



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have come to the end of the first half term already, it really has flown by. The children have had an excellent start to the school year and have been a pleasure to teach. We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress and achievement with you at our Parent Evenings in November, where you will be given their targets and have an opportunity to look at the work in their books. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Parent Forum meeting this week and the Harvest Festival, we really do appreciate your support. The Harvest Festival performances really were fantastic and we are so proud of all of the children. The harvest boxes will be donated to the Hope Centre this afternoon and given to families who are in real need of support.

I hope you and your families have a happy and relaxing half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Duggleby

### **Whole School Attendance and Absence**

Our whole school attendance target for this academic year is **97.5%**. We are confident that with your ongoing support we can meet or exceed this target. We are on track to exceed this target at the moment, so thank you for ensuring your children are attending school every day. Term time leave of absent requests will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, holiday requests will be unauthorised.

We do understand that children will become poorly at times throughout the school year, so we do appreciate that there will be absences that cannot be helped. In many cases when a child has a minor illness such as a cough, cold, temperature or headache, we would encourage parents to give them some Calpol or children's paracetamol at home and bring them in to school. Please be aware that we cannot administer non-prescription medicines in school. If your child is very unwell and cannot attend school, please let us know before 9:15 a.m. on the first day of absence. If your child is absent and we have not received a message or phone call from you, we will telephone you to find out why your child has not arrived at school.

### **Autumn 1 Whole School Attendance Figures**

<b>Whole School</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
Year R	98.4%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	98.3 %
Year 5	97.3 %
Year 6	97%

## Parent Forum

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Parent Forum on Monday evening, it was great to see so many of you there. The results of the homework questionnaire were presented and we had some very interesting discussions and viewpoints shared regarding future homework provision. After half term a new Homework Policy will be drafted in consultation with teachers and governors, then shared with children and parents. The main feedback from parents during the forum was:

- Parents would like consistent regular feedback about their child's homework
- Children do not always know what their spelling words mean
- Some parents would like project based homework alongside the current reading, spelling and Mathematics
- Parents would like more opportunities to find out how phonics, maths and literacy is taught across the school

Future agenda items were also discussed and parents would like the opportunity to share their views on School Hot Dinners, School Trips, Behaviour and After School Clubs. These items will be on the agenda at a future Parent Forum. Please find attached the Parent Forum presentation for those of you who were unable to attend.



## Cogenhoe Sport Report



We have been busy over the last week attending cluster football competitions at Wollaston School. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October our Year 3 and 4 football team took part in their competition. 6 teams entered and our team did an amazing job of coming second overall, winning 4 games and losing just one. The children showed excellent team spirit and definitely grew in confidence as the competition went on. *Highlights included the numerous goals scored by Travis F and a few robust challenges by Lexie H.*

On Tuesday this week, our Year 5 and 6 football team had their chance to show their footballing prowess. Just like the Year 3 and 4 team they showed excellent spirit and hard work throughout the competition. However, the Year 5 and 6 team went one better and won the tournament. We won 4 games and lost one. *Highlights of the night included a Liam M hat-trick (amongst many other goals) and an Aiden G wonder strike.*

Also this week, Years 3-6 took part in a tennis tournament at Northampton Lawn Tennis Club on their Astro turf and clay courts. The children were split into groups and played in a round robin against children from within their year group. The winners and runners up from each group went through to compete in the semi-final and those winners on to the final. The standard of tennis was extremely high, as was the sportsmanship shown in self umpiring and scoring. A big thank you must go out to Simon and his team at Northampton LTC for organising a very well run competition at their excellent facilities. It is a wonderful experience for our children to be able to play at high quality venues such as this.

## Diary Dates

End of Half Term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, children return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Year 6 Information Meeting for Parents and Children – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 3:30 p.m.

Year 6 Remembrance Assembly – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 a.m. (Year 6 parents invited to attend)

Whole School Remembrance Museum – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2:00 p.m. onwards (All parents and families welcome)

Individual and Sibling School Photos – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November (Pre-school siblings 8:30 a.m.)

Parent Evenings – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

## **Cogenhoe Youth Club**

at Cogenhoe Village Hall

### **Fun and Games**

\*Footy \*Unihoc \*Rounders \*Parachute  
\*Giant Jenga \*Quiz \*Crafts \*Games

24<sup>th</sup> November

19<sup>th</sup> January

23<sup>rd</sup> March

20<sup>th</sup> April

18<sup>th</sup> May

22<sup>nd</sup> June

**For Ages 8 -13 years old**

**Admission £2.00**

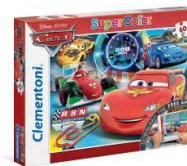
Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs  
Cogenhoe Parish Council  
Northamptonshire County Council

## Toys and Games

If you have any toys or games that your child no longer plays with (or you're having a clear out before Santa visits again!) then we would love to use them for our wet playtime resources.

Many thanks in advance 😊

We would appreciate any donations of jigsaw puzzles, board games, dolls, card games and cars.



**Cogenhoe**  
Primary School

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