



Captain Cook Primary School

September Newsletter 2018



Welcome Back Everyone!

We hope you have all enjoyed a fabulous summer break.

It was wonderful to welcome everybody back into school last week. The children all look very smart in their uniforms and we look forward to the exciting year ahead.

Amy Young

Academy Update

On the 1st September Captain Cook Primary School alongside Lingfield, Marton Manor and The Avenue converted to become an academy and part of the James Cook Learning Trust (JCLT).

We believe that this partnership will help to develop our school even further and we look forward to developing new and exciting links with the other schools.

Mr Philip Thackstone, Head Teacher at Lingfield Primary School, has become the CEO of the Trust and he is looking forward to meeting you over the coming months.

Summer Holiday Works

During the holidays work was started to make further improvements to our school; this work will take longer than previously anticipated and we do not expect it to be completed until after the half term break. Unfortunately, we are unable to have access to the lower school hall whilst the building work is continuing. If you do need to access lower school, please speak to a member of staff who will direct you to accessible routes. Mr Alan, does make regular health and safety checks but we do ask you to be extra vigilant at this time when you are entering and leaving the school site. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this matter.

Dates

- 28th September Year 6 Parents Puberty Meeting - more info to follow.
- 3rd October 5.00pm- Marrick Parents' Meeting - more info to follow.
- 19th October -NHS staff will be offering the flu jab to children in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5. More information to follow.
- Monday 22nd & 23rd October-Parent consultation evenings.
- Wednesday 24th October- Foodbank Collection.
- Friday 26th October-Break up for half term holidays.
- Monday 5th November-Return to school.
- ❖ Please note that Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July will be taken as PD days and so we will break up for summer on Friday 19th July.



Staffing update.

This year we have two new teachers joining us, Miss Adams and Mr Davison. They are both very excited to be joining our school and I am sure will prove to be very valuable members of staff.

Please note that Mrs Patton, has been seconded to carry out some work to support the Local Authority this year and will be only in school Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



We were delighted that at the end of the summer term our Early Years team received the Quality Mark, a national accredited award. This reflects the fantastic work going on – a huge well done!

Getting off to a good start!

A reminder that our external doors all close at 8:55 and should you arrive in school after this point you will need to sign your child in using our new signing in system at the main office. Please note that your child will be given a late mark.
Please help to ensure that your child gets off to the best possible start by arriving on time.

Parking

Unfortunately now for a bit of a rant.

Despite numerous letters asking you not to park on pavements and to park considerately around school, we have a number of parents ignoring our requests. The problem has now escalated with the police, local authority and local counsellors all involved. This is taking up an enormous amount of my time, which could be much better spent focussing on teaching and learning.

I was informed by a resident that he has become so frustrated over this issue, he has taken to filming the problem. He is going to pass on this film to the police. I appreciate that this was upsetting for some parents arriving at school last week, who were concerned that their children were being filmed. I have spoken to the police about this problem, who are looking into it but I am asking for your support; please park considerately and do not park on the pavement opposite school.

Many thanks for your help and cooperation.

Dinner Money

You may have seen in the gazette that the Local Authority have rescinded their decision to increase the cost of a school meal. A school lunch will now cost £1.90 (£9.50 per week).

We are encouraging as many of you as possible to use our online payment system, to reduce the amount of money going through the office. If you would like any further advice or help with the 'School Gateway' system, please speak to a member of the office staff.

New Year, New Uniform.

Each week we acquire a phenomenal amount of lost property; please help us to prevent this by naming or labelling all items of clothing, including coats and PE kits.

Can we also remind you, the only bags we allow in school are Captain Cook Book and PE Bags.

Thank you!

