



**CAMPTON
ACADEMY**

Newsletter - Autumn 2 2024

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Diary Dates

Monday 4th November— Road Safety Week & New Reception visits

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November—Parent Consultations (4.00-6.30)

Monday 11th November—Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday 13th November—Reception Class Vision screening
Year 1 Parent Consultations (1.00-3.30)

Friday 15th November—Children in Need

Monday 25th November—Years 1-4 visit to Chicksands Cinema (pm)

Wednesday 27th November—Yr1 parents to observe a phonics lesson 9:15—10.00

Tuesday 3rd December—Pantomime—Snow White

Friday 6th December—Christmas Jumper Day
Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 10th December—YR & Y1 Christmas production (2.15-3.00pm)

Thursday 12th December—YR & Y1 Christmas production (2.15-3.00pm)

Tuesday 17th December—Christmas Carol Service @ All Saints Church, Campton 10am

Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December—Class parties (pm)

Last day of Autumn term—Friday 20th December

Christmas Holidays

Mon 23rd December—Fri 3rd January 2025

INSET Day – Monday 6th January 2025

First day of Spring Term—Tues 7th January 2025

Tuesday 7th January—Healthy Living Week

Monday 3rd February—Children's Mental Health week

Tuesday 4th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 7th February—Wellbeing event for parents

Tuesday 11th February—Number Day

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February—Half Term

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely half term, it has been great to see the children return eager to start their new topics. I know there are lots of exciting learning opportunities and events planned between now and the end of term.

This week children have been talking about how to stay safe when crossing or are near to roads. Next week we will have our first anti-bullying focus in which we explore what is and what isn't bullying and ensure children know what to do if they are concerned about another child's behaviour.

We are also looking forward to taking Years 1 to 4 to watch Inside Out 2 at Chicksand's cinema on Monday 25th November. A consent form has been sent to parents On ParentMail to confirm attendance. Reception class will enjoy an 'in school' cinema experience on this day too.

Children in Reception and Year 1 will soon be starting work on their Nativity. They will be performing to parents on the 10th and 12th December, doors open at 2:15 so we are ready to start at 2:30.

Kind regards, Mrs Fraher

Dropping off / Picking up

- Thank you to everyone who parks considerately on the school side of Rectory Road.
- Please do not block residents drives or use the private car park in The Glebe, even if it is 'for a few minutes'. We receive complaints from several residents who have been unable to leave their home due to their drives being blocked.
- Cars must not block the school driveway (unless there has been prior arrangement with Mrs Fraher to do so). The driveway is reserved for staff only and should not be used by parents.
- Please contact the office (rather than class teachers) if you would like to make any changes to the list of people authorised to collect your child.

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.



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Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up for a parents meeting, staff are looking forward to discussing how your child(ren) has settled into their new class.

Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4:

Tues 5th November - 4.00 - 6.30pm

Thurs 7th November - 4.00 - 6.30pm

Year 1:

Tues 5th November—4.00-6.30pm

Weds 13th November—1.00-3.30pm

Remember you can ask questions or raise concerns about your child's learning/school experience at any time. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment to speak your child's class teacher or contact them via Seesaw.

Children in Need—15th November

Children are invited to come to school on **Friday 15th November** in something spotty or linked to Children in Need.

A small voluntary donation of £1.00 is suggested.

Please do **not** send cash in to school.

You can donate via Parent-Mail > Payments > Shop > Children In Need



Our Value for this half term is:

Kindness

Please send examples of your child showing this value to your child's teacher via Seesaw or by email to sfraher@bestacademies.org.uk

Friends of Campton Events

Halloween

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Halloween disco before half term. The event raised over £500 which is fantastic!

Christmas Raffle

Tickets will go on sale in early December, further information will be shared in the next few weeks.

Toy and Book Sale

Saturday 30th November 10am—1pm in the school hall. An opportunity to purchase pre loved books and toys. Please speak to the PTA if you would like to host a table.

Mothers / Fathers Day Gift Shops

An opportunity to make / buy a gift for a special woman / man.

Happy School Bag

Clothing collection—bags will be sent home in February.

Book Sale—6th March

As part of our world book day celebrations, a pre loved book sale will be held during the afternoon and after school.

Summer Fayre

Save the date—Saturday 5th July 12-3pm

If you are able to help the Friends of Campton in any way please do not hesitate to contact them. They will be delighted to hear from you! We really want to ensure events are able to continue in future years.

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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.

Names

Please name all your child's clothing. 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 Bright 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. Bottles with a sports type lid are preferred.**

Milk

Every child who is under the age of 5 is entitled to free milk in school. Once your child has turned 5, you have the option of paying for them to have milk in school. This is a direct arrangement with a company called Cool Milk.

If you would like to arrange this, register at www.coolmilk.com

Snacks

Can we remind all parents that if you are packing your child a snack that this should **only be fresh or dried fruit or vegetable**. Cereal bars, crackers and other snacks are not permitted at break time.

Christmas Events

On **Friday 6th December 2024**,

children are being asked to dress in their Christmas Jumpers – or any other festive attire!

A small voluntary donation is suggested, to raise money for **Save the Children**. Here is the

Just giving page for donations:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240006533>

(please do **not** send cash in to school).



Christmas Carol Service



All children and staff will visit All Saints Church in Campton for a Christmas Carol Service on the morning of **Tuesday 17th**

December 2023 (10.00-10.30am) - parents/carers are welcome to join us.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on **Wednesday 18th December**. A form will be sent to all parents on ParentMail, inviting children to participate, even if they do not normally have a school dinner.



Class Christmas Parties will be held in school on:

Friday 20th December.
No change of clothes needed!

Class Nativity

Reception and Year 1 are looking forward to sharing their Christmas Play with parents and carers between 2:15 and 3pm on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December this year.

Events will be set up on Parentmail, nearer the time, for you to confirm your attendance.



Wellbeing Parents Event - Friday 7th February

Over the last few years we have been working closely with BEST to develop our school's wellbeing approach. With their support, several staff have been able to complete training which enables them to teach Mindfulness lessons to children. By the end of the year all classes will have completed a series of mindfulness lessons. The aim of the sessions is to support children to develop healthy strategies for managing the variety of emotions we all experience and enjoy being in the present moment as much as possible.

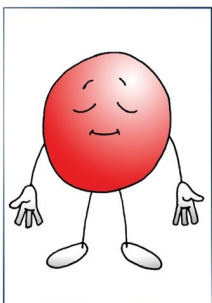


In addition, we are introducing Stormbreak sessions which aim to support pupil wellbeing through movement. Year 3 are currently piloting this initiative with the aim of it being extended to all classes later this year.

We have also introduced small group 'Hamish and Milo' sessions to support small groups of children to develop a positive self image and provide further opportunities to develop strategies to successfully manage their emotions and improve their resilience and self esteem.



In light of the above, we would like to invite parents and carers to attend an in school event so the staff and children can share all the amazing things they are doing. This will include finding out more about our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) curriculums and an opportunity to visit classrooms to see our approach in action.



Will George, BEST's Mindfulness Coach will be present to talk in more detail about the benefits of mindfulness and why we have decided to incorporate it into our curriculum.

If you are interested in finding out more about mindfulness, Will George has organised an online parents information evening on Wednesday 13th November. Following this, parents will be given the opportunity to sign up for a free online mindfulness course which will give you a greater insight into the approach and some of the practises the children are being taught. **Additional information regarding the information evening will be shared via parent mail.**