



Newsletter - Spring 2 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Newsletter.

This half term, our value is FRIENDSHIP. Please feel free to share with us any examples of your child showing thoughtfulness using your child's seesaw account.

Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one'
C.S. Lewis

In the light of recent news, a number of parents have asked about safety arrangements at the school. I would like to assure you that I am taking the safety of pupils and staff very seriously. All doors have key pads so that entry is only possible with the code. Mobiles also have fire exists and they open using push-bars from the inside only. Our health and safety and safeguarding arrangements are audited annually by external providers and our safeguarding leads are part of the Bedfordshire Schools Trust safeguarding lead forum. If you have any questions, please email me or contact the office to organise a meeting.

In order to reduce teacher workload and with parents' evenings taking place on the 11th and 13th of March, I have decided to suspend the Easter reports which you would normally be receiving. There would be no new information in those reports. This is also in line with DfE guidelines which state that by the end of each summer term, headteachers must send parents a written report on their child's progress for the academic year.

Thank you to you all for supporting our Number Day and making a donation to the NSPCC. We saw some wonderful outfits including some amazing hats!

We have several enrichment activities planned for the coming weeks, as you will see in the calendar below. We are also holding two parents' evening which is an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss progress and next steps.

We are looking forward to our first Rock Steady concert which will take place on Monday 24th March at 10am. The children have been working hard in their sessions and we are looking forward to hearing the results. If your child is currently having lessons, you will be invited to join the audience. Rock Steady will be in touch with further information.

Please note:

**The Easter break will start on Monday, 7th April (INSET Day for staff)
and children return to school on Tuesday, 22nd April**

Finally, we are very excited to participate in Campton's 150 years anniversary culminating in an open morning on Saturday, 8th March 2025 (10 am – 12 noon) where you will be able to see all the fantastic work the children have done.

I hope to see many of you there.

Susanne Combe



Plants for Campton

We would like to enhance our outside area so, if you have any spare plants or bulbs, you would be willing to donate, please bring them to reception over the next two weeks. Thank you

World Book Day Celebrations Thursday 6th March

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on 6th March.

No donations are required.

On the same day, the Friends of Campton are holding a book sale and parents are being invited into school for our Spring Term Reading Café.

Weather permitting, the book sale will be set up on the front playground and parents will be able to visit this from 2:15, with their child(ren). Parents will then be able to come to classrooms to enjoy reading their books. Stock permitting, the sale will continue after school.

If your child travels home on the bus or attends Dawn Until Dusk and you are unable to attend in the afternoon, you are welcome to send money into school in an envelope marked with their name, class and book sale if you would like them to take part in the book sale.

Dates for the diary

Mon 24th Feb—Reception Class Hearing screening

Thurs 6th March—World Book Day, Reading Café and PTA Book Sale (parents invited)

Sat 8th March—Campton Academy celebrates 150 years (10.00-12.00) —all welcome

Tues 11th March—Parent Consultations 4.00-6.30pm (in school)

Thurs 13th March—Parent Consultations 4.00-6.30pm (in school)

Fri 14th March—Yr3 & Y4 Girls Football Festival

Fri 21st March—Red Nose Day – non uniform day

Mon 18th March—Reception vision screening

Tues 25th March—Whole school group photograph celebrating 150 years

Weds 2nd April—Year 3 class assembly (parents invited)

Thurs 3rd April—Whole school Easter Service at Campton Church (parents/carers welcome)

Friday 15th March 2024

Children are invited to come to school on **Friday 22nd March in non-uniform.**

Red Nose Day donations help tackle important issues including homelessness, hunger, domestic abuse and mental health stigma.

Donations can be made via this Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-campton-academy-4c00b4e6-7e35-4d46-91b8-14e2c2ba6244>

Please do not send cash in to school

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 so by 2.30pm at the latest, if possible.

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 via ParentMail in advance. The cost of a school meal is charged at £2.80 a day. If you have any queries regarding school lunches and/or payments, please contact Mrs Wheatley in the School Office: lwheatley@bestacademies.org.uk

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.**

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, please collect a registration form from the school office or register at

Absences:

If your child is absent from school, please notify the **School Office either by phone or using ParentMail**, (Please do not notify the class teacher, either in person or via Seesaw).

You can record your child's absence on **ParentMail** or by **telephone (01462 813359)**.

All absences must be reported by 9.30am.

Please see our website for full procedures:

<https://www.camptonacademy.org.uk>

Parking:

Please park considerably, on school side of Rectory Road. A number of residents have expressed concern over driveways being blocked and inconsiderate parking. We urge all parents to consider our local residents when picking up and dropping off. **Please remember it is an offence to park or stop on the yellow markings between 8am and 4:30pm.**

Uniform:

Please take a look at our website for the correct school uniform:

<https://www.camptonacademy.org.uk>

- Long hair must be securely tied back for health and safety reasons
- **Please ensure you child has a warm coat in school every day.**

Safeguarding

If you have not already done so, please provide the School Office with a password. This will be requested every time you contact the School Office to make changes to your child's going home arrangements. In the interests of safety please keep your password confidential.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Ms Susanne Combe, Principal

SCombe@bestacademies.org.uk

Duty Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Carolyn Allen, Pastoral Lead

CMA-Support@bestacademies.org.uk

Dawn Until Dusk

All before and after school provision is now provided by Dawn Until Dusk. If you would like to sign your child(ren) up please visit their website:

<https://kidsdawnuntildusk.co.uk/>