



**CAMPTON
ACADEMY**

Newsletter - Autumn 1 2024

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Important Dates

Tuesday 10th September — Y1 meet the class 2:45:

Wednesday 11th September—Y3 Meet the Class 2.45

Thursday 12th September—Y2 meet the class 2:45:

Friday 13th September—Y4 meet the class 2:45

Friday 15th September—Individual and sibling school photos

Thursday 19th September—Phonics information session for Reception parents 6-7pm

Tuesday 1st October—Life Education (all classes)

Thursday 3rd October—Harvest Festival @ All Saints Church, Campton 10am **TBC**

Thursday 3rd October—Pupil Census Day

Wednesday 9th October—Reading Café—Parents welcome 8.15-8.45

Wednesday 16th October—Reception Parents to observe a phonics lesson 9:15—10.15

Friday 18th October—Y3 & Y4 Into Cinema (Inside Out 2) Chicksands **TBC**

Friday 25th October—Y1 & Y2 Into Cinema (Despicable Me 4) Chicksands **TBC**

Half Term Holiday
Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st Nov Inclusive

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November—Parent Consultations

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

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

Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Dinner **TBC**

Friday 20th December—Class parties (pm)

Last day of Autumn term—Friday 20th December

Christmas Holidays
Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January 2025
INSET Day – Monday 6th January 2025

First day of Spring Term—Tuesday 7th January 2025

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. 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. Seeaw is another great way of communicating with your child's class teacher.

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 school office by Friday 27th September 2024, 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 2020 and 31 August 2021? They will start school in September 2025, so you need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025. 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 4th 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 13th 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 3rd 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 3rd. These will then be taken to the church.

Values - *Our value this term is*

Respect

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



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Upcoming Events

Dawn Until Dusk

Before and afterschool wrap around care is provided on site by Dawn Until Dusk.

<https://kidsdowntildusk.co.uk/before-and-after-school-clubs/campton-academy/>

The morning session starts at 7:30 and costs £5.50 which includes breakfast and drinks.

After school there are two sessions 3:20-5pm, which costs £9 and 3:20-5:50, which costs £13. After school prices include a light tea and drinks.

If you have any questions or want to book a space, please contact Head Office on 01234 930505

Subject Visits and Events

Following the success of previous events, we will be organising 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.

Our first reading Café has been organised for **9th October this will be held before school between 8.15 and 8:40** and will give parents the opportunity to share some books with their child before the start of the school day.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

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

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Carolyn Allen-Pastoral Lead
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

Diamond Award = 150 reads

Super Challenge Award = 200 reads

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

Parent Governors

We are actively recruiting parents to join our local committee of the governing board (LCB). Parents play an essential role in developing the vision, values and long term strategy for the school. They also help to ensure pupils outcomes are robustly monitored, the school's budget is well managed and engage with pupils, staff, parents and the wider community to understand their views. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to me or our chair of governors Mr Alan Stupple.



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READING**

