



CAMPTON
ACADEMY

Newsletter - Autumn 2 2021

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd November—No After-school Club

Friday 5th November— Fruity Friday (Y1, Y2 & Y4)

8th—12th November—New reception visits

9th / 11th November—Parent's Evenings

Wednesday 10th November—Follow-up Flu Vaccinations (these have been postponed)

Friday 12th November—Fruity Friday (YR & Y3)

8th & 9th December—Reception / Year 1 Class Nativity Play (information to follow)

Friday 10th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th December—Christmas Carol Service (restrictions permitting)

Wednesday 15th December—Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December—Class Parties

Christmas Holidays

Mon 20th Dec—Mon 3rd Jan 2022
INSET Day – Tuesday 4th January 2022

Mon 14th Feb - Fri 18th Feb - Half Term

Starting School

Was your child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018? They will start school in September 2022, so you need to apply for a school place **by 15 January 2022**.

Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
You can also complete a paper application which is available by contacting School Admissions at admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or telephone 0300 300 8037.

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely half term and are ready for another exciting half term. There is plenty to look forward to!

Thank you to everyone who was able to complete the questionnaire before half term. It was great to receive so much positive and constructive feedback. We are always looking for ways to improve and all staff strive to provide the best possible educational opportunities and support for your children.

Please remember to raise questions or queries early and directly with the school either via Seesaw or by calling the office. This way they can be addressed swiftly and appropriately.

Cases of Covid-19 remain very high in our area and as a result the local authority have recommended schools reintroduce some measures. Please see separate letter for further information.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Fraher*

Dropping off / Picking up

Before school:

- **Please remain offsite**
- **The main and Reception gates will be open from 8:40**
- *Reception children will continue to use their current entrance but the double gates will be open to allow more space.*
- *Non - teaching staff will be available to answer queries / pass on information.*

After school:

- **Collection time will return to 3:20**
 - *Reception class will be dismissed from the Reception outside area gate*
- (Please enter school via the main gate and follow the path past the school office)*
- *Children in Years 1—4 will be dismissed onto the front playground.*
 - *Year 1 from the white door*
 - *Year 2 from the gate leading to the back playground*
 - *Year 3 and 4 from the mobile classroom middle door*
 - *Please collect your older children first.*
 - *Please wear face coverings while on site and maintain a social distance from those outside of your household.*
- We have a **no running policy** on the front playground due to the number of benches present. We kindly ask you to reinforce this after school.
 - The ramps and steps **are not** a suitable place for children to play.
 - We kindly ask you to leave site as quickly as possible.



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Parent Consultations

Teachers are looking forward to discussing how children have settled into their new classes and sharing details of their learning so far with parents/carers on:

Tuesday 9th November - 4.00 - 5:45pm

Thursday 11th November - 4.00 - 5:45pm

As recommended by the local authority these will be held via phone call.

Please complete the form, which has been sent via parentmail, to indicate your preferred day / time and contact number.

Remember you can ask questions or raise concerns about your child's learning or school experience at any time. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment to speak your child's class teacher or contact them via Seesaw.

After-school Sports Clubs

There are no after-school SSG sports clubs on the following weeks:

Wc: Monday 1st November 2022

Wc: Monday 2nd May 2022

Our Value for this half term is:

Tolerance

Please send examples of your child showing this value to your child's teacher via Seesaw or by email to sfraher@bestacademies.org.uk

Friends of Campton Events

Halloween

A huge thank you to everyone who dressed up at the end of term. The costumes all looked brilliant and the children had a great day.

Money Monsters

Before half term the children brought home a small box of sweets to enjoy over the break. The Friends of Campton hope the children have been busy doing good deeds in exchange for some coins to put in their boxes. The PTA would like the boxes to be returned on Tuesday 2nd November.

Fruity Friday

On Friday 5th November there will be a fruit themed sale at the end of the day for children in Years 1, 2 and 4. Each £1 goody bag contains some fresh fruit and a fruit themed stationary surprise. If your child usually goes home on the bus they can bring their £1 into school and visit the sale before the buses arrive. The sale will be repeated on Friday 12th November for children in Reception and Year 3.

Christmas Activities

The Friends of Campton are busy organising a variety of Christmas activities to raise essential funds for school. **Restrictions permitting**, they would like to include a Disco, a Bake Off and possibly a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 11th December. More information will be sent out via Parent Mail in the next few weeks. They have also kindly agreed to fund a virtual panto experience for all the children to enjoy as well as providing the crackers and other 'little extras' to make our school Christmas dinner extra special.

If you are able to help the Friends of Campton in any way please do not hesitate to contact them. They will be delighted to hear from you!

cma-foc@bestacademies.org.uk



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Reminders

After-school pick-up arrangements

Please telephone the School Office on 01462 813359 if going home arrangements for your child are different from normal arrangements that the class teachers are used to. Your **password will be required** for telephone requests.

Please do not email the School Office, as any failure in our Internet service will mean the messages will not get read.

Names

Please name all your child's clothing. Please refer to www.name-labels.com if you wish to purchase children's name labels. The school reference number is 3511.

School Lunch money (Years 3 & 4)

Please ensure that lunch money is paid in advance. This should be done via your Parentmail account. If you have any queries regarding school lunches and/or payments, please contact Mrs Wheatley in the School Office.

Coats

Please ensure your child always has a coat/rain jacket with them every day in school. As you know, our weather is extremely changeable and we don't want children to feel cold when they are in the playground.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day, **it should only contain water.**

Milk

Every child who is under the age of 5 is entitled to free milk in school. Once your child has turned 5, you have the option of paying for them to have milk in school. This is a direct arrangement with a company called Cool Milk. If you would like to arrange this, please collect a registration form from the school office or register on www.coolmilk.com

Snacks

Can we remind all parents that if you are packing your child a snack that this should **only be fresh or dried fruit or vegetable**. Cereal bars, crackers and other snacks are not permitted at break time.

Christmas Events

On **Friday 10th December 2021**, children are being asked to dress in their Christmas Jumpers – or any other festive attire!



A small voluntary donation is suggested, to raise money for **Save the Children**.

Christmas Carol Service

All children and staff hope to visit All Saints Church in Campton for a Christmas carol service on the morning of **Tuesday 14th December 2021**.



Christmas Lunch



Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 15th December**. A form will be sent to all parents on ParentMail, inviting children to participate, even if they do not normally have a school dinner.

Class Christmas Parties will be held in school on: **Friday 17th December**. **No change of clothes needed!**

Class Nativity

Reception and Year 1 had hoped to be able to share their Christmas Play in person this year however this will dependant on restrictions in place at this time. **Further information will be provided in due course.**



Christmas Cards

Christmas cards can be given out in class or placed in the Christmas Card collection Box. The postbox will be in the playground each morning throughout December.