



## Welcome Back!

The atmosphere at school has been so lovely over the last two weeks since having everyone back together again. It is wonderful to see the children playing with their friends; chatting with their teachers; and focusing on their learning.

There is a national focus on 'catch-up' learning and 'lost learning' and some children and parents may be worried about this. At Cove Juniors, we understand that learning is a journey which builds upon a child's starting points and that every child is unique with their own skills and strengths. As we move through the rest of the academic year, our focus will be on supporting all of our children through the next stage of their learning journey whatever their starting point.

Yesterday, Hampshire published a guide for teachers that details the key skills that we could focus on in the summer term in preparation for transition into the next year group. It recognises that there will not be time to focus on every area of the curriculum in the same way that we would normally be doing.

Some children have already started taking part in intervention sessions to support their next steps and our new Rapid Reading programme has also already started. The parents of all children taking part will receive a letter to inform them that their child is taking part in this additional support. Other children will be involved in the summer term and their parents will be informed at this point.

As well as our focus on the children's learning, we are aware that some children have struggled emotionally with the many changes and challenges which they have faced over the last year. Staff are working hard to support these children to ensure that they receive the care that they need. At the moment, we are not able to access some of the services that we would normally use - this includes the educational psychology service. If you are concerned about your child's mental health, you can get support through their helpline: **02381 661208**

Thank you to everyone who has already taken part in a virtual parents' evening - your support is essential in helping your child make good progress. The final meetings will take place next week - please contact the school office if you have not been able to book an appointment yet.



## DIARY DATES

New dates / updates in yellow

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	School Council Easter Egg Raffle Tickets go on sale
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	National Day of Reflection 1 minute of silent reflection at 12:00 noon
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Year 5 Virtual Fire Service Event
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Virtual Parents' Evening 5:00-7:00pm
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Virtual Parents' Evening (Rearranged date for Spitfire class) 3:45-5:30pm
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 6 Evacuee Day
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Year 6 Residential Trip Virtual Meeting for Parents @ 6:00pm
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> April	PTA 'Break the School Rules Day' Further details to follow
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School Council Easter Egg Raffle Draw
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes for the Easter holiday @ 1:30pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Notification of Year 3 places for Sept 2021
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for Summer 1
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
W/b Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 residential trip to Wales
W/b 24 <sup>th</sup> May	International Week
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Finish for half term @ 3:25pm
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY - school closed
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens for Summer 2
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos and Year 6 Leavers' photos
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Common Transition Day Children visit their new schools/classes
W/b 5 <sup>th</sup> July & 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bikeability Courses
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction Days - The Wavell School
16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 residential trip to Calshot
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> July @ 1:30pm	School closes for the summer holiday

## Happy Birthday!

Abigail - 8 years old today!

Serina - 10 years old today!

Aiden - 9 years old on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Honey - 9 years old on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

Oscar - 10 years old on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>



## Golden Ticket Winners – Merlin Class

Congratulations to Lewis, Madison, Ben, Zoie, Daisy and Joshua for being selected for our first Golden Ticket lunch since December. Their comments included: being really nice and kind; being a really good friend; always trying their best; being kind and caring to others; and being polite. I had such a lovely time with them all!



# Red Nose Day



## Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Year 3

# 'Unlawful'

Adjective - not allowed by the law or by the rules

Year 4

# 'Permeable'

Adjective - (of a material) allowing liquids or gases to pass through it

Year 5

# 'Benevolent'

Adjective - well-meaning and kindly

Year 6

# 'Ration'

Noun - Your ration of something is the amount you are allowed to have

Verb - When something is rationed, you are only allowed a limited amount of it, because there is a shortage

How often can you use these words at home?