

8th November 2019

- Monday 11th – Friday 15th November
Anti-Bullying Week
&
Maths England Week
- Tuesday 12th November
Wear Odd Socks day
- Friday 15th November
Children in Need day
- Monday 18th November
Flu Immunisation Programme
- Friday 22nd November
Non uniform day
Hamper Donations
- Monday 25th November
Assembly
Hilary Young (St Mary's Church)
- Friday 29th November
Decoration Day
2pm
(Parent Event)
- Thursday 5th December
Assembly
GENR8
- Friday 6th December
Friends of GVP
School Disco
- Tuesday 10th and
Wednesday 11th December
Reception Nativity
- Friday 13th December
Christmas Jumper and
Christmas Dinner day
- Monday 16th December
KS2 Carol Service
Baptist Church
- Tuesday 17th December
Rec & KS1 Carol Service
St Mary's Church
- Thursday 19th December
Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 20th December
Last Day of Term

Class Reference Information:

Reception = Robin and Wren (EYFS/Foundation Stage)
KS1 = Swift, Nightingale, Woodpecker and Kingfisher (Year 1 and 2)
Lower KS2 = Falcon, Osprey and Skylark (Year 3 and 4)
Upper KS2 = Kestrel, Red Kite, Owl and Eagle (Year 5 and 6)

November's Value: **Respect**

Next Week: We are marking several events:

Maths Week – your child will bring home a separate letter today, about optional but exciting additional maths learning to do at home.

Anti-bullying Week – additional PSHE lessons and Odd Sock Tuesday

Children In Need – Come wearing your Pyjamas, Onesies and / or dressing gowns, and a voluntary contribution of £1, though every penny counts.

Smart Watches:

We have noticed a number of SMART Watches are beginning to be worn in school. Please can we request these devices are not brought into school as they are able to access the internet and take images. This is not in line with our E-Safety or Acceptable Use Policy. If they are worn, we will ask them to be removed and taken to the office where they will need to be collected at the end of school day. Thank you for your support.

Learning Cafés:

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our learning cafés. Learning cafés are meant to provide parents with the opportunity to find out information about a certain aspect of learning as well as observe classroom practice. Since we have begun learning cafés we have seen an increase in parental engagement with information events. We do understand that many of our parents work and try to inform you of dates and times in advance. We believe there may have been a delay with a few recent dates and look to rectify this in the future – please accept our apologies.

We have been asked about the possibility of evening events, as well. We have previously held these but with a mixed response (on some occasions only 10% of parents who could have attended have done so). However, we believe in a strong parent partnership so will be looking to provide evening sessions for parents to attend in the future.

Attendance:

The Cam Academy Trust have recently appointed a new Education Welfare Officer, here is her introduction:

I am Kerry Puttock, Education Welfare Officer for The Cam Academy Trust and your child's school. I work closely with the school's Attendance Officers, Family Workers and Pastoral Support.

Attendance and attainment are closely linked so I work with parents to ensure children are in school, ready to learn and reaching their full potential. There are many reasons why a child may be absent from school or late in the mornings, so I am there to offer support and help.

If you have a query or would like to speak to me about your child, I am contactable via the school office or e-mail.

E-mail: kputtock@catrust.co.uk

Did you know...

96% attendance is:

8 days absence per year from school

the equivalent to 11 weeks missed over 7 primary school years

95% attendance is:

10 days absence per year from school

70 days or 14 weeks missed from a child's primary school education

90% attendance is:

19 days absence per year from school

133 days (almost 3/4 of a school year) missed over their primary school career