



**CAMPTON
ACADEMY**

Newsletter - Autumn 1 2023

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Important Dates

Tuesday 12th September—Year 1 meet the class 2:45:-3:15

Thursday 14th September—Year 2 meet the class 2:45:-3:15

Friday 15th September—Year 4 meet the class 2:45:-3:15

Friday 15th September—Individual and sibling school photos

Monday 18th September—Year 3 meet the class 2:45:-3:15

Thursday 22st September—Phonics information session for Reception parents 6-7pm

Thursday 5th October—Harvest Festival @ All Saints Church, Campton 10am **TBC**

Thursday 5th October—Pupil Census Day

Tuesday 10th October—Life bus (all classes)

Wednesday 11th October—Reading Café—Parents welcome 9:10—10:30

Wednesday 18th October—Reception Parents to observe a phonics lesson 9:15—9:45

***Half Term Holiday
Monday 23rd Oct – Friday 27th Oct Inclusive***

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November—Parent's Consultations

Tuesday 14th November—Year 3 & 4 Info Film (AM -TBC)

Friday 17th November— Children in need / Year 1 & 2 Into Film (PM—TBC)

Wednesday 29th November—Yr1 parents to observe a phonics lesson 9:15—9:45

Tuesday 5th December—Pantomime—Sinbad the Sailor

Friday 8th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Carol Service @ All Saints Church, Campton 10am **TBC**

Wednesday 20th December—Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd December—Class parties (pm)

Christmas Holidays

***Monday 25th December—Thursday 4th January 2024
INSET Day – Friday 5th January 2024***

***Last day of Autumn term—Fri 12th December
First day of Spring Term—Monday 8th January 2024***

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We'd like to extend a huge welcome to our new families, both in Reception and across the rest of the school; it has been lovely meeting you over the last few days and we hope you enjoy being part of the Campton Team.

The children in our Reception class have been working so hard making new friends and getting to know their new routines. All classes have had a brilliant first week and the children have all settled really well into their new classes.

To give you the opportunity to see your child(ren)'s classroom(s) and the staff working with them, parents, who have children in **Years 1 – 4**, are invited into school on the dates listed opposite at 2:45. Please be aware class teachers will be unable to answer individual queries at this time.

Please remember that if you have any worries or concerns regarding your child, you can always arrange an appointment, via the office, to meet their class teacher in person or for them to make contact with you via phone. You are also most welcome to make an appointment to speak to me or Mrs Allen. Non teaching staff are always available on the front playground at the start of each day. Please do not hesitate to speak to them.

Best wishes, Mrs Fraher

Student Update Forms

Please keep an eye out for these in the next week or so and return them to the office by Friday 22nd September 2023, so that we can update our records.



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Reminders

After-school pick-up arrangements

Please telephone the School Office on 01462 813359 if going home arrangements for your child are different from normal arrangements that the class teachers are used to. Your **password will be required** for telephone requests.

Please do not email the School Office, as any failure in our Internet service will mean the messages will not get read. Class teachers are also highly unlikely to see messages sent via seesaw during the afternoon.

Names

Please name all your child's clothing/ belongings. Please refer to www.name-labels.com if you wish to purchase children's name labels. The school reference number is 3511.

School Lunch money (Years 3 & 4)

Please ensure that lunch money is paid in advance. This should be done via your ParentMail account. If you have any queries regarding school lunches and/or payments, please contact Mrs Wheatley in the School Office.

Coats

Please ensure your child always has a coat/rain jacket with them every day in school. As you know, our weather is extremely changeable and we don't want children to feel cold when they are in the playground.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day, **it should only contain water.**

Jewellery and Watches

Please remember only smooth stud earrings are permitted in school. If your child has recently had their ear(s) pierced you will need to sign a form in the office. Please cover their earrings with suitable tape on P.E days. Necklaces and bracelets pose a health and safety risk and should not be worn unless for religious reasons. Watches may be worn; to aid with telling the time, an analogue face is preferred. Watches with 'smart' functions pose a safeguarding risk and are not suitable for use in school.

Snacks

Can we remind all parents that if you are packing your child a snack that this should only be fresh or dried fruit / vegetable.

Starting School

Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020? They will start school in September 2024, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2024. Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions You can also complete a paper application which is available by contacting School Admissions at admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or telephone 0300 300 8037.

Mrs Fraher will be holding **School Visits** during the **week commencing 6th November**. Please contact the School office to book a slot.

PTA

Friends of Campton are actively seeking new members. These amazing volunteers raise much needed funds for our school. If you are interested in finding out more please contact :

CMA-FOC@bestacademies.org.uk

School Photographs

'Braiswick' Photographers will be in school on **Friday 15th September** to take an individual photo of every child in school. Brothers and sisters in school will also have a photo taken together.

Although school funds benefit by a percentage of the total money raised from these photos, we offer this as a service to parents rather than as a fund-raising activity. Please note there is no obligation to buy the photos.

Harvest—Thursday 5th October

We are in the process of organising a Harvest celebration with All Saints Church, Campton. We will be visiting as a whole school and parents are most welcome to join us.

We will be asking parents to send in non-perishable food donations on Thursday 5th. These will then be taken to the church.

Values - *Our value this term is*

Honesty

Please feel free to share with us any examples of your child showing honesty using your child's seesaw account or sfraher@bestacademies.org.uk



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Upcoming Events

School Led Clubs

Staff will be leading after school clubs on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Wednesday, a company called Happy Little Yogi will join the session at 4pm to lead a variety of activities which focus on wellbeing.

SSG After-school Sports Clubs

SSG clubs run on Monday (Dream Team Challenges), Tuesday (Hot Shot Challenges) and Friday (Gymnastics)

All clubs run between 3:30 and 5:00

Currently spaces at all after school clubs are very limited, please use parentmail to book any remaining spaces; for school led and SSG led clubs. If no spaces are available please contact the office to be added to the waiting list.

Reading Café

Following on from the success of last year's events, each term, parents will be invited to attend a Reading Café. These sessions will enable parents to join their children in school to share a reading experience. The aim of the sessions are to promote a love of reading and highlight the many benefits sharing a book with others can bring.

Sessions will vary but are likely to include staff reading books to a group of children, children reading in pairs, older children reading with younger children and hopefully parents reading with children.

The first session has been organised for Wednesday 4th October and will start @ 9:10. A sign up form will be sent via parent mail shortly.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Sarah Fraher, Principal
SFraher@bestacademies.org.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Carolyn Allen-Pastoral Lead
Miss Charlie Davenport—Class Teacher
CMA-Support@bestacademies.org.uk

Reading Challenge

Our reading challenge will restart this year. Each time a child reads (or practices their sounds if they haven't received a reading book yet) they will move a step closer to earning a challenge certificate. Children do not have to complete a whole book each session, every reading session will count towards their total. We suggest around 10-15 minutes per session for younger children and approximately 15-20 minutes for children in KS2.

Bronze Award = 25 reads

Silver Award = 50 reads

Gold Award = 75 reads

Platinum Award = 100 reads

Super Challenge Award = 200 reads

Please remember to write in your child's reading record so we know they have read at home.

Subject Visits and Events

Following the success of last year's events, we will be organising several similar opportunities this year. These events will give parents the opportunity to find out how subjects are being taught, join us in celebrating key events and visit classrooms to see the impact of our curriculum first hand. The children are always delighted to have the opportunity to share what they have been learning with others. Further information will be sent via parent mail in due course.



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READING**

