

NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every person matters, every moment counts "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to a new school year at Newbottle & Charlton CEVA Primary School. I hope you managed to enjoy some family time, relax, recharge and I am sure made some lovely memories.

Along with all the 20 new children and families we welcome into Reception (although 14 are siblings!), we also welcome into Year 4 Felicity. Her family will become quite familiar too as she is the daughter of Father Matthew, who will officially take up his post at St James on Saturday 7th September. I am hoping he will become a regular visitor to school most notably for Collective Worship. I am sure as a school community everyone will be made to feel very welcome.

On the staffing front we welcome Mrs Nicky Edge into the office as our School Financial Administrator. She will be in the office in the mornings Mon-Thurs.



Once again staff have been very busy organising a fabulous year ahead and year we again start with a whole school project. This time:

Japan

We have kicked this off with 2 WOW afternoons (Wednesday and Thursday) where children will take part in Origami, Sushi making, Silk Painting and a form of Kendo.

Following this classes will go off on their own Japanese adventures, filming as they go - this will conclude on Friday 20th September at 1.40pm with a tea ceremony for parents and the opportunity to not only watch the video clips but also raise some money for Macmillan.

I thought it would be useful to inform you of a few reminders as well as things coming up this week and next.

The first 'official' newsletter will be with you next Friday in paper format to begin with as well as by email - it is important you read the weekly newsletter to be aware of what is happening in school week by week. A weekly diary will continue to be emailed each Friday with what is happening in the following week. As well as this, class letters will be out next Friday.

This Friday please look out for a number of pieces of paperwork that we would appreciate a quick turnaround on (Reception parents you received many of these back in July). Included in this will be dates for the term and a club list!

This Friday there will be NO achiever's assembly but we would like to invite you in after school to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom.



We will have our first Achievers assembly on Friday 13th September at 2.40pm where I would like to encourage any children who received certificates and achievements over the holiday's to bring in to share - this includes the Library's Reading Challenge.

Reminder that the whole school finishes every Friday at 3.30pm.

After School and Breakfast Club will continue as previously. We are assuming, unless we have been told any different that arrangements will remain in place for this term for the current children who attend. If anyone new wishes to come along then do please speak to relevant staff, Polly (our new Breakfast Club Supervisor) or Rea or pop in to speak to the office. Details can be found on the website too about these facilities.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Yesterday as staff we refreshed ourselves with the new Keeping Children Safe in Education document which has been revised for September 2019. In addition, all staff throughout the year will complete update training. It is an annual expectation for all staff to have a refresher in this area - never an easy area to discuss but one that is vital. This is such an important area within our role in school and the training provides us with reminders of the expectation that as staff we all have to ensure that all children are safe and protected from all forms of abuse and neglect. This is to be achieved in partnership with parents and carers. The school website has a tab for Safeguarding with guidance and advice in particular with online safety.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am the Designated Safeguarding lead and Mr Smith and Mrs Thomas in my absence are the Deputy Safeguarding Leads. Please do come and see us if you have any concerns regarding child protection concerns.

School Meals - Fresh Start

Reminder that in order for your child to have a school meal they must be ordered by the previous Tuesday. All pupils including those who receive free meals in Oak and Ash must order the meals please. If you are unsure of need some help then do pop into the office who will be able to help you.

Healthy School

As a reminder we provide children with bottles for water for the classrooms and water is also provided for lunch. Along with milk and fresh fruit juice (including smoothies) these are the only drinks allowed in school as laid out in the school food regulations. We provide fruit for every child over the year - KS1 receive this free as part of the government scheme and for KS2 we ask for two payments of £10 over the year which is 185 pieces of fruit for £20! I would also like to continue to offer milk as an option - look out for the flyer!

If your child is having a packed lunch then this needs to be healthy and balanced in its content - crisps, chocolate, fizzy drinks and sweets are strongly discouraged and if provided done so as a treat, not on a daily basis. Children are in school for approx. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours and in that time we would like the children to be as healthy as possible developing good habits with diet and exercise and ask that you support us in this mission. We continue to request that no sweets, cakes etc. are sent in to school for birthdays - we will happily celebrate this in other ways in class but will not be handing these out on school premises - thank you for your support in this.



We are also going to continue to work on mindfulness and mental health in the school. We have just been informed we have received our Silver Award for the work we already do and are now looking to achieve Gold!

Please ensure your child has the correct **named** uniform and PE Kits. The uniform policy, approved by the governors can be found on the website but in summary -

- Grey/black smart trousers, shorts, dress or skirt;
- white or light blue polo shirt or shirt (these can be purchased with logos on from our school supply but not necessarily needed),
- Royal blue cardigan or jumper - again logo'd ones are available from our online school uniform provider.
- Summer dresses may be worn again royal blue in colour.
- Smart school shoes also to be worn.
- No jewellery except watch and stud earrings.
- No extreme, fashionable haircuts and we encourage hair to be tied back if able with plain accessories.

Our main aim is that children look smart for school and proud of their appearance.

Please could all PE kits be in school from Monday - white or plain coloured 'team' t-shirt', black / blue short/skort and a suitable pair of shoes e.g. trainers. As the weather gets colder a black or navy pair of jogging suit bottoms to be provided please. Please no football shirts or shirts with designs on. We are looking forward to be welcoming Northampton Saints in again for Rugby as part of our PE lessons this term!

Looking forward to the year ahead,

As ever, if you have questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself, or try the suggestion box which can be found in the office foyer!

Kind regards

Sarah Smith
Head teacher



Diary Dates - until Fri 13th Sept

Wed 4th Sept.	Return to school Reception in until 12 Japan Wow 1
Thurs 5th Sept.	Reception in until 12 Japan Wow 2
Fri 6th Sept.	Reception in until 12 Football Taster with Brackley Town Football Club Paperwork Bundle home - incl clubs dates and forms Parents welcome into classes 3.30pm-4.00pm
Mon 9th Sept	Reception in until 1pm Homework Out
Tues 10th Sept.	Reception in until 1pm
Wed 11th Sept.	Reception in until 1pm PTFA 8pm - all welcome - a chance to learn what the PTFA does, be a part of planning the year ahead events and make a real difference to the school
Thurs 12th Sept.	Reception in until 1pm
Fri 13th Sept	Reception in until 1pm Achievers 2.40pm Newsletter 1 Class letters out Homework Club