

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School



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## Harvest

On Friday 15th October we will be having a Harvest collection for the Cleobury Mortimer Food Bank. Donations of canned food, dried pasta, rice, toiletries, cleaning products would all be very welcome.

We will have collection boxes outside school on that day. If you ever have anything to donate, we do have a box permanently in the reception area outside the office.

The Food Bank does great work in the community and we are really pleased to support it in any way we can.

## Parent Governors



Information will be coming home to you shortly regarding becoming a Parent Governor and the election process. Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a different way.

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a governor. Please don't think you are not the right type of person. We welcome interest from all members of the school community.

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21st October—End of Term

Tuesday 2nd November—Back to School

Friday 17th December—End of Term

Wednesday 5th January 2022— Back to School

Friday 18th February—End of term

Monday 28th February—Back to School

Friday 8th April—End of Term

Monday 25th April—Back to School

Monday 2nd May—Bank Holiday

Friday 27th May—End of Term

Monday 6th June—Back to School

Thursday 21st July—End of Term

## Office Opening Hours

The office is open between **8.00 am and 4.00 pm** every day. If you need to contact us outside these times, please email [admin@cmpschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@cmpschool.co.uk).



## Covid News

In line with local guidelines, we had to increase the measures we have had in place to help reduce the number of infections in school. The good news is that we have not had a positive case for more than ten days, so we are able to start to ease up on some of these restrictions.

From Monday 4th October, we will be reintroducing after school clubs. We will also be welcoming non-essential visitors to school, so some of the other activities the children enjoy will be reintroduced.

Although this is great news, and I sincerely hope to further reduce measures over the coming weeks, it does depend on the prevalence of Covid cases, not just in the school, but in the community. If cases rise, we will have to increase measures again. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you to the NHS Community Outreach Team who braved the atrocious weather on Tuesday to come down and deliver good advice and testing kits.

## Building Progress

We are finally nearing completion on the outstanding building projects. The new floor has been laid and the ceiling is being reinstalled today in the new SEND Hub. Hopefully the work here will be finished by half-term.

Two walls should be built during the holiday in the staff room and PPA room to finish off those two projects and the additional nursery room needs a new radiator and then that will be complete as well.

The next project is replacing all of the windows which will improve the insulation of the building and hopefully impact positively on our fuel consumption.

Finally we might be able to get rid of the Heras fencing and the skip which feel as though they have taken up permanent residence on the site.

## Fuel Shortages

I hope that you have all been managing to get the petrol and diesel you need over the past week.

As with everything else that is happening nationally, the fuel shortages are impacting life in school. Catering are struggling to get the ingredients they order on time. They are doing a great job at the moment, but it may be that they have to change the menus at really short notice if they are let down by suppliers or are unable to get hold of the necessary ingredients for the planned menu.

I apologise in advance if we do have to change things at short notice, but it really is circumstances beyond our control.

## Free School Meals

If you think you might be eligible for benefit related free school meals, please contact the office and they will give you more information.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will currently receive a free school meal as part of the government's Universal Free School Meals initiative. However, if we give out vouchers during the holidays, you will only receive them if you are entitled to and claim benefit related free school meals.

## Year 6 Residential

Unfortunately the residential visit which was planned for October, has had to be cancelled because of continuing Covid restrictions at the centre we were due to use.

This is really disappointing for the children, and also for the staff who really enjoy the week of outdoor pursuits. We are currently trying to find a provider with capacity for later in the year. It is quite a complicated process as we try to avoid the worst of the weather and the shorter days in the winter and find a centre which is not overwhelmed with bookings following eighteen months of a pandemic. We also need to find somewhere within budget. All is not yet lost and we will continue to try to ensure that this year's Year 6 children do not miss out on this opportunity.

Thanks to Mr Dawes for all of the additional time he is spending trying to make sure the children get the experience they deserve.

# Stars of the week!

*This week's 'Stars of the Week' are:*

Deer

Abbie

Kane

Mole

Sophie

Jacob

Kestrel

Mason

Elijah

Hare

Demi

Jake

Rabbit

Noah C

Maisie

Hedgehog

Ted

Isla S

Badger

Olivia

Oli

Squirrel

Sia

Archie

Fox

Joseph

Alicia

Ducklings

Edward

*Many congratulations to you all!*