



Cuddington Primary School

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Dear Cuddington Families,

Stay and Play in Reception – I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new Reception children who have settled in so well to the life of Team Cuddington. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of meeting many of our Reception parents (some new and some 'old' faces) – there were even 2 parents who I used to teach during my days at Sandiway! Today our Year 6 children have met their Reception 'buddy' – some wonderful bits of making memories as they were partnered up together 😊

Harvest Celebration Wednesday 27th September – Mrs Potter will lead children and staff through our harvest celebration, where we will be raising money for: [UNICEF UK - Children's charity - For Every Child](#). You are able to make any donations via ParentPay as per the email sent out earlier today on School Spider. Thank you in advance for your support.

Our Mid-Day and Kitchen Team – Lunchtimes aim to be happy occasions for children as they get to spend time socialising and eating with their peers; they see siblings and enjoy the various activities on our extensive school grounds. It can also be a challenging time for our Mid-Day and Kitchen Team as they feed 185 children each day and uphold our Behaviour Policy indoors and outdoors. **Mrs Eaton** and **Mrs Bird** make it their business to ensure they know each of the children they serve including any allergies your children may have. Our Mid-Day team are organised in the following way;

Mrs Halliwell Reception Mid-Day and Mid-Day Supervisor

Mrs Davies Year 1 and Year 2 Mid-Day

Miss Nield Year 3 and Year 4 Mid-Day

Mr Lock Year 5 and Year 6 Mid-Day

Mrs Campbell Mid-Day responsible in the hall at all times (and supports our kitchen team on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

Ofsted Training – Over the next couple of weeks, you may not see me around school as much as you have done as I have been accepted onto Ofsted Training. I started the process in January, having completed 4 stages to get to this point. My main motivation is to support the inspection process with kindness and compassion – I have shared this at each stage and hope I can support colleagues on their professional journeys. If I were to be successful, there would be a financial benefit to Cuddington, but it would enable me to be outward facing and bring any 'best practises' back to our school. On the days that I am not in school, Cuddington will be left in the capable hands of Mrs Potter and the rest of the Cuddington staff team.

Create Trust Work – During the past 3 weeks, staff from all 3 trust schools have come together for joint training in Basic Awareness for Safeguarding Children in Education and Elklan training which enables the speech and language development for our early years' children. Another aspect of our Trust's work is to be part of a rigorous Health and Safety Audit with Jeanne Fairbrother Associates. Cuddington has performed extremely well through our audit, where we have gained a 'Gold Award' for the work we do in the area. Huge thanks must go to Mr Bryan (Site Maintenance Officer) and Maria Sienkiewicz (our



Health and Safety Governor) for being so diligent in their approaches to the health and Safety of our children and staff.



Parking and driving along Ash Road - Whilst on the subject of Health and Safety, I have received 2 complaints this week from parents who are (rightly) concerned with the speed in which some are driving along Ash Road to park their cars – particularly at school drop off time. Please could I ask that if any of you are driving your child or children to school, then to please do so with care and attention to people who are walking along the pavements which cars appear to be mounting on. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

Have a happy weekend when it begins!

Kind regards,

Sue Mills 😊

Head Teacher