

End of term round-up



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Dear parents,

The end is in sight!

It has been an eventful year in which everyone has embraced and adjusted to a great many changes – some planned, some unforeseen; some welcomed, some unexpected but all of which have been part of laying the foundations for excellence in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the part they have played in shaping the beginning of this journey.

We are all really excited by the shape of things come in the new academic year – when we will be launching our new vision and values.

An early date for your diary: Friday the 4th September at 2.30pm – we invite you to a grand unveiling of our mosaic which symbolizes a great many things that are part of the vision we have crafted together for the future.

A diary sheet with dates for the whole term is being finalized and will be shared with you via email in the next few weeks.

New Appointments:

As you know, Mr Smith has been seconded from September and will be supporting Bennick Primary School.

Miss Miller has also secured a new position at Manea Primary from September. I know you will all share with me in wishing them, along with Mrs Mulcahy, the very best to in their new adventures!

We are delighted to share that we have successfully appointed to the vacant positions: Miss Claire Abraham is joining us, fresh from Cambridge University where she has just completed her Teacher Training. Miss Abraham will teach the Y4/5 (Citrine) class.

Mrs Maggie McGrane will be joining us in Y4 (Carnelian class) Mrs McGrane has taught and lectured in Education all over the world - and still does. You may recognise her as she has been with us on supply a few times this term & also lives in the village. She still lectures all around the world and as she had not known she would be teaching, has some tours booked in, so Mrs Bodnar will be covering these dates. Carnelian class will be provided with a list of these dates in advance.

Uniform, PE kit and bags:

Please be aware that we will be starting the new year as we mean to go on – with a sharper focus on taking pride in our presentation – this includes our uniform.

We felt the best time to address this is the year end when parents are thinking about new uniform/kit/bags etc for the new year.

Please ensure that your child's uniform is correct for September – if you are unsure, please check the school website. Please also be reminded that branded bags with age inappropriate content (e.g. COD/Deadpool/Fortnight etc) Are **not** permitted and from September we will provide pupils with a plastic bag for their things and parents will be asked not to bring such items in to school.

Fruit:

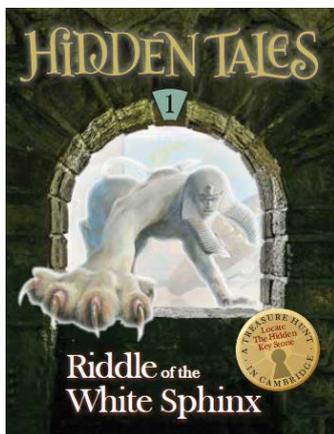
We are pleased that Year 2 pupils are ready and looking forward to their time in KS2 with their new teachers – please be reminded that the government does not provide free fruit in KS2. Children need to bring their own healthy mid-morning snacks.

Lunch money/cash:

Please be sure to ensure that all dinner money debts are settled by next Tuesday – all final banking needs to be wrapped up before the end of the term – any late payments cause an additional financial burden to the school and therefore interest charges may be incurred – which is never a nice way for anyone to begin an fresh school year!

Due to the closure of our local banks and the Post Offices not being able to process cash with our account we now have to travel to Ely each week, at considerable cost to the school. We will therefore have to move to a cashless system. We are letting you know now that this will take place at some point next year – likely in the Autumn term.

Holiday activities:



This week in English Year 5/6 have begun to read the book Hidden Tales. It is a mystery based in Cambridge and the children have really enjoyed the opportunity to start trying to solve it. Over the holidays you might like to continue trying to solve the mystery by buying your own copy of the book. You can then go onto the website and see if you have the correct answer. www.hiddentales.co.uk

An exciting competition for children launches this week to celebrate the power of imagination and encourage Cambridgeshire residents to reduce and recycle as much as they can.

Organised by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP) and supported by Amey to celebrate RECAP's 20th Anniversary, the Recyclables Summer Challenge is open to all Cambridgeshire children who have just finished Years 3, 4 and 5. It runs from 8 July to 20 September.

To take part in "The Recyclables Summer Challenge – Space for Change", children will have to use their imagination to create a story of how a drinks can, jam jar, plastic bottle or magazine can be recycled and transformed into something new.

The winning story will be made into an animated film and its author will be invited to take their whole class for an Animation Workshop and Activity Day at Amey's Waste Management Park in Waterbeach. The second prize will be for the class that gets the most students entering and the class will be invited to an interactive Recycling Activity Day at Amey's Waste Management Park in Waterbeach.

The [Summer Reading Challenge](#) takes place every year during the summer holidays. Children can sign up at their local library, then read six library books of their choice to complete the Challenge. Pre-school, as well as primary aged children, are welcome to take part. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

This year's theme will be 'Space Chase'. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

There will be a medal and certificate for all children who read 6 books to complete the challenge. This year we also have a special certificate for children who take part in the challenge with older brothers and sisters at the end.

Children can sign up for the challenge from 8 July.



Health & Safety:

Small reminder, please could I ask parents and carers that smoking on the premises is prohibited and outside any of the school gates is not acceptable in any circumstances.

End of term and last day plans:

Tuesday 23rd July – Our leavers service will take place in the Church at 2pm after which we will head back to school. Parents will be able to come back and collect their Y6 children. Older siblings will collect younger siblings if you wish for them to leave early.

Wednesday 24th July - Children are welcome to bring in board games for the day. Please do not bring in electronics of any description, or games with a large amount of parts.

Parent Communications:

As many of you are aware our preferred method of communication with parents and carers is electronically through Starz. If you are experiencing problems with accessing your Starz account or would like to sign up, please do let us know.

Class Dojo is also a very good way of keeping up to date with your child's progress and to see photographs of class activities the children have been enjoying. Please see your class teacher if you need to sign up.

It has certainly been a journey throughout the year and we are very much looking forward to continuing the great work which staff, parents, Governors and pupils have put into the school this year.

From September we are hoping Newsletters will be coming to you more regularly, through your Starz account email.

We would like to wish you all a very enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

As always, if you have any comments or concerns you wish to discuss, please do contact us in the usual ways.

Kind regards,



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