



# Caddington Village School Newsletter

May 2015



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It only seems like yesterday that we were looking forward to Easter!



Year 1 had a fabulous trip to see HMS Bedfast, the children were so excited about their fun filled day.

Our German visitors had a great time experiencing life at an English school, enjoying many of our traditions such as fish and chips. Huge thanks to parents for their support with this, we are looking forward to our trip to Germany in June.

Year 6 pupils have just finished the rigours of SATs, they have all tried so hard this year and we are all very proud of them. Year 8 have been preparing for life at Secondary school and sat their end of year exams in the hall. A big thank you for the help and support you provide to the pupils in preparation for these tests. We are hoping for good results all round.

The canteen held another American theme day this week, the kitchen staff, adults and pupils alike were all enjoying the music whilst dining on pizza, hot dogs and burgers.

Thanks to those parents who responded to our request for feedback regarding reports, also to those who volunteer regularly and came to the induction sessions. Much appreciated!

Have a very relaxing half term, we look forward to seeing the pupils on Monday 1st June.

Sue Teague

## FREE NURSERY PLACES

Did you know that up to 15 hours free nursery education is available to all 3 and 4 year olds? Unlike some other providers, Caddington Village School offers a stimulating, purpose built nursery staffed by qualified teachers to give your child the best possible start. For more information or to arrange a tour, please contact Mrs Howes in the school office.

## LOST PROPERTY

Could all parents and carers check their child's uniform and belongings to make sure that everything is labelled clearly with their child's name. A lot of uniform has lost its owner and, without a clear label, it is hard to return it. Could you please return to reception any items of clothing that has someone else's name, as some belongings have been inadvertently taken home by another child.

Many thanks.

## KEY STAGE 1 NEWS

And so another term seems to have rushed by with lots of fun and learning in KS1. It started with Year 1 dressing up as Toys. Quite a sight to see many Elsas, Lego men and all sorts of fun characters dancing away during our morning aerobics.

Year 2 were excited to see the Fire Engine arrive and thoroughly enjoyed the informative presentation by the firemen followed by a look around the engine itself. The children were permitted to climb in the cab and handle some of the equipment. The best bit for many of them was having a go with one of the hoses and several of us got a little soaked. A big thank you to the Dunstable Fire crew.



KS1 and Reception took part in what has become an annual trip to the Green for a rainy dance around the May Pole. Thank you to all of those who came and supported us and spiritedly joined in the 'open to all' last dance. Thank you to Mrs Heywood and Mr and Mrs Goode for their musical accompaniment.

Well done to 1T with their happy assembly which brought a smile to many of our faces and thank you to parents and carers for coming to watch.

Now with a final term to go, we expect the weather to get warmer. Please remember to provide your children with a water bottle and a sun cap is recommended too in order to play outside safely.

Next term we would also like to say that Year 2 will be walking across with their teachers to the Columbus site for play times in order to get them prepared for their transition into Year 3. If they wish, they can purchase snacks from the canteen.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and we look forward to another, albeit final, exciting half term. KS1 Staff

## YEAR 4 GERMAN VISITORS

This half term we entertained our German visitors from Eitorf. They spent 3 days both here and at Slip End. They joined in activities with Year 4 including an amazing BBQ, a day at Stockwood Park, a fish and chip supper and then experienced a Maths and Literacy lesson in an English school.



We are very excited about our upcoming visit to Germany just after the half term break.

## SPARE BUTTONS AND CRAFT SUPPLIES

Does anyone have any unused craft supplies, especially buttons, that they no longer require that they would be happy to donate to the school? Any contributions however small or large will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Mrs. Bunyan

## FRIENDS OF CADDINGTON NEWS



Date for your diary, **Saturday 27th June 10.00am until 2.00pm!** The Summer Fete, which runs in conjunction with the school's football tournament, will soon be upon us. This is the biggest event of the year for the Friends of Caddington Village School and

is a great day out for all the family with stalls, games, entertainments, raffle, refreshments (as well as footie!) all of which, as you can imagine takes some organising. We are always looking for volunteers, some who help in advance, some at the event itself to enable us to make the fete the huge success that it invariably is.

Good news...we have booked wall to wall sunshine this year! So, whether you can spare an hour, or two, or the whole day, please do get in touch, either via the school office or by calling Eleanor on 07905 225825.



Thank you in advance, on behalf of the committee.

## ECO TRIP 'SUSTAINABILITY'

Our Eco team visited Bedford College for a 'Sustainability Day' on Tuesday as a reward for their hard work all year. They had a great time learning about everything from eco-friendly new-builds to how to use pedal power to make a smoothie!

The second we walked into the main hall, our eyes were drawn to some hay bales; the children raced over and were over the moon to discover that they were mixing clay and water...with their feet! Off came the shoes and socks, up went the trouser legs and - as Mr Mead and I nervously looked on - in went the feet! Much fun was had stomping in the sludgy buckets and then proudly rendering the hay bales with said mixture.



Other adventures to be had during our visit were a 3D picture of water pipes, teaching children all about how our sewers and water systems are polluted by fat and rubbish. We battled the weather outside to take part in some Roller-racing - a race against the clock on specially adapted bikes. This was a favourite amongst the children; Mr Mead even had a go (although racing a teenage student from the college wasn't one of his finest decisions - a sit-down was needed after that!) Well done Spencer on getting the fastest time for boys that day.

All in all, an informative and fun-packed day was had by all. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school, using great manners and really getting involved in every activity - until next year!  
Mrs Phillips

## KITCHEN REFURBISHMENTS

Our skilled site team began the refurbishment of the school kitchen over the Easter break and will complete this in the summer holiday.

From September, in addition to enhanced cooking facilities, we will have a new hot servery and a salad bar so the pupils can help themselves to healthy chilled produce. We now make fresh fruit and homemade bread available to pupils every day.

Reception to Yr 2 parents, please remember that a free school meal is available to your child every day. As always, we welcome your comments on our provision, and parents are welcome to come in and see the kitchen and food preparation by appointment. Please contact Mrs Butler via

[office@caddingtonschool.net](mailto:office@caddingtonschool.net) to make an appointment.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2014-2015

25th—29th May	Half Term
Mon 1st Jun	Children Return To School
Mon 1st—5th Jun	Yr7 & Yr8 Trip to Blue Peris
Wed 3rd—5th Jun	Yr5 & Yr6 Trip to Kingswood
Mon 8th—Tue 9th Jun	Nursery Open Session—September Intake
Wed 10th—12th Jun	Yr4 Visit to Germany
Thu 15th Jun	Class Photos
Wed 17th Jun	6:30pm Music Concert
Thu 18th Jun	2:50pm 6P Class Assembly
Mon 22nd Jun	Yr2 Trip to Roald Dahl Gallery
Tue 23rd Jun	2:50pm 5W Class Assembly
Wed 24th Jun	Transition Evening Meetings: 2:45—3:15pm N to R 3:30pm R to Yr1 4:30pm Yr2 to Yr3 5:30pm Yr4 to Yr5
Thu 25th—26th Jun	Yr6 Manshead Transition to Yr7
Fri 26th Jun	3:00pm RB Class Assembly
Sat 27th Jun	Summer Fete
Tue 30th Jun	Yr 5 Trip to East Anglia STEM fair at Duxford
Tue 30th Jun	2:50pm 6T Class Assembly
Wed 1st Jul	Yr6 SATs Reward Trip
Wed 1st—2nd Jul	Yr8 Manshead Transition to Yr9
Wed 1st Jul	Transfer Day—Caddington & Slip End
Wed 1st Jul	Meet Your New Teacher Evening
Fri 3rd Jul	Sports Day
Thu 9th Jul	Celebration Assemblies: 9:15 am Yr3 & Yr4 2:00pm Yr5, Yr 6 & Yr7
Mon 13th Jul	Prefects Reward Day
Tue 14th Jul	Yr8 Trip to SNOzone
Fri 17th Jul	End of Term
Mon 7th Sep	Children Return To School

## A NOTE FROM MRS GODFREY

Well done to Year 6 for all your hard work leading up to, and during, the SATs. You deserve to get the very best results! The whole school supported you through this challenging time; we are so proud of how resilient you have all become!

On a personal note, I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has wished me well, as I leave Caddington Village School. It has been the hardest decision I have ever had to make and your support just shows me what an amazing school community I have had the pleasure of working with all these years. In the words of A.A.Milne, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." Kind regards, Mrs. Godfrey.



Please see your child's home school book for more detailed dates. The school website 'events' tab also has details of forthcoming