



# Newsletter 14

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Celebration Morning  
Children leave @ 12.30pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December,  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Training Days – no pupils

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Pupils return to the new site

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January @ 3pm  
Open Classroom  
*Parent Event*

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
CB23 Network Public  
Speaking Competition  
*4 children attending*

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Internet Safety Day  
*In school pupil event*

## Class Reference Information:

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

### Our new site:

It has been wonderful to hear such excitement and enthusiasm about our new home from pupils, staff and those of you who were able to take the tour. We are very proud of our new building and with each day that passes it looks more like our new school. The pantomime, kindly funded by the PTA, was performed there, and was a great success.

The overwhelming positivity has been very satisfying, however, like many primary schools, there have been concerns regarding parking. It is County Council policy not to provide parking or drop off points for parents on school premises. The school was invited by Parish Councillors and Eco Hub Trustees last March, to discuss safe use of the Eco Hub community car park for pupil drop off and collection. Unfortunately, to date, formal agreement has not been reached so parents choosing to park there do so at their own risk. We would like to encourage as many children and parents as possible to walk, bike or scooter to school. Our new bike and scooter racks have a large capacity, feel free to use your own bike locks if you wish. If you do need to use the car, please refer to our 'Travel to School' policy which suggests a number of ideas to reduce possible congestion at the front of the school such as: 'Park and Stride' or 'Borrow A Drive'. Hopefully, everyone will find a solution which ensures the safety of all children and others in the community.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

**Earrings:** We have had a number of queries regarding earrings and PE, County Council guidance reads as follows:

"Earrings must not be worn for PE/Games lessons and during any sporting after school clubs. They need to be removed completely, children are no longer allowed to put tape round them. Children who wear earrings will not be able to take part in practical lessons, but will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee, and coach, where appropriate."

"The reason not to wear earrings (or any jewellery) is that it can lead to injury for the wearer and for others in the class. The reason is both about tearing of the ear lobe, but also the post of the earring going into the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. This is also national policy from the Association of PE (AfPE)."

If you were considering your child having their ears' pierced over the Christmas period please be aware that they will NOT be allowed to take part in PE lessons. If your child already has their ears pierced, please ensure they are able to remove their earrings, independently, before returning to school in January as we believe physical activity is extremely important and we would not want any of our pupils to miss out.

**Term Time Holidays:** We appreciate many families plan next year's holidays during the Christmas break. Therefore, please be aware that following our recent meeting with the Education Welfare Officer we will be introducing fines for those parents who choose to take their children out of school, unauthorised, during term time. This brings us into line with other Cam Academy Trust schools. Please refer to our Attendance Policy, on the website.

### **Christmas Wishes:**

We thank you for all your support during this busy time of the year. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you back to our new, Station Road site on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Merry Christmas!

