

Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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Newsletter – 18th September 2020

Welcome to our first newsletter for the academic year. We hope that the Summer has allowed you time to refresh and that our pupils are chomping at the bit to get into school. We just wanted to write and say how wonderful your children have been. It has been such a pleasure to see them back at the school and they have all behaved impeccably, despite the changes that have been made around the school.

It is important to note that we are doing our very best to keep everyone in our community safe. Our Risk Assessment and the steps we have taken are based on Government guidelines and research. With just over 150 families in our school it is not possible to please everyone, but our decisions are considered and discussed at length. We need to do all we can while within school to limit the spread of the virus so that we can keep the school open, but more importantly maintain the health and well-being of everyone in our community and beyond.

Thank you for all your work in getting them prepared with uniform and equipment and getting them here at the correct times, particularly our new Reception pupils. It has been so wonderful and emotional to see our Coopersale Community back in full flow once again.

P.E Lessons

We have taken the decision to slightly amend the School's risk assessment regarding PE kits for lessons in order to minimise risks for children and teacher contact. **From Monday 21st September, On the days where your child is timetabled to have PE, we would like them to come into school wearing their PE kit and will remain in this for the rest of the day.** As usual, all jewellery must be removed during P.E. If your child is wearing stud earrings on P.E days, they must be able to take them out by themselves. **Please refer to last week's class newsletters, for your child's P.E days.** Thank you for your support in this matter.

Online Safety

We recently reported to Year 3 & 4 parents about the misuse of a social media app called Tiktok. However, it has come to our attention that there may well be inappropriate content that is being shared amongst some of our older pupils. Please do click on the link below for helpful tips and advice.

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/android-ios-tiktok-digital-wellbeing/>

Relationship & Health Education (RHE) Working Party

A letter was recently sent to all parents informing them of statutory changes taking place with RHE. We are currently drafting our *Relationship & Health Education Policy* and would like to put together a 'working party' of parents to have their say, it will involve a virtual meeting via Microsoft TEAMS. Please email admin@coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk to express your interest.

Individual photos

Our photographer will be taking individual photographs on **Tuesday 22nd September** in the main hall. Unfortunately, with Covid restrictions, we are unable to have photographs with pre-school siblings this year. All other siblings within the school will have their photos taken during the school day as usual. **Please ensure your child is wearing School uniform, even if a P.E day for the class. An exemption will be made to bring P.E Kits in and change into them after photos have been taken.**

PTA



Thank you so much to our PTA who have agreed to contribute £1000 towards new PE mats and a trolley for our PE lessons. The mats are light and easy to use, our children absolutely love them!



Early Years



A huge welcome to our lovely Cherry class this week! We are absolutely thrilled to see how well they have all settled in and are already making new friendships. This week, they have been experiencing half-days to help them transition into full-time ready for next week.

Early Years and Wellbeing Project

It has been exciting watching building works take place around us; and as you can see in the picture, the works is complete. We will be opening the playground to Reception class on Monday and arranging times for all other year groups to have time to explore. A long jump zone is just to the right of the picture, so we can't wait to see who gets the record for the School.



Collective Worship

Your children may have told you that the whole school have been meeting up at 2.40 everyday virtually via Microsoft TEAMS. This means that the school can see each other and interact as they would usually do being in the hall. We will be looking into the possibility of inviting our parents (virtually), so they could be more involved in all our Celebration Worship. More information on this will come soon.

Finally...

We want to assure you that we will do all we can to keep your children safe but also that their well-being is considered and that our teachers have been working hard to help them reconnect with the school curriculum. However, just as importantly, we want our pupils to receive the highest calibre of education and we will continue to work hard to provide the best possible curriculum to support our pupils in achieving the best possible outcomes.

Have a lovely weekend

