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Dear Cuddington Families,

I write to you on what must be one of the wettest Fridays we have had this year..... and at the very end of 7 weeks. This half term has flown by (as they all do) and soon we turn our sights to the next half term full of Parents' Evenings, Fireworks, Christmas and end of term assessments!

During our celebration assembly today, we celebrated all of our children who demonstrate respect every day that they come to school – respect for themselves; their environment; for others. I have been delighted with how well our new Reception children have settled into life as a member of 'Team Cuddington,' where they have embraced our school's core values of 'Respect Collaborate, Aspire' so quickly 😊

On Wednesday morning we held our Open Morning for prospective Reception parents (2024). Our school looked amazing and we have received so many lovely comments from members of our community. Thank you to some of our Year 5 children who presented to the prospective parents and welcomed them so well into our school.

Today, we welcomed back our Year 6 children at the end of a week long residential to Min Y Don. The photos have captured so many happy memories for our oldest children with many of them achieving 'personal bests' and overcoming fears. Huge thanks must go to Miss Cowie, Mrs Austin and Mrs Marsden for giving up a week away from their families to support our wonderful year 6 team.

PTA

This week's letter must give a special mention to our amazing PTA. They held their AGM on Wednesday night and I felt so very proud of all they have achieved during the past year. They shared some exciting ideas for future events also. The next 'big' event will be our **Firework display on Friday 3rd November**. Tickets are now starting to sell really quickly so please be sure to buy yours if you haven't already done so by visiting : <https://cuddington-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com>. The PTA wanted me to pass on their thanks to all the volunteers who have stepped up so far to help us with the setting up and helping to run stalls on the night – this event cannot run without the support of our volunteers #teamcuddington.

Create Learning Trust work

During the past 2 weeks, an annual review of SEND was conducted by our Trust Inclusion Lead (Mrs Williams) with the senior leadership team from each school. The outcomes will enable our trust to understand the views of the various stakeholders within each setting and look for opportunities to strengthen SEND provision across the trust. At Cuddington, Mrs Ducker has developed the role of SENDCo and must be applauded for the work she has pursued with reasonable adjustments for all our children with a SEND and for managing all of our recent meeting with parents of children with a SEND.

Slippers

We are surrounded with such beautiful school grounds, but at this time of the year mud and wet leaves are everywhere! Many of you will recall last year that we asked for a pair of slippers to be provided for indoor use only. This avoids the children wearing wet, uncomfortable and cold shoes inside school, and also helps to keep the corridor and classroom carpets and toilet floors much cleaner during the wet and muddy months.

Therefore, after the half term break please would you be able to provide a pair of slippers for your child to wear indoors only. We will be encouraging children to remove their shoes at the external door, carry their shoes inside and put their slippers on once indoors.



As a group of staff, we feel it important that the slippers are plain ones - not lavish ones with claws and unicorn horns sticking out! Plain slippers will be comfortable enough to walk around school and into the hall. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

In line with tradition, our Y6 pupils will be selling poppies and merchandise during break times for a donation to the Royal British Legion. More details will follow after the half term break!

Have a happy half term whatever you are all up to, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards,

Sue Mills 😊

Head Teacher