

# Coopersale & Theydon Garnon C.E Primary School



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## Newsletter – October 2020

As we enter the second half term, our teachers have been working exceptionally hard to welcome pupils back safely every day and assess the impact of lockdown on their learning and wellbeing. It has become increasingly clear that Covid-19 will be with us throughout the winter and, with it, the very real threat that many pupils could be out of school for extended periods of time. This has been the case this week where we had to unfortunately close our Year 6 bubble due to a single positive Covid19 case. What will happen in the next few months is uncertain, but it is as important as ever, that we do everything we can to support each other and members of our community.



On a more positive note, teachers have been continually impressed by our pupils. Their resilience and hard work in class is fantastic. We are constantly reminded by parents how much their children are enjoying being back in school and can report that this is evident from seeing them in their classes. They are a credit to their families.

### **Covid communication**

If your personal circumstances change over the weekend due to symptoms or a positive test, please message the school office via *studybugs* so that immediate action can be taken to ensure that we keep our community safe. Can we remind you again that if your child is displaying symptoms, please do not send them into school and do book a Covid19 test. This helps protect everyone and reduces the possible transmission. The office will let the class teacher know who will contact you about our remote learning curriculum.

### **Staffing**



We would love to send a warm welcome to two new members of our staffing team. Mrs Ives (left) joined us in September and has been working with our lovely Cherry class. We have also appointed Miss Walton (right) who will be supporting Year 2. This Friday we had to wish Mrs Gardiner 'Good Luck' as she leaves us to have her baby. Most of you will know her as Ms Kimber who also got married to become Mrs Gardiner this Summer. We cannot wait to see photos of the new baby.



### **It's time to wrap up warm!**

You will be aware that we have windows open throughout the school on occasion to ensure ventilation throughout the rooms and school buildings. We do have the heating on in school, but it is starting to feel a little colder. We do encourage your child to wear extra layers underneath their uniform or PE kit and make sure they always have their coat with them.



## **Half Term**

A reminder that school will be closed on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** and school will reopen on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

## **Coopersale Scarecrow Festival- Second Place!**



Our staff and children have had an amazing time creating a scarecrow for their class as part of the community 'Scarecrow Festival' which was organised by Mrs Kim Klug-Miller. Our children then went on a Scarecrow hunt to find the 27 scarecrows which were dotted



throughout the village. Our favourite was Mr Maple (left) as we just could not get him to smile! Although he looked so much more happier sitting with his other scarecrow friends. We would like to thank Kim for organising this event and can't wait to get involved in future community events.

## **Essex: local level alert (high)**



The increase in cases of coronavirus has now led to Essex being placed into the Tier 2 (high) category of restrictions. It is now more important than ever that everyone continues to follow public health advice. School will obviously remain open and we will be following the social distancing and hygiene

rules that are in place.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/what-the-high-COVID-alert-level-means-for-you>

## **Parents Consultation**

This year due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to have our usual face-to-face meetings in your child's classroom. Instead we are going to be holding phone/virtual meetings with parents across the second half of this term. You will receive more information after the half term break.

## **Message for Year 6 parents**

A reminder to our Year 6 parents, you need to select your child's secondary school place by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please click on the following link to apply if you have not already done so.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

## **Bikes and scooters**

Thank you to all those children and parents who sensibly walk their bikes and scooters whilst on site even if it takes a little longer with our one-way system. It is important that we keep it this way as we have had a few near misses last week whilst some children were on their scooter!



## **PTA My Child's Art Fundraiser for Christmas 2020**

You will be receiving a leaflet after half term enabling you to view your child's artwork which they have created in class. You can then log on to [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk) where you will be able to place an order using your special code to purchase Christmas cards, tea towels mugs etc. Our PTA will earn 20% on any orders placed.





### **Harvest Service**

Year 5 & 6 were lucky enough to attend a brilliant Harvest service led by our lovely Reverend Lee at our Church last Thursday. All pupils were kept in their bubbles and the church were great at ensuring everyone was Covid safe! The service was streamed live to every class at Coopersale so it felt like we were all together as a school.



### **Early Years playground**



Our children in Cherry have absolutely loved playing in their new playground! It has been exciting to see it develop and a pleasure to watch our children enjoy the playground every day since!

### **A few final words from our pupils...**

I love the big house in my new playground and I like to climb into the aeroplane.

*Jamie T. (Cherry)*

I like working in Maple class. We got to perform a poem and I liked it when we danced to the poem because it was about Autumn.

*Imogen A. (Maple)*

I loved seeing my friends because I missed them so much. I liked seeing my new teacher because she always gives us different challenges. I have loved going to see the Cherry playground because this helped us with our newspaper report.

*Elsie G. (Hazel)*

I have loved seeing my friends and my teachers. I really missed maths because it's my favourite subject and I liked to be challenged. Today I enjoyed planning my book review and my best moment was seeing Mrs Gardiner on the screen.

*Shahad A.J. (Sycamore)*

