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Dear Parents and Families of Cuddington,

It is hard to believe that we have just completed our 3rd week back of the new school year.

Our Reception children have very quickly settled into their new routines of a school day, having only spent 7 full days with us so far! Mrs Larbey and Mrs Burrows have loved getting to know each new child and are busy finding out the strengths of each child and ‘where do we go next!’

The same can be said for the rest of our class teachers. I have been overwhelmed with the number of positive conversations I have had about each class and how quickly the children have got into their new routines too after being away from school for so long. You will see from our Twitter account (@cuddingtonpri) a range of learning opportunities have been planned for and implemented. I have asked that staff upload more images of learning for parents given that parents are unable to come into school to speak directly with their child’s class teacher.

This week, senior leaders have been discussing how we will report to parents in the Autumn Term. It has been agreed across the Trust schools, that parents will not be invited into school to have face to face conversations. Instead, you will all receive a short report about your child. Teachers have been asked to be specific about focus areas in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science along with other information about strengths and learning behaviours. The reports will be with you on Thursday 22nd October.

We have also started our discussions around remote learning (we have current information around this on our Coronavirus webpage) and how this would look if any of our children or class bubbles are to isolate for 14 days. It is an expectation from the DfE that these plans need to be in place by the end of September. As part of our discussions, we looked closely at the outcomes of our Parent Questionnaire which Rob Hulme (Governor) has put together. There was a very positive response to how we responded to schools closing to many pupils, but there was a common request through some of the responses about live/recorded lessons. This will definitely be something that will be in our ‘Remote Learning Plan.’ The outcome of the questionnaire will be emailed to you within the next week.

Children arriving late

You will all be very aware that the COVID transmission rate is rising, whilst it is still relatively low in our local area, we must work together to do our bit to minimise any risk of transmission in our school. Over the past 3 days there have been an increasing number of children arriving late which then means that parents and children from different bubbles are having direct contact with each other whilst waiting to enter school through the front entrance. Year 1 and Year 2 children must arrive by their entrance no later than 8.30pm (the gate opens at 8.20pm). Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 must arrive by 8.40am and Reception are to arrive by 8.40am.



School Lunches

Next week (week beginning 21st September) it is the turn of Years 3 and 4 to have a hot meal in our dining room. Year 1 and 2 will also be going into the dining room each day. Our new system has worked so much better this week whilst maintaining bubbles are apart. Years 5 and 6 will be able to order a packed lunch or a hot wrap each day to eat in the classroom. Reception will continue to have their hot meal in their own dining area!

During our assemblies each Friday, I always begin by asking each class what their best bit of the week has been. I finish by telling them the best bit of my week. As you can imagine, this is always tricky as I always see great things across the school and across the week! However, this week I have been particularly impressed with some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children who have taken it upon themselves to support Cuddington's ECO code. **'Respect or Regret'** is our code and reminds us of the importance of looking after our environment. Children from Year 3 and Year 4 have been particularly good at collecting litter and either recycling it or throwing it away. Mr Hutchinson has asked each of our class teachers to nominate 2 ECO warriors from each class to promote our code throughout the year.

Head Pupils

Following on from some of our Year 6 children in applying for the positions of Head Pupils. My personal thanks must go to all children who applied as the quality of applications was high. I am delighted to announce that Jessica and Noah have been voted as our Head Pupils for this academic year. Their first role will be to introduce themselves at our next zoom assembly.

Let's hope the sunshine continues into our weekend. Have a happy one when it arrives!

Kind regards,

Mrs Sue Mills
Head Teacher