



PRIMARY POST

Dear Parents

This term has been an extremely busy time and not least for our Year 6 students, who have worked incredibly hard towards their statutory end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests last week. We have been very impressed with how Year 6 have risen to the challenge in what is a rigorous and exhausting week for them - thank you for all your support at home. As we move in to our final term, Year 2 children are also focussing on their end of Key Stage 1 statutory assessments and they will be taking part in a DfE pilot test of the new Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Test that the government are planning to bring in for Year 2 children next year - more information to follow next term. Reception children are working hard towards achieving their Foundation Stage Goals and it was good to see so many parents at Mrs Lapworth's class's 'Spotlight Assembly' last Friday when they showcased their learning and great progress over the year, so confidently.

Our new Principal, Mr David James, has begun his visits to the school in preparation for September and the final seven weeks of the school year are set to be another full term of events and activities— please see the diary dates below.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Patterson—Vice Principal

News Flash



Northampton Festival of the Performing Arts



This year, our Primary (Years 5 & 6), Junior (Years 3 & 4) and Songbirds (Years 1 & 2) Choirs were all placed first in their classes in the Northampton Festival of the Performing Arts at Christ Church, Abington, in March. They worked very hard practising and all gave outstanding performances. Thank you for your support. We are very proud of them all!



Our Non-Uniform Day to help the survivors of the recent earthquake in Nepal raised



£465.92. The total raised by the whole school was **£3075.33!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

MASTERCLASSES

This year, all our children in Key Stages 1 and 2 have had the opportunity to participate in curriculum enrichment classes on one afternoon each week. They have enjoyed a wide range activities including forest schools, cookery, art, drama, sports, music and expedition preparation in mixed age groups across their key stage, and have produced some fantastic work, some of which they will be show-casing at our Celebration afternoon and Evening in July, more information about which will follow shortly.

'EGG'CITING NEWS!

The incubator is outside our Reception classes and we hope to have chicks in early June.



Information

The Primary Office has a new e-mail address! If you need to e-mail us, please address your e-mail to primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk

Please use this in preference to staff members' individual e-mails, which cannot be checked if they are not in work.

Thank you.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are, unfortunately, a fact of school life. If you notice your child scratching their head, **please** 'Take a Peek', treat immediately if you find anything, and let us know so we can warn the parents of the children in your child's year group to 'Take a Peek', too. Please be assured that we will not identify the affected child. **We recommend that longer hair is tied back / plaited, as this makes it harder for lice to move between heads.**

PERIPETETIC MUSIC LESSONS

If your child would be interested in learning to play the keyboard or a stringed instrument, please let us know as we do have some vacancies for lessons on these instruments; if your child would like to learn guitar, drums, flute or clarinet, please let us know so we can place their name on our waiting list for a vacancy with one of our peripatetic music teachers. We would then contact you with further information once a place became available.

Please let us have your Active Kids vouchers - these were available until 5th May whenever you shopped at Sainsbury's. Ask your family and friends to let us have theirs, too. We look forward to ordering a selection of equipment to help our children to enjoy being active!



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Policy for Responding to Parents

We remind you that our Policy is available on our website - please follow the link from the Parent Central page - however, to summarise, you can expect to have your letter, telephone call or e-mail acknowledged within 24 hours, and follow up contact to be made, to try to resolve an issue or arrange a meeting, where requested, within two whole working days.

Dates for your Diary

* School closes for half term : last day of term	22nd May 2015
* School opens for Term 6 : first day of term	1st June 2015
Year 3 visit to the Living Rainforest at Newbury, Berkshire	3rd June 2015
Primary Sports Day	12th June 2015
RASY Caterpillar Counting visit to Holdenby House	15th June 2015
Year 3 Nocturnal Animals Visit	15th June 2015
Reserve date for Primary Sports Day	19th June 2015
RCLH Caterpillar Counting visit to Holdenby House	22nd June 2015
Year 1 Victorian Experience	22nd June 2015
Year 6 Residential to North Wales	22nd - 26th June 2015
2015 - 2016 New Foundation Stage Parents' Information Evening	29th June 2015
Primary Celebration Afternoon and Evening (YR-Y6 open event)	9th July 2015
Cluster Olympics - Bedford Stadium (Year 6)	13th July 2015
* School closes for the Summer : last day of term	17th July 2015
*Term Dates for 2014 - 2015 and 2015 - 2016 are on the website: follow the link to Term Dates from the 'Parents' page.	<u>OUR TERM DATES MAY DIFFER FROM THOSE SHOWN ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL WEBSITE</u>