



Whole School Newsletter



COCKBURN
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST
TRANSFORMATION TO EXCELLENCE

10th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year; I hope that you had a good Christmas break, given the challenges that we all still face.

We welcome Miss Fawcett back from her maternity leave. Miss Fawcett will continue with her role as PE/Sports coordinator and will take back most of the responsibilities for supporting children with special educational needs. Miss Fawcett is the school SENCo. Sapphire Class will now be taught by Miss Fawcett Monday to Wednesday and Mrs O'Boyle Thursdays and Fridays (from 17.1.2022).

Sadly, on 14th January, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Carter who has decided to leave us after working at the school for an incredibly long time. Mrs Carter has been an integral part of the school, working across all age groups and I would like to express appreciation and thanks on behalf of the school governors as well as the staff and families. We will say our final goodbye to Mrs Carter on Friday 14th January in school, and you are welcome to speak to and see her in the playground on that day both before and after school.

Last half term saw our winter celebrations and activities which included

- Successful Nursery and Reception Stay n Play events
- Year group performances, which thankfully we were allowed to make 'public' albeit with limitations
- A visit from The Lempen Puppet Theatre (see picture above) that inspired everyone to use their imagination and to make puppets out of 'rubbish' found at home
- A Winter Fair, which was well attended and raised money to support events in school over the coming year

We are now looking forward to our Spring 1 learning and events

Nursery Stay n' Play event - to be notified via Tapestry and slip to parents

Reception 'Stay and learn Phonics' event - Thursday 27th January 2022 9am You should bring your child to school and you will then be able to wait and chat in the school hall until they have had their registers completed. We will then join the classes for their phonics lesson (9-9.30). After that, you are invited into the hall for refreshments where you will be able to ask questions of pass on your comments.

First Hand Friday parent experience next group of parents will be invited by text. Parents are invited on a rolling programme so that everyone has an invitation to the art group, once in the academic year

Music Performance 'Skylar's Missing Note' performance and workshops for Ks1 on the morning of 24th January. To be paid for with proceeds from Winter Fair: no parental payment required.

Safeguarding: if you are worried that a child is at risk of harm, or you are in urgent need of support, you should contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 2224403.

Our school Child Protection Officers are Mrs Padgett, Miss Pratt, Mrs Carter, Miss Turpin and Mrs Walmsley.

Attendance and School Records

A reminder that children must, by law, attend school. If children are too ill to attend, or have symptoms of Covid-19, please call the school office on 0113 5128746 to let us know. You need to call us every day to update us, unless it is clear that your child will be absent for a number of days, in which case tell us on the first day you call. If you decide not to test your child who has symptoms of COVID 19 then they will be required to self-isolate at home for the full 10 days.

Please be aware that we have had a significant number of Reception children ill with Chicken Pox, so you need to keep an eye out for symptoms.

If your child is absent or taken out of school for a medical appointment, then we need to see evidence of this to be able to authorise the absence with the correct code. An appointment text or letter should be shown to either Miss Walmsley or Mrs Glover in the school office, who will record the correct mark onto your child's register. Medical appointments are disregarded when we give attendance rewards.

We do attendance home visits, so please be aware that we may call at your home to check whether we can offer any further support. This also forms part of our safeguarding procedures.

It is against the law to take children out of school for a holiday so please arrange these within the 13 weeks school holidays.

Note: the Leeds schools' Easter break in 2022 is from 2nd to 18th April and children return to school on Tuesday 19th April. If you are booking a holiday at Easter, you may find that the first week of our school holidays is a cheaper option as this is not near to the bank holiday weekend.

To make sure that you receive communications promptly from school, you need to keep us up to date with both your current address and your current telephone number(s). If either of these change, please call the office on 0113 5128746 so that we can amend our records.

Nursery

We have limited afternoon/30 hour places available for this academic year. We take children as soon as they are three and offer extended care through our wraparound provision. We did get full last spring, so contact the office for an application pack, if your child is not already on our waiting list.

Wraparound Provision

Breakfast Club is for children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two and runs from 7.45am to 8.40am.

EYFS after school provision is for Nursery and Reception children and is open until 5.30pm. Key Stage One after school provision is for Key Stage One and children from Rothwell Victoria Junior School. This is open until 6pm.

Please call the school office if you would like information or to book a place for your child, either now or for September.

Key Stage One PE

Children will now change for PE and each child needs to bring their kit in a bag every Monday. Kits will be returned home on a Friday for washing ready for the following week.

Kidz Zone Holiday Club

Kidz Zone Holiday Club at CHRA provides childcare in the school holidays. The club is Ofsted registered and is run independently by Mrs Helen Turpin (the club is not associated with school). Every holidays there is a theme and you can make enquiries or book by contacting Mrs Turpin directly.

Contact details 07379909222 / kidzzoneholidayclub@gmail.com

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th January 2022

All children return to school.

Friday 21st January

Non-uniform day '*Wear what makes you happy!*'

Suggested contribution towards school funds £1

Monday 24th January

Musical performance in school (morning for Ks1 only)

Thursday 27th January

Reception 'Stay n Learn Phonics' 9am

Monday 14th February

School discos:

Nursery 9.30—10.15am

Reception 1.30-2.30pm

KS1 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 4th February

Staff training day. School closed to children.

No After School Club

Friday 18th February

Last day of school before February half term break

Monday 28th February 2022

School reopens to all children

Friday 1st April

Last day of school before Easter break