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Newsletter Friday 12th June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

As you know, we have welcomed back a group of Year 1 children this week, and it has been lovely to see them all again. Thank you to parents of our returning children for maintaining their social distancing while on school grounds.

As a school we will continue to assess the impact of increased numbers of children in school, as well as responding to any updates from the government in terms of their guidance for how best to keep everyone as safe as possible as pupil numbers increase. We will be communicating this with you in the coming weeks.

Thank you again for your continued understanding.

David Wood
Headteacher



Churnet View Transition

For those Year 4 pupils moving onto Churnet View in September, Mr Dodson will continue to inform parents via class dojo of anything that CVMS would like us to pass onto the children and provide paper copies to be collected from the office foyer entrance. Also, do remember to check out the CVMS Facebook page for lots of information regarding transition.



QEGS Transition

QEGS have e-mailed out their transition information request for Year 6 leavers, with a link to their online starter pack. A reminder that this form should be completed by today, **Friday 12th June**.

National Drowning Prevention Week - 12th to 19th June

As we are so lucky to have our own pool and weekly swimming lessons, we do a lot of work with the children about staying safe in and around water. Julie Hunt does an excellent job to remind us weekly in our lessons of the key knowledge and skills we need to have to keep ourselves and others safe. If you want to continue this excellent work at home, you can download an activity pack here:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/resources?subjects=Water%20Safety> and children may want to access some games from the Canals and Rivers Trust to remind them of some key messages in the absence of our lessons: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers/games>



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Accelerated Reader

The latest Accelerated Reader Word Count Leader Board is attached. There is obviously some great reading going on. Congratulations also to Cameron M and Mollie C who have once again reached Millionaires status this year. They've clearly been busy with books during lockdown!



School Meals

Just a reminder that for those children that are coming into school our kitchen is open and Mrs Andrew is preparing pack-up lunches which she then delivers to the classroom. A pack-up will include a sandwich of your child's choice (cheese, ham or tuna), one of Mrs Andrew's special biscuits of the day, fruit and a drink. For those children in Reception and Year 1 these pack-ups are free as part of the universal free school meal scheme; for pupils in other years the charge is the usual £2.30, unless they are of FSM status.

Remember that as part of the government universal free school meal system, if you have a Reception to year 2 child not in school we can provide a food hamper. Please e-mail the school office if you would like to start receiving one.

Free school meals (current & new pupils from September 2020)

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals (FSM) for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, parents also get assistance with sports clubs, educational visits etc, and claiming FSM status helps our school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives.

Universal Free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

Children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 can receive free school meals even if you don't meet the [entitlement criteria](#) and without completing an application for them. (The school receive funding to cover the cost of these meals **provided** the children have a school dinner on the first two of our termly census days.)

Pupil Premium

For every pupil registered with us as eligible under the entitlement criteria, the school will receive extra funding. This is called the pupil premium. It is used to help raise achievement levels. Each school decides how to spend the funding. We publish details of what it has been spent on and the impact it has had.

So that schools (and pupils) can continue to benefit from this extra funding it is important that parents who do meet the [entitlement criteria](#) continue to [register their claim](#).

Who can get free school meals?

The entitlement criteria from 1 April 2018 is -

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance

- eligible for Child Tax Credit **but not** Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. **Please note:** anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

To apply for Free School Meals, including any children joining our Reception in September 2020, please access the following online link:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

Supersport Leek Shop Re-opening Notice

Our school uniform supplier in town will be re-opening next week. Please see the notice below.



Notice to all customers regarding re-opening and school uniform sales

- Our Leek store will re-open on the 16th of June along with our online shop service.
Opening hours will be 9am - 4:30pm Monday to Thursday and 9am - 3:30pm on Friday with breaks between 12 - 1pm.
Saturday opening will be 10am - 2:30pm on August 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.
- From mid July we will be running an online appointment only booking system for customers wishing to come into the shop.
More details of this are to follow once we have it set up.
- If you can, please try to purchase uniform as soon as possible so as to avoid the late August rush.
- Where possible can all customers please try to use our online click and collect or postal facility.
The shop itself should only be used where the trying on of garments is essential.
We are adding size guides onto each of the products on the website, please check the product images for these.
When ordering online please ensure you provide your email address and telephone number incase we have a query with your order.
- There will be a maximum of 4 families allowed in the shop at any time.
Please only bring children or family members that have to try items on into the shop where possible.
- Any items that are tried on should be put into the quarantine boxes next to the changing rooms.
This stock will then be stored for at least 72 hours before being put back on the rails.
- There will be a queuing system outside of the shop with 2 metre painted lines.
The use of hand sanitiser will be compulsory for all shoppers prior to entering, we have stations set up ready for this.
Inside of the shop please rotate counter clockwise around the central pillar maintaining a safe distance from fellow shoppers and staff.
- Please contact us with any queries or if you require further information by emailing shop@supersport.co.uk.



New Woodland

Our new trees, that parents and pupils helped to plant back in January, when we could gather in numbers and enjoy each other's company, have been settling in. Mrs Hulme was up there recently and took this lovely picture showing how a unique little meadow with beautiful grasses growing all around the trees is flourishing.

Letting the grass grow is also a theme on this year's Springwatch. They suggest leaving a patch of lawn uncut, maybe plant some wildflowers, and watch as nature makes a home in your own unique meadow.



**Just a reminder that it is
Fathers' Day
on Sunday 21st June.**