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Dear Cuddington Families,

We have all had a wonderful start to our first week. Please join me in sending a very warm welcome to all our new Reception children – it has been a privilege to see them join ‘Team Cuddington.’

On Tuesday, we came together to share an assembly about ‘**Aspiration**’ - one of Cuddington’s core values. It was based around the Paris 2024 Olympic games and how all the Great Britain athletes once sat in a primary school hall during assemblies; each with their own aspirations to succeed at the highest level. Achieving great things is well within the reach of all our children and we need to work in partnership to ensure our children experience lots of success on their journey through our school.

‘X’ (previously known as Twitter)

During the summer holidays I met with our Chair of Governors to talk about social media, marketing our school and updating our families on the lived experiences of Cuddington life. I had been horrified to see some of the content on ‘X’ following the dreadful incident in Southport – I could see that hatred posts were filtering through to our account; therefore, we have taken the decision to no longer use this platform until we are satisfied that it is safe and hatred free. Interestingly, when you completed a social media questionnaire, many of you informed us that you mainly use Facebook’ and ‘Instagram.’ Very few of you actually have your own ‘X’ accounts. As a result of this decision, we are asking all parents to sign up to ‘**Class Dojo**’ (if you haven’t already). This will be the platform where we will share class photos (to all parents) or individual photos (to individual families) across the week. We will continue to use Facebook to share our whole school celebrations. In the meantime, our Trust are working on developing an effective communications strategy for all Trust families.

Class Dojo will also be the platform we use to share **homework** with you. It will continue to be set on a Friday and we will expect it to be returned on a Wednesday. Homework will be made up of Spelling, Reading and Maths and will reflect work that has been taught to your child during the week it is set. Your child’s teacher will have emailed a link for you to accept (if you haven’t done so already).

Emails to class teachers

During the past few months, our teachers are receiving an increasing number of emails sent to them – particularly outside of working hours. We fully understand that for some of you, this may be the only chance you get to send them; please could I ask you to be mindful that you may not get a speedy response as I am now encouraging my teachers to avoid being on work emails after 6pm. Teachers usually access their work emails when they arrive in school from around 7.45pm. It would be after the end of the school day when they get the opportunity to look at them again.

Meet the Teacher

As communicated in my previous email to you, Teachers are planning to meet with as many of you as possible on Wednesday 11th September at 3.30pm then repeated at 4pm. This is where you will find out a range of information relevant to your child’s year group and events that will happen across the year. **Although your child may have the same teacher, there will be very different information for you as your child is now in a new year group.**



Diary Dates

Many of you have communicated with me that you do not have enough notice about certain things which happen across the school year. Below you will see a table of Autumn Term dates relevant to you. They have also been added to the website calendar.

Cudd Fest

Tickets for **Cudd Fest** are now on sale via the sum up link below. Tickets are £10 each which includes food.

<https://cuddington-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/product/cudd-fest-adult-entry-plus-food>

Please notify us of any allergens when purchasing tickets.

To further support the event, we will send home a book of raffle tickets via the eldest child in each family next week. This looks to be an exciting 'first time' event; organised by school staff to allow our PTA to enjoy their evening!

Many thanks in anticipation of everyone's support,

Kind regards,

Sue Mills

Head Teacher