

# Culverstone Green Primary School

Informer No.4

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*Well, we have reached the end of our first term, after a long 8 weeks. Thank you for your continued support with ensuring that staff and your children have been able to fully and safely return to school. The children have been great and so resilient in how they have adapted to the new way of things.*

*On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for your welcome during what has been my first term at CGPS, it has been fun and certainly not boring.*

*I hope you all manage to have an enjoyable, restful and safe half term. See you all in November!*

*Mr Watson.*

Thank you so much for all of your generosity in supporting the schools fundraising for Young Minds in support of World Mental Health Day. We have raised an incredible £511 for Young Minds. It is not too late to donate <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/culverstonegreen-primary-school>

**Parent Consultations:** Thank you to all those parents or carers who were able to attend a virtual hangout parent consultation meeting with your child's teacher(s). Apologies to anyone who experienced any kind of technical difficulties in accessing these meeting, as always, the success rests on the reliability of technology at the time. But rest assured that teachers will catch up with anyone who couldn't access the hangout or were unable to attend on the day. If they have not already done so, this will continue after half term, with a mutually convenient time and date arranged.

**Data collection sheets:** Please return signed data collection sheets if you have not yet done so.

**Hub arrival times:** A number of children have been arriving to school at different times in the morning, some are arriving later (outside of their hub time) and others have been arriving too early. While under normal circumstances we would be overjoyed at pupils enthusiastically arriving early, at present this must not happen. **Children should arrive and queue only during their hub time slot:**

8.30 – Year R

8.40 – Year 1 / 2

8.50 – Year 3 / 4

9.00 – Year 5 / 6

**Siblings** should arrive and enter the school at the same time, which is the **time of the youngest siblings hub slot**.

**Class emails:** The class email addresses which were set up during lockdown are no longer regularly in use for communicating with teaching staff during normal school opening. Please use [office@cgps.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@cgps.kent.sch.uk) for any enquiries.

**Road safety**—The dark nights are well and truly upon us. Attached is some advice and guidance on children staying safe, road safety and cycling safety during dark nights.

<https://www.rosipa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Please view the link below for tips on how to make sure you can be seen when you're out in the dark.

[https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be\\_Bright\\_Be\\_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf](https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be_Bright_Be_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf)

**Christmas Jumper Day:** On Friday 11th December, we will be supporting the annual 'Christmas Jumper Day' appeal for 'Save the Children UK'. Children may wear Christmas jumpers to school with their normal school uniform, with a donation towards the charity. Further details to follow.

**Half term holidays:** If you are going on holiday during the half term please ensure you check the latest Government guidance first on safe locations and follow any COVID-19 related Government advice upon your return.

**Photos:** Braiswick Photographic will be at school on Monday 9th November to take individual and sibling photos. Please inform the school office if you do not want your child's photo taken.

**School lunches:** After half term we will no longer be using a manual dinner register. If a school lunch is not booked and paid for before 8am you will need to supply a packed lunch for your child on that day. The booking website is <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/>. If you are having issues using the system please contact Joanne Allen at [joanne.allen@chandcogroup.com](mailto:joanne.allen@chandcogroup.com).

**Fundraising clothing collection:** Bag2School is the largest textile collection company working with schools in the UK. We have arranged a collection for the morning of Friday 27th November 2020. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we are unable to store the bags in school, therefore we ask that any donations are brought to school during the morning school run. Details of where to leave your bags during drop off will follow. Please find a list below of items that are accepted:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

**Parking:** The school has continued to receive complaints from local residents, on a daily basis, regarding the parking of some parents outside of the school and in the surrounding areas. Please be considerate in the way you park, don't block driveways or entrances, don't leave your car idling and don't block the bus stops. Residents have indicated that complaints have been made to the local council.

## PTA Fundraising:

The PTA have been working extremely hard investigating lots of different fundraising activities. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has meant that many of the usual events that would have been held are unable to run at this time. But there will be many other events to get involved in and we ask for your continued support. All money raised goes directly towards improving provision for the children. This year we are keen on raising funds to purchase a new school minibus.

Please see below details of our first fundraising event, our Halloween Balloon Race. All funds raised will go towards purchasing a new school minibus.



## Dates for the diary:

Fri 23rd Oct—End of Term 1

Mon 2nd Nov—Start of Term 2

Mon 9th Nov - Braiswick Photographic to take children's photographs

Fri 27th Nov—Bag2School textile collection—9am

Mon 30th Nov—Flu nasal vaccines for all year groups

Fri 11th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 18th Dec—End of Term 2