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Primary School

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Our whole school value for next half term is **Co-operation**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an extremely busy and exciting term for all of the children and staff at Cogenhoe. Once again, on behalf of all of the staff and children, we would like to thank you for your continued support, feedback and co-operation as without you, none of what we do would be possible. The school continues to be a hub of activity, with lots of exciting, new projects coming up as we continue to strive for excellence and to ensure that every child achieves their true potential.

### **Whole School Reward System**

I am sure that you are already aware by now that the children are really busy with working towards their house point goals! Our new whole school reward system has had fantastic feedback from all of our children as they feel excited and motivated by the prizes that are on offer for them to achieve and they also love belonging to their house team. Our Friday assembly is now a highlight of the week when we find out which house team is currently in the lead – a huge thank you to our newly founded Year 6 house captains for their accurate Maths work in totalling the scores each week. The house team with the most points will be announced in next week's Celebration assembly – who will be the overall winner and what will the mystery prize be for all members of that team? A huge well done to all of those children who have already achieved their 50 house point award.

### **Lunchtimes**

Our amazing lunchtime team have really enjoyed their recent training that they had. A huge thank you to them for their effort and enthusiasm to make lunchtimes a positive experience for all of our children. A wide range of new equipment has been delivered especially for the lunchtime staff to use. Each lunchtime, every member of staff will be running fun games for all of the children to join in with. Make sure you ask your child what their favourite games are.

### **Reading, Reading, Reading!**

Reading continues to be a huge priority for our school. We have invested heavily into our reading environments this term and the children are already beginning to reap the benefits. Our new Key Stage 1 and 2 library areas have been fitted out with new furniture and hundreds of new appealing books for every reader to enjoy. The children are going to be able to enjoy these areas during their lunchtime in addition to attending book clubs and spending time with their class in there during the school day. For all of our other fantastic reading updates, please do peruse the separate reading flyer which will update you on lots of exciting things happening in school.

Furthermore, Ralph, our wonderful reading dog is going to be continuing to visit us at school on a Friday morning – Year 1 and year 2 will be reading with Ralph next half term.

Our new whole school daily reading focus “Book Talk”, is having a huge impact on all of our children’s learning. It is a fun, competitive way of developing fluent, confident readers who are able to comprehend a range of texts. We look forward to welcoming you to join us for one of these sessions next term.

Over the holidays, please do try to encourage your child to read something they really enjoy and spend time talking about books with them.

### **Staffing Update**

We would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Evans on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Olivia. Mr Evans thoroughly enjoyed his paternity leave but is now excited to be back at school. I know all the children are delighted to have him back, as are the staff. Olivia has already been to visit us all.

We are also extremely excited to be welcoming the amazing Miss Humphries back to school after half term on a part time basis. She is going to be very busy supporting in Year 4 during the mornings and will also be providing cover for classes when this is needed. We have missed her dearly and cannot wait to have her back on the team!

### **Cogenhoe Sport Report**

Huge congratulations to our Boccia team who took part in the competition and were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The team who came in second place have also successfully made it through to the finals. Good luck Team – let’s get another trophy to add to our school collection.

Mr Evans will be taking his dodgeball team to take part in a competition next week. Again, good luck to all who are participating.

The children are all really enjoying our new curling and archery equipment during their PE sessions – I keep finding the teachers in the hall after school enjoying them too!

We will be continuing to have tennis clubs and lessons for our Year 1,2,5 and 6 children after half term. Tennis breakfast clubs will also be available, please do contact the school office if you are interested in your child attending.

### Uniform and PE kit

I would like to kindly remind all parents to please adhere to the school's uniform policy. We want our children to look and feel smart and ready to learn. Appropriate, black school shoes should be worn every day. Please do ensure that girls are not wearing any nail polish or make up to school – thank you.

Some of our children are not wearing the correct uniform for their PE lessons. As a reminder, our school policy is: Royal blue shorts, a white t-shirt with the Cogenhoe logo on and black plimsolls and trainers. In the colder months, jogging bottoms are recommended, preferably blue or navy.

If you are unsure about any aspects of the policy or need some support with obtaining any uniform items, please do arrange an appointment with Mrs Oldham.

### Parking Reminder

Feedback from parents has suggested that parking is still, on occasion a problem for our parents and local residents in addition to a concern for the safety and welfare of our children. Please can we encourage all parents to use the village hall car park where possible and to avoid parking directly on the junction at Orchard Way. We really do appreciate your support with this matter – our Junior Road Safety Officers will be out in full force after half term to continue to monitor the parking in and around the school.

### Diary Dates

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – School open to pupils**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Bring your parent to school morning (See reading flyer)**  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February / Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March– Year 6 bikeability**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February- Big Bang @ Silverstone event – Years 5 and 6**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 SATS evening @ 6.30pm**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – School choir @ The Big Sing @ Derngate**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March- Film Night @ 3.30- 5.00pm**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Year 2 SATS evening**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Whole school art day**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – School closes**

