



CG SCHOOL NEWS

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Message from the Headteacher

Hello everyone!

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break, filled with rest, fun, and quality time together. The school is buzzing with excitement as we prepare to welcome our children back for what promises to be a wonderful and productive new year. We are looking forward to reconnecting with our returning pupils and extending a special welcome to all the new families joining our community.

We have an exciting year of learning, discovery and growth ahead of us. We are eager to support your children in reaching their full potential and making fantastic memories along the way.

As always, we value our strong partnership with you, our parents and carers. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Here's to a great start to the new term!

Thank you as always for your continued support,
Mr Branscombe



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 2nd – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 3rd – Y 1–6 CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 8th – Parent Meeting – Introduction To Y1 and Y2; NURSERY CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 9th – Parent Meeting – Introduction to Y3 and Y4
Thursday 10th – Parent Meeting – Introduction to Y5; Y6 Health Screening; Reception AM session attend 8:40–11:40AM, PM session 12:40–15:15
Friday 11th – Parent Meeting – Introduction to Y6; Y4 Digestion Workshops; Reception AM session attend 8:40–11:40AM, PM session 12:40–15:15
Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th – Reception children stay morning and lunch until 13:05
Monday 14th – 3C Trip to Butser Farm
Tuesday 15th – YB Trip to Butser Farm
Wednesday 16th – RECEPTION CHILDREN START FULL TIME
Wednesday 23rd – National Fitness Day

OCTOBER

Monday 5th – 5G Queen Elizabeth Country Park Trip
Tuesday 6th – 5W Queen Elizabeth Country Park Trip
Friday 9th – World Mental Health Day
Thursday 15th – Y2 Parent Assembly
Wednesday 21st – YR Open Day 2–3PM
Friday 23rd – Poetry Competition
WEEK BEGINNING 26th – HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

UP-TO-DATE DETAILS

The summer holidays can often be a time when phone numbers and addresses change. Please make sure you remember to update your details via Arbor so that we are able to make contact with you should we need to. If you are unsure how to use Arbor, please let the office know.

Free Breakfast Club

Our free breakfast club is now up-and-running! If you would like your child to attend, please complete a registration form in the school office.

The club is open to all children from YR–Y6. There is no cost to attend and no additional eligibility requirements, making it a fantastic opportunity for children to start the school day with breakfast and time to socialise with friends.

PHASE LEADERS

A reminder that we have phase leaders for each phase in school. They are there to support children, teachers and parents to be the best they can be. If there are issues that your child's class teacher can't resolve, then they should be your next port of call.

Early Years (Nursery and Year R) – Mrs Richards
Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) – Mrs Akintunde
Key Stage Two (Year 3–6) – Mrs De La Rue

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ATTENDANCE AND STUDYBUGS

Good attendance is vital for children to be successful at school, both socially and academically.

If you have any barriers to your child attending school, please do contact Mr Branscombe to discuss these.

If your child is unable to attend, please report this absence through Studybugs – www.studybugs.co.uk

A Warm Welcome and CONGRATULATIONS!

We are delighted to welcome a new member of our office team this month! Please join us in giving a very warm welcome to Mrs Thomas, who has just joined the Cottage Grove family. She is already settling in brilliantly, and we are thrilled to have her valuable support going forward!

In other wonderful news, we are pleased to share that Mrs Clark welcomed a beautiful baby girl over the summer holidays. Both mother and baby are doing well, and we are overjoyed for Mrs Clark and her family as they enjoy this special time together. We send them our warmest congratulations and best wishes!

PE DAYS

Year R: Monday and Wednesday
Year 1: Thursday and Friday
Year 2: Thursday and Friday
Year 3: Tuesday
Year 4: Tuesday
Year 5: Wednesday
Year 6: Monday and Wednesday

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that our school uniform is;

- A green jumper or cardigan with logo
- A white shirt (polo shirt is fine)
- Grey/black trousers, skirt or shorts
- Green checked dress
- Black shoes

For PE, we expect the children to be in black shorts and a plain top that represents the colour of their house (red, blue, green or yellow).
Replica football kits are not part of our PE kit.

Children should not wear jewellery such as rings, looped earrings and necklaces / chains.

Please do your best to ensure that your child is in uniform – we do have a swap shop in operation, please speak to the pastoral team if you would like to access this.

School uniform is purchased through this website:
www.brigade.uk.com



MEET THE TEACHER / INTRODUCTION TO

We will be holding our “Introduction to...” events again this year (previously “Meet the Teacher”). Some will be in phases and some will be in separate year groups. Your child will be bringing home an invite with the date and time for you to attend.

This meeting will give you an insight into what to expect for the year, some key information to help with the smooth running of the school and ways you can help at home.

Please do come along if you are able to so the teachers can introduce themselves.

ASSEMBLIES

This year, we will continue to have year group assemblies instead of class assemblies. This is so children can put on more of a “production style” performance and use their learning journeys as a theme for their assembly. Parents will still be invited to watch.

While dates are subject to change, the dates for the assemblies have been set as follows:

- Year R – 24th June
- Year 1 – 6th May
- Year 2 – 15th October
- Year 3 – 3rd December
- Year 4 – 4th February
- Year 5 – 25th March
- Year 6 Production – 13th and 14th July
- Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – 20th July

E-SAFETY

Keeping children safe online is not an easy topic of conversation. The NSPCC have put together some hints and tips about how to have those tricky conversations with your children. The website can be found below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

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Please complete a
registration form from
the school office.

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complete, you can
pre-book your
child's breakfast club
sessions on
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