

New Cangle Community Primary School

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12th November 2021,

Dear parents and carers,

Covid Update

On Monday Suffolk will be reviewing their current advice to schools about mask wearing and visitors to school. As soon as we know the results of the review, we will let parents know. Happily, since half-term, we have only been aware of 1 covid case in school. Thank you to all parents who have continued to do lateral flow tests to keep everyone safe.

Climate Change Week 1st – 5th November

To coincide with the UN COP26 summit in Glasgow, each class took part in learning about Climate Change. This topic was chosen as it links to our school value, NATURE, and also is something that will affect the children in the future. I am very proud of the response of the children to this topic. The feedback from the children was that they learned a lot and each child made a pledge to reduce their impact on global warming in one way: hopefully this will lead to more lights getting turned off at home, more children willing to walk or cycle and children getting better at recycling.

Data Collection Sheets

All parents will have received a copy this week of the key contact information we hold for your child. It is very important that parents review this and let us know about any changes to telephone numbers or emails. Thank you to all parents who have sent these back already.

Harvest Food Bank Collection

Thank you for all the generous donations for the Reach Foodbank. The food is going to be taken to the Foodbank, who are currently moving to new premises, by a member of our staff on Tuesday. Therefore we can still accept any more donations up to and including Tuesday morning.

Physical activity at break time and lunch time – outdoor shoes

It's great to see so many children having the opportunity to continue to play on the field and in the forest at break time and lunch time. If your child has not done so already, please ensure they have a pair of outdoor shoes, wellies, walking boots or football boots so that they can enjoy all areas of the school. We



have recently installed 2 boot scrapers to keep the mud near the school to the minimum and are waiting for some benches to arrive that will make putting shoes on/off a lot easier.

Newsflash: the benches arrived today and the children used them already to change shoes after our very wet lunchtime. We hope these benches will have other uses such as seating for packed lunches, a quiet space for children or for use by classes to work outside.

Shoe laces

We are finding that some children are requesting assistance with shoe laces when they change their shoes. If they are sent with shoes or boots with laces, please ensure that they can lace them independently.

Staffing News

We are very sad to let you know that Mrs Pollitt will be leaving New Cangle after Christmas to take up the career opportunity to manage a local preschool. Mrs Pollitt has been at New Cangle for 16 years and has spent many of those years teaching Sunbeams. Every child who has been at the school since Sunbeams has been taught by Mrs Pollitt and I'm sure they remember their time in Sunbeams fondly. If you would like to make a donation to a leaver's collection for Mrs Pollitt, please put this in a clearly marked envelope and give it to the school office.

In January we will be joined by Mrs Louise Laurie, who will be taking over from Mrs Pollitt as Sunbeams teacher Monday to Wednesday and Early Years Lead. Mrs Pollitt and Mrs Laurie will be meeting in the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition for the class.

Christmas Lunch

A letter went home today about the Christmas lunch that is taking place on Wednesday 15th December. We do request that parents let us know by Thursday next week whether their child wants a school dinner, as the kitchen has to order the food on that day.

Children in Need - Friday 19th November

The children on the School Council voted unanimously to come to school in pyjamas to support Children in Need day next week. We have set up a payment item on Gateway and suggest a donation of a £1.



If you have any questions about any of the contents of this newsletter, or in general, please do not hesitate to contact me, either in person before school, or by Class Dojo, email or a phone call.

Yours faithfully,

J. Brading

Headteacher