - it was a wonderful sight to see! Thank you to Asda for making this happen.

We are pleased to announce that our school has achieved the HPL 'World Class School Award'. A huge amount of work and planning has gone into attaining this prestigious accreditation. The accreditor, who visited CCS earlier this term, was very impressed by our children's knowledge and understanding of how HPL enables us to become 'better learners', particularly with the way in which some of our youngest children emulated Emily our "Empathetic" superhero in looking after their friends.

If there is anything else you would like to see more of in the 'Primary Matters' newsletter, please do feel free to send an email to [primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk).

*Katharine Ryan*

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*We value Empathy (Respect & Kindness)*  
*Remembrance - Anti-Bullying Week - Children in Need*

## CCS Friends

CCS Friends is the Caroline Chisholm School Friends Association. It exists to provide close links between home and school, bringing staff and parents together to provide social experiences and fund raising to help support the school with equipment to enrich the learning experiences for the students.

All parents and members of the local community are welcome to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time. The committee meets each month, usually on a Monday or Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. Please [click here](#) to view the dates for our planned meetings for 2021-22. If you would like to offer your support, please complete the [Support CCS Friends Form](#) and email to: [friends@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:friends@ccs.northants.sch.uk).

There are also lots of other ways that you can help support CCS Friends. They run the CCS Friends 100 Club which is a fundraising initiative where you could win 1 of 3 cash prizes EVERY month while simultaneously raising money for the school. For more details and to take part, visit the [CCS Friends page](#) on our website and download the application form.

We're registered with both easyfundraising and Amazon Smile. If you sign up, when you shop using these organisations, you will earn money for the school.

If you need to order name labels, you can also earn money for the school by ordering from Stikins and quoting the school fundraising number 35704.



## Uniform

Over the course of the first half term, we had a huge amount of lost items handed into the Primary Office. If we totalled up the value of just the CCS labelled items, it would come to over £500; many of these items are brand new or hardly worn. This doesn't include the lost water bottles, lunch boxes, socks, wellies, hat and gloves, hair accessories and also uniform that doesn't have a CCS logo on. It also doesn't include anything left in classrooms.

When something is handed into the office, the first thing we do is check any labels on the item for a child's name. At least 90% of the lost items that are handed into us **are not labelled**. It is **virtually impossible to reunite an item with the correct child if we cannot tell who it belongs to!**

**Please make sure that ALL items are fully labelled with your child's name. This includes every item of uniform (including shoes, plimsolls and trainers), water bottles, lunch boxes, coat and winter wear. We also recommend you check the name labels at the end of every half term as labels fall off and pen eventually washes off!**



The picture shows all the logoed items left in lost property during the last half term, that are NOT labelled.

## Cold Weather

As the weather starts to turn colder, please can you ensure that you send your children to school in suitable warm clothing. All children should have a warm, waterproof coat, suitable, sturdy, outdoor footwear and a hat and pair of gloves as we head into winter.

As part of our COVID measures, we will continue to keep the classrooms as ventilated as we can. This might mean that, once the weather is colder, your child will need to wear additional layers e.g. a vest, tights, fleece etc. Children can also wear either a CCS navy fleece or a CCS navy hoodie. You are currently able to purchase both the fleece and the hoodie from our uniform supplier. Stock levels for some sizes are very low. It's also worth checking the [CCS Friends Pre-Loved Uniform Sale website](#) for second hand items.

**Please note that CCS fleece and hoodie should only be worn as an extra layer over your child's CCS jumper or cardigan and NOT instead of a school jumper or cardigan.**



## Christmas Cards Are Back!



It's that time of year again; it comes around so quickly! The primary Christmas post box will be available for children to post their Christmas cards into from Monday 29th November. It's very important that the envelope clearly states the recipient's name and class so that we can make sure it gets to the right person.

## Isolation - Home Learning

If your child is off school because they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and they are waiting for the results of a PCR test, or if they have tested positive, we will not set work for the first five days of their illness and isolation. The teachers would much rather that your child is able to rest and recuperate and be fully recovered from the virus, before attempting to do any school work. Once they are feeling a bit better, we can send a list of remote learning websites that you can use for the remainder of the time that your child is at home.

### COVID Testing

If your child has any of the official symptoms of Covid-19 or there has been a positive case within the household, you should book them in for a PCR test and then make sure they isolate until you receive the result back.

If the results confirm a positive case, your child should stay at home and isolate for 10 days or until the date given by Test and Trace.

If the results are negative and your child is not showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19, they may return to school; however, the official guidance from Public Health Northamptonshire now advises that they take a daily LFD test for 10 days to prevent any further transmission.

**A Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test is not suitable to use on anyone who has symptoms or who has been identified as a close contact; a PCR test should always be used in these circumstances.**

Once you have the results of any PCR test taken by your child, please let the Primary Office know by emailing: [primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk).





# Big Health & Happiness Week

Big Health & Happiness Week is always a very successful week and this year's was no different. Once again, the children took part in a range of different activities aimed at promoting wellbeing and happiness, focusing on both physical and mental health.

This week saw Foundation Stage children enjoying a stay and play session with parents; the children were very excited to show their parents around their classrooms. They also enjoyed party games, went on a number hunt around the classroom, as well as taking part in a dance lesson.

Children in Key Stage 1 (Y1/2) had a very busy week. Physical activities included a fun Zumba class, playground games and winding down with some gentle yoga. Other sessions included designing paper aeroplanes, playing I Spy, a welly walk and a Hama bead challenge. They also had the opportunity make their own flapjacks with Miss Coleman - we hope parents enjoyed these too!



Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3/4) enjoyed a selection of ball games with Mr Perry, took part in a challenging scavenger hunt around the nature trail, played netball, as well as had a relaxing yoga session. They also learned about the anatomy of the human body. One of the highlights of the week was taking part in The Cube challenges.

Pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6) had a lovely time making their own pitta bread pizza with Mrs Honeywood. They also took part in a yoga session, completed some maths orienteering, did some mindfulness colouring as well as doing a range of brain-teaser puzzles. A stand out moment for UKS2 was rocking out with Mr Sumner, recording their own version of a pop song!

Children in Key Stage 2 also took part in important sessions focused on Black History Month through the week which involved them researching facts about significant people from black history.

The week finished with a fabulous workshop and performance for each year group from the [Word Guerilla](#)! The Word Guerilla delivered a session of spoken word poetry, utilising beatboxing, live looping and multi-instrumentalism - the children had a blast!



Precision weighing in progress

## Dates for Your Diary

Year 4 Trip Virtual Information Evening  
Christmas Post Box Open  
FS Nativity Play  
Christmas Lunch (Book via ParentPay)  
Nativity! The Musical Performances  
KS1 Christingle Performance  
KS2 Community Christmas Sing Events  
FS Mince Pies and Milkshakes  
KS1 Christingle at St George's Church (children only)  
KS1 Breakfast with Santa  
Christmas Jumper Day  
School Closes

**Weds 24th November**  
**Mon 29th November**  
**Mon 6th / Tues 7th December**  
**Weds 8th December**  
**Weds 8th / Thurs 9th / Fri 10th December**  
**Fri 10th December**  
**Mon 13th - Thurs 16th December**  
**Mon 13th December**  
**Tues 14th December**  
  
**Weds 15th December**  
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