

Newsletter – 17th May 2017

We have only been back at school for such a short period of time but as always the school has been a hub of activity with lots of different, exciting events taking place.

This term promises to be a busy one so please do save the important dates for your diary as we wouldn't want you to miss out on anything. Be sure to check our school website frequently for further updates.

Miss Lecky's Wonderful News

We are extremely proud to announce that Miss Lecky will be moving on to become an Assistant Principle at another school at the end of the summer term. Whilst we will be extremely sad to see her go, we wish her all the best in her exciting, new and challenging role and am sure that she will keep in touch and come back and see us. We will of course ensure that we recruit another fantastic teacher to take her position.

Mrs Edge

It is with great disappointment that I have to announce that the wonderful Mrs Edge will be leaving us at the end of the summer term too. Mrs Edge will be returning to work after her maternity on a part-time basis at another school which is more local to her new home. She really will be sorely missed by all of the staff and children but we are looking forward to welcoming her back for two weeks before the end of next term to say our goodbyes properly. We wish her well on her new journey and am sure that she will keep us updated with her new adventures. Mr Evans will officially be taking over this teaching post and we are extremely happy to welcome him to the Cogenhoe team as a permanent fixture.

Mrs Drage

We would like to thank all of the families who made a kind donation for Mrs Drage on behalf of her family.

Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to those parents who have successfully submitted their applications. We are now officially collating all of the relevant documentation and will keep you informed of the process to vote.

Governor Resignation

As a school we are extremely sad to announce that Mrs Andrea Rowlands has stepped down as our Vice Chair of the Governing Body. Mrs Rowlands has been an asset to our school and will be sorely missed. However, we wish her all the best on her next adventure and we are pleased to announce that Mrs Alison Barrett will now be taking up this position.

Rocco the Reading Dog

This week we welcomed in the adorable 10 year old Rocco (Chocolate Labrador) to come and read with some of our children. He works as part of the registered charity 'Pets as Therapy' and visits schools in order to boost children's self-esteem and confidence around reading. Without a doubt, all of the children who read with Rocco said that they found the whole process very relaxing and exciting at the same time. I am keen to try and continue this as a regular feature of our reading curriculum.

Sports Day – Thursday 22nd June

I wanted to give you plenty of notice so that as many of you as possible can join us for what is going to be a fantastic event. We have decided to change the format of our Sports Day this year so that all of the children are more involved in a wider range of activities. The event will be taking place in the football club's grounds. More information will be given about the exact timings and arrangements closer to the time. We hope to see you all there.

Monday 22nd May – Friday 26th May – Whole School Health Week

As a school, we take part in this national initiative every year. Each class teacher will be planning an array of activities for their class throughout the week. During the week, each class will be competing to be the greenest. We are asking for all children to either walk, park and walk, cycle or car share for this week. Each morning your child will complete the survey in their class. On **Tuesday 23rd** all parents are invited to attend a Yoga session with a qualified instructor, starting in the school hall at **2.30pm**.

On Wednesday 24th, Reception parents are invited to join their child in the 'Walk a Mile' challenge on the field next the school. If you wish to join us, please come to the school office at **2.25pm**.

As it was such a huge success last year, we will be holding our Healthy Bake Off again on **Friday 26th May**. The idea is to still be able to have a sweet treat but to use healthier substitutes for certain ingredients wherever possible. If you are entering, please put your entry in the school hall in the morning and include a recipe sheet. You are all invited to join us for a cuppa and a slice from 3.20pm onwards, in the school hall. The winners will be announced and prizes given during this time. We are hoping to raise funds for the school at this event which can be used to invest in more cooking equipment. Can we please remind you not to use any nuts. Thank you.

Lastly, we have started to notice an increase in unhealthy snacks at break time. Therefore, we would just like to remind you that children shouldn't be having any chocolate, sweets or crisps for their morning snack. Thank you for your support with this matter. We all want our children to have healthy teeth, minds and bodies.

Dates for Your Diary...

Tuesday 16th May- Whole school mufti day (Please see further details on school website in community section)

Monday 22nd May- Year 1 Parents invited in from 2.45pm

Tuesday 23rd May – Year 4 class trip to Holdenby House

Wednesday 24th May- Whole school disco

Thursday 25th May- Whole school class photographs

Friday 26th May – School closes for Half Term

Don't forget to visit the school's website for lots of updates, photos and information about the children's learning www.cogenhoe.northants.sch.uk

I look forward to working with you all during this final term. Many thanks for your continued support,

Charley Oldham
Acting Headteacher

