

Camblesforth Community Primary School



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Welcome Back

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer. We are very pleased to welcome everyone back to school and have been very impressed by the sensible way in which all the children have settled into their new classrooms. A particularly warm welcome is given to all our new families. We realise that the first days of your child's school life can be a worrying time. Staff are available at the end of the day to reassure parents when necessary. If you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher or Mrs Butler. We endeavour to respond to all concerns the same day whenever possible. The best time to approach the class teacher is at the end of the day. If you need to speak to someone urgently at the beginning of the day, please contact the school office either by telephone or in person.

Personal Details Forms

At the beginning of each academic year, we require all families to complete a personal details and consent form to ensure that our records are up to date and accurate. We are, therefore, including a personal details form with this newsletter and request that these are returned to school as soon as possible. Parents/carers of pupils who have been admitted into school this term, or at the end of the Summer term, have already completed these recently so do not need to do so again on this occasion.

Home School Agreement

Like all schools, we have a comprehensive list of policies and documents which have been agreed and ratified by the Governing Body. The majority of these documents are available on the school website. These documents include the Home-School agreement which sets out the school's aims, values, responsibilities and expectations of pupils and parents. A copy of the Home-School agreement is also attached to this weeks newsletter.

ParentPay

The school operates a cashless system which enables parents and carers to make payments using the internet or by payment card. Please contact Mrs Barnes in the school office if you require any assistance or further information regarding the 'parentpay' system.



Breakfast Club

We would like to remind you that breakfast club is open from 8 am each morning. Please book places for breakfast club, and pay for these, on the Monday morning before your child will be attending.

School Dinners

A menu is given to the children on a Friday night. Please ensure that this is returned on a Monday morning, indicating the days which your child wishes to have school lunches and their menu choices. Payment should be made by Parent Pay.

School Newsletter

The school newsletter is distributed to families every Friday by email whenever possible. If you do not supply an email address, your child will be given a paper copy of the document to bring home. Sometimes children forget to take the document home or email addresses are interpreted incorrectly. If, at any time, you find that you are not receiving the newsletter, please let the office staff know.

School Uniform

The children have all returned to school looking very smart in their new uniforms. Please ensure that your child wears their uniform, including school shoes (not trainers) every day. Jewellery must not be worn in school for health and safety reasons. Pupils with pierced ears may wear a single stud ear-ring. These will need to be removed, or covered, for PE. If your child has pierced ears and is unable to remove his or her own ear-rings, please send some sticking plaster in their PE bag so that his/her ears can be protected during sporting activities.

Children with long hair must have this tied up at all times whilst in school.

This prevents hair becoming entangled whilst engaging in physical activities and also helps to prevent the spread of the dreaded head lice!

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school. We recommend sending this on a Monday morning and keeping it in school all week. Older children in particular may wish to take their home for washing on a Friday.



Book Bags

All the children have been given a free book bag this week. Please ensure that these are returned to school each day and that your child reads for at least five minutes every day. This will have a highly beneficial impact upon their progress. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school. These must be taken home each day for washing purposes! There is a cold water machine which the children can use to refill their bottles throughout the day when necessary. Please ensure that only water is put into these bottles. We do not permit children to bring fruit or fizzy drinks as these are very bad for their teeth when drunk regularly throughout the day. Water is much healthier!

Holiday Dates

Term	Start Date	End Date	Training Days
Autumn 2016 - First Half Term	Tuesday 6th September	Friday 21st October	Monday 5th September
Half Term	Monday 24th October	Friday 28th October	
Autumn 2016 - Second Half Term	Monday 31st October	Friday 16th December	Friday 18th November
Christmas Holidays	Monday 19th December	Tuesday 3rd January	
Spring 2017 - First Half Term	Wednesday 4th January	Friday 17th February	
Half Term	Monday 20th February	Friday 24th February	
Spring 2017 - Second Half Term	Monday 27th February	Friday 7th April	Friday 10th March
Easter Holiday	Monday 10th April	Monday 24th April	
Summer 2017 - First Half Term	Tuesday 25th April	Friday 26th May	May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 29th May	Friday 2nd June	
Summer 2017 - Second Half Term	Monday 5th June	Tuesday 25th July	Thursday 29th June Friday 30th June

Fruit

Fruit is available free of charge to all pupils in Early Years and Key Stage One. This is funded by the government. Pupils in Key Stage Two can purchase fruit at a cost of 10p a day £3.50 for the term. Payment must be made in full at the beginning of each half term.

Milk

If you would like your child to receive milk at school you will need to go on to www.coolmilk.com and register. If your child is under 5 they will get milk for free. If you need any help with this please contact Mrs Barnes in the school office.

