

Cleobury Mortimer Primary School



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Happy New Year!

It seems such a long time ago now, but we do all send you very best wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2022.

You will have heard from Stuart Auger, Chair of Governors, that I am retiring from my current post at the end of the summer term this year.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege for me to have been the head teacher here and I have been lucky to work with an outstanding staff and governing body, and, of course, amazing children and families. I look forward to continuing in my post for the next two terms and preparing the school for the many changes that will be coming soon.

The Governors are working hard behind the scenes to recruit a new head teacher so that we can have a really smooth transition. This process takes quite some time, so there will not be any news until after the Easter holidays. I thought it would be useful for you to know the timescales for this as a few people have been asking.

Friends

The Friends have done an absolutely fabulous job again and have raised another £2000 with the Christmas Raffle and Santa Breakfast and tombola. This is an amazing amount of money and we are really grateful to the Friends and to all of you who have supported them so well.

We are currently ordering a bike rack to replace the old broken one which was removed when the builders started work last year. We are also purchasing a scooter rack. This is in direct response to a request from school council.

Men in Sheds are also going to build some raised beds on site, also funded by Friends and we are auditing reading books and Friends have allocated some funding for new books too. It is just like Christmas all over again!

Dates for your Diary

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.

School website: cmpschool.co.uk



Executive Headteacher

It was great to welcome Mrs Katie Jones to school on Thursday this week. She came to have a look at all of the new developments in school and visit classrooms to see the staff and children.

Mrs Jones is the newly appointed Executive Headteacher of the Trust and we are really looking forward to working with her.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings this term will be on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March. We will (Covid permitting) be holding the meetings in school with appropriate measures in place. Although we have tried using remote meetings for parent appointments, it would be nice to meet in person, if this is at all possible. Details for booking appointments will be sent out nearer the time.

Late Arrival at School

This is becoming an issue for some families. The number of children arriving after 8.50 is now considerable. I will be meeting with the Education Welfare Officer later this month and it is something we will be discussing and addressing. If you persistently bring your children to school late, you will be contacted by the Education Welfare Officer and further action may be necessary.

Although occasional late arrival is understandable, persistently arriving late is really upsetting for the children. Having to work into a room full of people can cause a lot of anxiety and is far from an ideal way to start the day.

Ventilation

Keeping the school well-ventilated is one of the key ways we can help to keep everyone healthy. However, when the weather is chilly, having the windows open to provide adequate ventilation does mean that it is colder than usual in the classrooms. Please feel free to add an extra layer to your child's uniform for the next few weeks as it is more comfortable for the children to wear extra layers than to wear their coats in class.

The children might like to bring in an additional jumper or school fleece to put on or they may wear an extra layer under their uniforms.

Staff absences

I am sorry that we have had to make multiple adjustments to staffing over the initial weeks of term. You will know from the news that this is far from being a local issue. Whilst we have not yet been hit with a major outbreak of Covid, we have had to contend with a higher than usual number of absences. Fortunately we have a very versatile and skilled staff who can be adaptable and flexible and help to keep classes covered at short notice. The very last thing we want is to have to send classes home and disrupt the children's learning.

I am sorry that we have had to cancel after school clubs this week. I acknowledge the amount of inconvenience it causes families and thank you for your understanding.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Miss Johnston who became Mrs Lort during the Christmas holiday. We wish her lots of happiness.



Stars of the week!

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

<u>Deer</u>	Olivia	Max
<u>Mole</u>	Katie	Theo
<u>Kestrel</u>	Eden	Evan
<u>Hare</u>	Georgia	Jake
<u>Rabbit</u>	Heather	Tyler
<u>Hedgehog</u>	Ethan-Kai	Nimrod
<u>Badger</u>	Amelie	Harvey
<u>Squirrel</u>	Jasmine	Sam
<u>Fox</u>	Nina	Joseph
<u>Ducklings</u>	Reggie	

Many congratulations to you all!

House points:

House	Total
Housman	188
Jebb	159
Owen	248
Webb	181

Congratulations to Kestrel class who are the overall housepoint winners this week!