CPS Newsletter 16th February 2024



We aim to ensure that every child is phenomenally well-equipped for the next stage of their academic lives and beyond. This requires everyone who works at the school (or, indeed, wants to work at the school) to understand *why* we do what we do; before learning *how* we do what we do. This alignment is, we believe, crucial in ensuring that everyone remains committed to delivering on our aim, despite the increasing challenges and demands that schools face.

In addition to the careful consideration given to the academic content we deliver at CPS, we also place a strong emphasis on supporting the development of certain characteristics and virtues within the children. This can be seen in the weekly assembly themes, such as the importance of being a 'manners monster' and 'never ever, ever, ever, ever giving up', which all children are familiar and comfortable with.

We accept and welcome the fact that this work is constantly evolving and will never be finished. It is also extremely important. If our children are to have a fighting chance of dealing with the various challenges that they will inevitably encounter in life, then we need them to be proud of who they are and to truly believe in themselves; as well as being well-rounded, tolerant members of society. A big part of this is supporting the children to develop the precious (and difficult) skill of self-regulation and to understand that with rights, comes responsibility.

Ultimately, there is only so much that we can do to support the children in this part of their development and we rely on the support of parents and carers to help us reinforce important messages. I would like to thank all of you for doing this and also for the time you spend talking to your child about what Tier 2 words they are currently learning or what the assembly theme has been this week, as well as discussing the content of their Knowledge Organisers.

Please keep it going: it really can make the difference.

Our Education Family Inclusion Advisor, Jane Rogers, has shared the following link for parents to book onto her online workshops for February and March. The workshops will focus on Support your child with worried feelings; Support your child with angry feelings, sleep and internet safety: https://forms.office.com/e/djfjcGEzf6

Tier 2 Vocabulary

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

EYFS Huff; Delicious; Ditch; Disappointed; Delighted; Perhaps; Implored; Scuttered; Mischief; Rumpus

- Year 1/2 Powerful; Harsh; Defeated
- Year 3 Outraged; Vicious; Fearsome
- Year 4/5 Assume; Captivated; Sensation
- Year 6 Vulnerable; Deterrent; Responsibility

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

Assembly Music

Recent music in assemblies has included: "If I Could Only Be Sure" by Nolan Porter; "Sometimes" by James; "Go Solo" by Tom Rosenthal; and "A Little Togetherness" by The Younghearts.

Coming up...

w/b 19th February, 2024: Half-term

26th February, 2024: EYFS & Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

28th February, 2024: 1/2 LW and 1/2 SR visiting Oliver Cromwell's House in Ely; and 1/2 HS and 1/2 TO visiting All Saint's Church, Cottenham

29th February, 2024: 1/2 HS and 1/2 TO visiting Oliver Cromwell's House in Ely; and 1/2 LW and 1/2 SR visiting All Saint's Church, Cottenham

6th March, 2024: Y1/2/3 Maths Workshops for parents (after-school)

7th March, 2024: World Book Day (details to follow)

12th March, 2024: Year 6 Scooter Experience (details to follow); and Year 2 Rugby Tots Tournament (at St Ives)

13th March, 2024: PTCA Meeting (19:30pm)

14th March, 2024: Year 4/5 trip to the theatre

15th March, 2024: Red Nose Day

20th March, 2024: Year 6 SATs Information Evening (18:00)

21st March, 2024: Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament (Shelford Rugby Club)

24th March, 2024: PTCA Easter Bingo

28th March, 2024: Break up for Easter (14:00)

15th April, 2024: Start of summer term

6th May, 2024: Bank Holiday

22nd May, 2024: Class photos

13th May, 2024: KS2 SATs Week

w/b 27th May, 2024: Half-term

18th July, 2024: End of term

Please note: more dates to be added as events are confirmed



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Mr Moore, our Online Safety Lead, would like to draw your attention to the following information about supporting your child staying safe online.



