



Corby Old Village Primary School *Newsletter*

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A Fresh New Term

A huge welcome back to our pupils and families. Hopefully you all had a rewarding summer and are ready for the new year ahead.

As well as our new pupils in Reception and across the school we also welcome some new staff into the team. Many of you will already know Miss Evans as she worked at COVs last year as a student. She joins us this year as a newly qualified teacher with the benefit of already knowing the school. Miss T has also joined us and will be working alongside Miss Evans as a Teaching Assistant.

We had quite a bit of work completed over the summer. Elm and Birch have been repainted. The large cupboard has been removed from Birch to make it into a large and airy classroom and the cloakroom for these classrooms has been moved. Mrs Young has been into school a great deal over the holidays making it ready for the new term and I'm sure you will agree with me that the school looks great. A fantastic environment for learning. Thank you Mrs Young.

Helen Williams

Head Teacher

Attendance and Holidays in Term Time

We have already had a number of requests to authorise holidays. Whilst we do understand that holidays are considerably cheaper during the school term may we remind you that pupils are only authorised 10 days or 20 sessions per school year. Anything over this will be considered as unauthorised. If attendance falls below 95% the school will investigate and anything below 90% without exception circumstances will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.

Lateness

Parents may not be aware of the difficulties experienced by their children, even if they are only a few minutes late each day. Have you thought?

- 10 minutes late a day = almost a whole hour of lessons missed each week
- a child will miss his/her teacher's instructions for the first lesson.
- registers and school dinner numbers will have already been sent to the office.
- children are often very embarrassed and upset at coming into class late.

Please try to ensure that your child arrives on time so they are ready to learn.



Gold Brick Winners



Gold Brick Tea will begin next week.

PE Kit Plea

All pupils need to have a PE kit in school each week. Each class will have at least two PE sessions plus possible additional activities from external providers. Can you please ensure that your child brings a kit in on Monday to remain in school for the week.

Pedestrians and Car Safety

At COVs we are very lucky to have a car park that can be used by parents for dropping children off.

If you are walking your children to school could you please make sure you use the main pedestrian gate (High Street) at the front of the school. If you are dropping your child off by car can you please do this in the car park. Meeting Lane is a one way street so cars **MUST** turn left when leaving the school car park.

If everyone uses the correct gates then we can ensure that all our parents and pupils are safe.

Thank you



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Dates for your diary:

26th Sept - 2nd Deposit for

Hilltop required

Tuesday 13th October -

Parents Consultations

Wednesday 21st October -

Halloween Disco

**When summer turns to autumn
There's no contentment to compare
Coolwaves replace heatwaves
New friendships linger there.
Children with leather satchels
Wander in groups to school...
For 'boy meets girl' in autumn
And a midsummer dream
Becomes an autumn jewel.**

Joyce Hemsley