



Cheam Park Farm Infants School



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Dear Parents,

Staff News

We knew it wouldn't be long before another member of staff made an announcement! I am delighted to let you know Charlotte Osborne-Hall is expecting her second baby in February. We are now recruiting for maternity cover to cover Green class whilst Mrs Osborne-Hall is away.

Reception Office Area

Our new reception office entrance is now open. Parents, volunteers and students should all enter the building via the new reception office entrance in order to sign in. Parents who are bringing children late to school, after the main door has closed, should also sign children in via this entrance. The black railing gates between the two playgrounds will be locked at 9am so after this anyone entering the school should do so via the School Office Gate which leads directly to the reception office area.

Data Protection

All parents who volunteer in school sign a confidentiality agreement. This is the case for all staff who also sign the data protection policy. I would like to remind all parents not to discuss other children with members of staff or parent helpers. It is also timely to remind any parents who know staff personally to treat this relationship with respect and not question any school business or

related matters in anything other than a professional environment. Staff have been advised not to accept any social network (Facebook) request from anyone under the age of 18 who is not a family member or friend and also not to accept parents if they are not already a personal friend.



Media Permission

When your child started Cheam Park Farm Infants you were asked to return a media permission form. We refer to this when deciding who can be in photos for example the local paper or Sutton marketing information.

A full copy of Sutton's Child Media Policy can be viewed or downloaded from the LA website at: www.suttonlea.org.

If you would like to make a change as to whether your child can be photographed or not please download the form from our website or contact the school office email

office@cheamparkfarminfants.org.uk and your child's records will be updated as appropriate.

Website

Our website has recently been updated and is now live. The web address remains the same www.cheamparkfarminfants.org.uk

Reception Open Sessions
Week beginning Monday 13th
October

You will be receiving more detailed information about this event. However just to inform you that all parents of Reception children will be invited to an open morning or afternoon during this week. It will be an opportunity for you to see your child in class and speak to the class teacher about their progress.

Training Events

We have more training workshops booked please do attend. The teachers are keen to share information with you so you can support your child at home.

Hearing Readers in school

Friday 10th October 9.00am

This workshop will be run by Mrs Ashworth and is useful for any students or volunteers as you may be asked to hear children read in school.

The Writing Project

Tuesday 14th October 2.30pm

This workshop will be run by Miss Martin and is useful for any students or volunteers as it will help you support children in class with their writing

Talking Partners

Tuesday 21 October 9.00am

This workshop is run by Mrs King and is useful for all students and volunteers. You will be introduced to a scheme to help develop talking skills.

Grammar and Punctuation KS1
Tuesday 11 November 2.00pm /

Wednesday 12 November
7.00pm

This workshop is run by Mrs Ashworth and will be useful to

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anyone with children in Year 1 or Year 2. Parents who speak English as an additional language may find it particularly useful but I think everyone will learn something new in this session. **We look forward to seeing you.**

Clubs



Just a reminder of the range of clubs on offer this year. You may have missed a letter!

We offer free clubs to Year 2. These include Recorder, Sewing, Games & Puzzles, ICT, Art and Choir.

Years 1 and 2 can access martial arts, gym, tennis and football for which you have to pay and also bike club for Year 2. Do ask at the office if you think you have missed any letters.

Over the year all Year 1 children will be given a chance to cook on a Friday afternoon with Jayne Page and Avril Hartigan.

As we do now have so many clubs running I would like to remind parents and children to leave the school premises by 3.20 pm so the gates can be locked meaning that children are safe whilst taking part in clubs in the playground. Please wait outside the school gate until 3.45pm or 4.00/4.15pm depending on the club and then Mrs Hope will buzz all parents / carers in at the same time. It would help if parents informed anyone who picks up a child at this time that this is the procedure.



Top Table

Each week on a Friday children from a certain year group are chosen to sit at a table on the stage to eat their lunch. Children are chosen by the midday supervisors if they have behaved well in the lunch hall during the week.

Curriculum Information

One of the many roles of Governors is to ensure the curriculum is delivered appropriately and in particular certain aspects of the curriculum. From this September we are introducing the new National Curriculum to children which means some of the lessons in Year 1 and Year 2 have been changed or adapted to meet the new legislation.

The school has to provide teaching of religious education for all learners in accordance with the agreed local syllabus and parents do have a right to withdraw their child from these lessons.

The school provides a daily act of worship and again parents have the right to withdraw their child.

The school has a sex and relationship policy. The content and organisation of the programme has been agreed by governors. Again parents have the right to withdraw their child. Each of these policies is reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and are available from the school on request; you will note that all are appropriate to the age of the children in our school. In recent memory no parent has asked to withdraw their child from any of these aspects of school life

however, if you wish to discuss this or any other aspect of the school curriculum please make an appointment to see myself or the appropriate coordinator

The following teachers lead curriculum areas

Mrs Ashworth / Mrs Wight - Literacy

Mrs Minhinnick / Mrs Maskell - Mathematics

Miss Eyden - Science

Miss Thorndycraft and Miss Bignell - ICT

Mrs Keefe - PSHE

Mrs Minhinnick - RE

Miss Thorndycraft - Art

Miss Bignell - DT

Miss Bahra - Music

Mrs Osborne-Hall - History

Mrs Young - PE

Mrs Ashworth - French

Mrs Francia - Geography

Miss Martin - SEN

Mrs King - EAL

Miss Evans - Gifted & Talented

The Special Educational Needs Policy is available on the website and is again monitored by the Curriculum Committee.



White Post box

A reminder to everyone that the white post box outside the main entrance is secure and can take any letters or payments for trips and clubs. It is opened every day and means the queue outside the office is smaller.

School Lunches

I have managed to get into the lunch hall most days over the past couple of weeks and it seems to me that most children are enjoying most of the meals!

Today in assembly I carried out a 'hands up survey' to try and gauge exactly which meals were favourites or not so popular. I am still encouraging as many children as possible to take up the free school meal offer. Some parents have asked if their child can have a little try on a couple of days and of course this fine. Tell your child to let the teacher know when they are calling the lunch register what their choice will be. We suggest all parents of children who have school lunches try and go through the lunch menu with their child. The lunch menu is displayed on our website.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch has been booked for **Tuesday 16th December** this year. Every child may book this, even if they do not usually take school dinners.



School Nursing Service

The school nurse and can be contacted on 020 345 85078 if you have any health issues regarding your child.

Early Intervention Prevention Service (EIPS)

Our support worker is now Hannah Leverick. If a family is having difficulty with any area of child care they can be referred to this service for ongoing support. Areas of concern may include setting daily routines, sleep problems, bed wetting, faddy eating and behaviour issues. If you would like support please

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contact the school office and leave a message for Mrs Day.

Reminders

All school uniform must be named. Already lost property is beginning to mount up in the green box outside the main door.

Children should have a coat in school every day as we try to get out for playtime as much as possible. Reception children all bring their own rain jackets to leave on their pegs. This is good practice for the rest of the school so if you have a spare light jacket do send it in so it can stay in school for the whole term.

The digital signage outside Rainbow House is updated weekly and should be referred to if you are unsure of a date or time.

Best Wishes
Alison Day
Headteacher