



New Cangle Community Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

World Book Day - reminder

Next week is World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. The children will be taking part in different book themed activities and have a special assembly.

If children would like to dress as a book character on this day, they can also do so; however, we do not expect children to do this and in no way want parents to worry about creating or buying outfits especially for the day.

If your child wants to dress up, the following sites have easy costume ideas:

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

<https://www.netmums.com/world-book-day/top-world-book-day-costume-ideas/7-gangsta-granny-costume>

If children do not wish to dress as a character, normal school uniform is expected to be worn.

Red Nose Day 17th March

We are looking forward to joining in with Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March. The School Council have decided that they would like the following events to take place, in order to raise money for Comic Relief:

- Non-school Uniform day, where children can wear their own clothes (and red noses etc.) and are also encouraged to come with a funny hairstyle or even their face painted. A payment has been set up on Gateway for parents, with a suggested minimum donation of £1.
- Bake Sale – the school council are asking parents to send in donations of cakes which they will sell on the day. Please send in your bakes on Friday 17th March, along with some coins for your child to spend. It is vitally important that, due to allergies, bakes MUST CONTAIN NO NUTS OF ANY KIND OR SESAME SEEDS/OIL.



School Dinners – price increase

We have been informed by Vertas, our school catering company, that they are putting up the cost of school dinners for children due to increased prices in food and wages and the cost of living crisis. The cost from the start of the summer term – Tuesday 18th April – will be £2.70 per paid school meal or paid packed lunch. As a school we have looked into other catering options to avoid this increase but have found other companies charge even higher prices. Sadly, as we are a small school, we are not able to get deals from companies that offer cheaper prices to parents, that may be found in larger schools.

Calendar

Please find the calendar for visits and Learning Together for the rest of the term at the bottom of this newsletter.

Parental Survey

Thank you once again to all parents who took the time to fill out the survey on Parents' Evening or at home. We had 113 surveys completed and are really pleased to see that an amazing 100% of parents responded that their child is happy, does well and feels safe at New Cangle. Furthermore, 99% of parents said they would recommend us to another parents. We are really happy with this feedback from you.

Statement	Agree+	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at New Cangle.	100%	68%	32%	0%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at New Cangle.	100%	70%	30%	0%	0%	0%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	98%	59%	39%	1%	0%	1%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	12% Not bullied = 82%	5%	7%	1%	1%	4%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	91%	50%	41%	5%	1%	3%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	58% No concerns raised = 37%	34%	25%	2%	0%	3%
Does your child have special educational needs/and or disabilities (SEND)?	Yes - 10 children			No - 103 children		
If yes – My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	60%	60%	0%	10%	10%	20%
The school has high expectations for my child.	90%	40%	50%	5%	0%	5%
My child does well at New Cangle.	100%	58%	42%	0%	0%	0%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	97%	52%	45%	3%	0%	0%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at New Cangle.	99%	57%	42%	0%	0%	1%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at New Cangle.	85%	36%	49%	9%	1%	5%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	88%	44%	43%	6%	1%	4%
I would recommend New Cangle to another parent.	99% = Yes			No: 1%		

The areas that parents want us to do better in are: school clubs and activities, supporting children's wider personal development and having high expectations for the children. The other most frequent areas that parents raised in the comments section, that related to the whole school rather than individual children or classes were:

- **More varied range of after school clubs/more after school clubs** – One of the disadvantages of being a small school is not having as many staff who are able to offer clubs during or after school. For staff wellbeing, we do not require any staff to run clubs unless they feel they have the time to do so. Unfortunately, one of the challenges of planning, resourcing and marking good lessons mean that many staff do not have time after/during school to run clubs.

However, in order to improve what we are offering for clubs, we are currently looking to use external providers to put on more clubs in school after Easter. Please be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. Also, should any parents have a particular skill and would like to run a different kind of club at school, this could be arranged (subject to Safeguarding requirements) so please get in touch.

- **More notice for events** – we do try to give as much notice as possible for events, but with such a lot going on we do slip up sometimes in getting details out with time to spare. I can only apologise when this happens. For events such as the school discos – these are run by the Friends of the Cangle volunteers. I will request more notice from them so parents can be prepared.
- **Better communication about learning taking place in class** – we will be looking at how we can improve our communication about learning taking place in each class throughout the year.

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

Spring Term Calendar

Week	Class	Events
20 th Feb	Sunbeams	Wed 22 nd Feb – visit to Haverhill Library
27 th Feb	Whole School Year 4 Year 6 Year 6	Thurs 2 nd March – World Book Day – see details in Newsletter Thurs 2 nd March – 2pm – Learning Together Fri 3 rd March- 9.30am – visit to Arts Centre Anne Fine Author Talk Fri 3 rd March – 2pm – Learning Together
6 th March	Year 5 Sunbeams Year 3	Mon 6 th March – 2pm – Learning Together Wed 8 th March – 9.30am – visit to Arts Centre Quentin Blake Exhibition Wed 8 th March – 2pm – Learning Together
13 th March	Year 5 Year 1 Whole School	Thurs 16 th March – Visit to Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge Thurs 16 th March – 2pm – Learning Together Fri 17 th March – Red Nose Day – see details in Newsletter
20 th March	Sunbeams Year 2	Wed 22 nd March – 2pm – Learning Together Fri 24 th March – Visit to Mountfitchet Castle
27 th March	Year 6 Year 2 Whole School	Wed 29 th – Fri 31 st March – Residential visit to PGL Bawdsey Thurs 30 th March – 2pm – Learning Together Fri 31 st March – Last Day of Term