

CPS Newsletter

2nd December 2022



A message from Mr Kilsby

In-line with other Headteachers that I talk to, we are increasingly seeing the impact of the surge in the cost of living; both in terms of the significant pressure on the school's budget and in the challenges that our families are now having to face.

You may be aware that all schools receive Pupil Premium Funding (PPF) to support those families who are eligible for free-school meals. In 2017, 9% of the school population were in receipt of PPF. This figure now stands at 19% (92 children), and it is reflected in the increased level of need that we are now witnessing across our community.

In order to realise our curriculum aim of ensuring that **all** children are phenomenally well-equipped for the next stage of their academic lives and beyond, we recognise the need to work in partnership with both our families and the wider community. Indeed, without the donations we receive from a number of local businesses (including Malarly Environmental; Voland Roofing; Andrew Turner Builders and Redrow), as well as local charities and our own, peerless PTCA, we would not be able to run many of the programmes that support our most vulnerable children and their families. For this, I am sincerely grateful.

However, as winter starts to show its teeth, the reality is that there are other families who are now struggling. If this is the case, then please come and have a confidential conversation with us. Whilst there is obviously a limit to what we can do, it might just make the difference—and you are not alone. We are currently issuing monthly bags of 'essentials' to a number of households, as well as providing a daily breakfast for around 20 children. We are also able to issue Food Bank Vouchers for those families who are in severe need. Do not forget that we also have second-hand uniform available, should you need it.

In addition to what we can offer directly as a school, we can also signpost you to a number of other groups and agencies who may be able to offer support. These include: Cambridgeshire County Council (<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/support-with-the-cost-of-living>); The Trussell Trust (who have a range of links to help families, including: [Get Help - The Trussell Trust](#); [Help through Hardship helpline - The Trussell Trust](#); [Benefits calculator - The Trussell Trust](#); [Energy bills support - The Trussell Trust](#)); Citizens Advice (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>) and the government's criteria for eligibility for free-school meals (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>).

Assembly Music

Recent music in assemblies has included: "Double Barrel" by Dave & Ansel Collins; "Moonlight Music & You" by Laura Green; "Going Back to My Roots" by Richie Havens; and "Why" by Carly Simon.

Coming up...

- Monday, 5th & Tuesday, 6th December, 2pm: Year 1 / 2 Production – Born in a Barn
- Wednesday, 7th & Thursday, 8th December, 2pm : EYFS Christmas Production
- Thursday, 8th December, CPS PTCA Winter Fair (5:30-7.30pm)
- Monday, 12th and Thursday, 15th December: Year 6 productions of Treachery at Traitor's Quay – tickets only
- Tuesday, 20th December 2pm: Finish for the Christmas holiday
- Wednesday, 4th January 2023: Staff Professional Development Day (school closed for pupils)
- Thursday, 5th January: School reopens for pupils

Never miss a school event again! Subscribe to our Calendar (on the website under the Parents tab)



Thanks to the Co-op's Local Community Fund, we recently received a cheque for £2,540. This will go towards buying more books for our Library. A huge 'thank-you' to the Co-op and to all of you who joined the Co-op scheme. Please keep using your membership card, as we have been accepted for the next round of funding!

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

In addition to the dates on the left, please be aware that we will be having the CPS Christmas Lunch on Friday, 9th December. The menu and booking information will be sent separately.

We will also be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on the 9th, and invite your child to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper as part of their school uniform.

We will be setting up a link on MCAS, should you wish to make a donation to the Christmas Jumper Day charity (Save the Children).

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In the news...



Pupils in Year 2 have been creating their own science investigations in Miss Dayer's Science Club.

The children have enjoyed experimenting with solids, liquids and gases and have also learnt about sound waves through creating their own paper phones.



Last week, 45 keen CPS runners set off for the annual South Cambs Sports Partnership Inter School Cross Country Championships, held at Wimpole Hall.

The beautiful sunshine set the scene for a fantastic morning of running.

Well done to everyone who attended and gave their all to compete for their team. One of our students, Zack Bailey made the medal podium with an impressive 3rd place finish in the Year 3 race.

We are still awaiting the full team results. The Year 6 boy team can be seen here before setting off for their event.



Miss Ison and the rest of the LRC Team have been working hard on ensuring that our LRC is an amazing place to spend time. Above is just one of the displays we have in there.



A couple of our KS1 pupils (pictured left) spent their lunchtimes last week making a den for the wildlife we have on our field.

Just one example (below) of the excellent work that was produced during the recent CPS House Day, which celebrated Black History Month.



Tier 2 Vocabulary

Please be aware that the following Tier 2 vocabulary is currently being shared and taught across the school:

EYFS	Nuzzle; Gazing
Year 1 & 2	Bravely; Rushed; Gobbled
Year 3	Awful; Staggering; Bewitching; Mischief; Marvellous
Year 4	Flitting; Perch; Rake
Year 5	Suspect; Deed; Remote; Contained; Impression
Year 6	Hesitate; Thunderous; Horrified

NB., For Tier 3 Vocabulary, please refer to your child's Knowledge Organisers