



# Cavalry Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school at the start of what will, I am sure, be a very busy and exciting school year. We hope that you have enjoyed the holidays but are glad to get back into the school routine. The children look so smart in their school uniforms and our Reception children have settled in so quickly on their very first day.

There will be an opportunity for all parents to visit the classrooms and meet the class teachers on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September so we hope to see many of you then. This is an opportunity to find out more about how your child will be taught in the coming year and ask any general questions you may have. It will not be easy for teachers to engage in detailed or confidential conversations at these meetings, so please make a separate appointment to see your child's class teacher if necessary. We will be offering parents our usual private appointment with their child's class teacher in November and again in March. Nursery parents will be offered appointments to meet with their child's key person during December.

At the November parents' meetings we will also be checking all of the details which we hold on file about contact names and addresses. **It is vital that we hold accurate information so please do ensure that you let us know if you have changed a phone number or contact address over the summer.** We must have a minimum of two emergency contacts for every child.

We are always very grateful for any offers of help from parents, as classroom helpers. If you are willing to give any time this year please fill in the slip at the bottom of this letter and you will be contacted by Mrs Stanforth shortly. Volunteer helpers are asked to provide two references and undergo a DBS check.

Please can I remind you that all of the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will continue to be entitled to a free hot lunch every day this year but Year 3/4/5 and 6 will be charged **£2.30** per meal. All meals must be paid for in advance, preferably using ParentPay. If you are not able to access the internet via your phone, tablet or computer, we can set up a payment card for you to be used at any local shop with PayPoint – please ask in the school office. We also have a laptop you can use – just ask the office staff. Setting up your ParentPay account also enables us to send letters to you by email which saves the school money for photocopying and means we can send text messages should the school be closed by bad weather.



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Please can I also remind you that cars are not allowed to move on the entrance drive or park in the bus bay when children are entering and leaving school. This is essential for the health and safety of all of the children. **Please park with due consideration for the residents near the school, as it is very frustrating for them if driveways are blocked or parents park dangerously close to junctions.**

Children in Year 1 through to Year 6 are bringing home a paper letter today, detailing all the **clubs and activities** offered this term at lunch time and after school. I am very grateful to all the teachers who give up their own time to run these clubs on a voluntary basis. If your child would like to join one or more of our clubs, please return the slip to the office by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Once signed up, we expect children to attend the club each week so please let the class teacher know if your child has to miss a session.

Yours sincerely

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I am interested in helping in school as a classroom helper on \_\_\_\_\_ a.m/p.m

Name	Signed
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Name of child in school.....



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## Dates for your diary:

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	First swimming session for Year 5
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception classes become full time
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Meetings with class teachers: Year 1 and Year 4 at 3.30 p.m. Year 2 and Year 5 at 4.00 p.m. Year 3 and Year 6 at 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Meetings with class teachers: Year 1 and Year 4 at 4.30 p.m. Year 3 and Year 6 at 5.00 p.m. Year 2 and Year 5 at 5.30 p.m.
October 7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability training for Year 5
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest assembly
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA Halloween disco
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School and Nursery closed for staff training
21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School and Nursery closed for half term holiday
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual & family group photographs Nursery 'stay & play' sessions at 9.00 and 12.30
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening appointments for school – 5.00 to 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening appointments for school – 3.30 to 6.00 p.m.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations for all school classes
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Non uniform day – donations for the Christmas Market
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Children's Christmas Market
Mon2nd to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery parents' appointments with Key Person
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec & Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 and Y3 play performed for parents at 2.30 p.m.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day in support of 'Save the Children' Christmas Dinner day Nursery Christmas hats workshop
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4/5/6 play performed for parents at 2.00 and 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4/5/6 play performed for parents at 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception/Y1 nativity play performed for parents at 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception/Y1 nativity play performed for parents at 9.15 a.m.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term Carol Service for Y4/5/6 at 9.15 a.m. – parents welcome Nursery Christmas Sing Song for parents at 11.20 and 2.50
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School and Nursery closed for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	School and Nursery open for new term
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	School and Nursery closed for half term holiday
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 residential visit to North Wales
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last day of Spring term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> April to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School and Nursery closed for Easter holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School and Nursery closed for staff training
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	School and Nursery closed for Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	start of SATs week for Year 6
May 25 <sup>th</sup> to May 29 <sup>th</sup>	School and Nursery closed for half term holiday
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Residential visit to Burwell House near Cambridge
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	School and Nursery closed for staff training

We ask all parents to avoid booking holidays during term time, but this is even more important during our statutory assessment periods. Year 6 sit their SATs in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020, which covers maths, reading and grammar. Their writing is continuously assessed throughout May and June. Year 2 sit their SATS (reading and maths) and their writing is continuously assessed during the whole of May. Year 1 phonics check takes place in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June. It is essential for these year groups to be in school during these assessment periods.



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