

COVINGHAM PARK NEWS

November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our November newsletter. As we head into winter, the mornings and evenings are darker and I'm sure we're all missing the light and warmth of the summer months. Although it's dark and cold, this term is also a term of light and celebration. We've already seen Diwali; Thanksgiving is this week, and we have other festivals of light (including Christmas!) to come. I'm sure many of you will also have enjoyed the amazing sunrises and sunsets we've seen recently – during our staff meeting on Wednesday, we all enjoyed the sunset from Miss Gunning's classroom!

Our topic theme this term is geography and children are learning about people and places both near and far; this links to our current school driver of COMMUNITY. We're proud of children who are demonstrating this driver in our celebration assemblies – great ambassadors for CPPS.

There is an e-safety meeting on Monday 27th please return reply form sent via ParentMail.

We have our open morning on Wednesday 29th November for families of children who will be starting school in September 2024. Our choir and dancers will be performing and governors will be in school to answer any question. Our new headteacher from January 2024, Mrs Andrews, will also be with us to meet parents. You can also see our recently redeveloped FS provision.

As we move into December, there is much to look forward to: Christmas lunch, carol service at St Paul's, Christmas crafts in school, Lower School Nativity and Christmas discos (many thanks to FRIENDS).

We would like to thank parents for attending the Phonics sessions in Lower school.

We would welcome any feedback on the lengthened school days that started in September. You can respond by Email to admin@cpps.swindon.sch.uk With the subject of School day response.

We thank all our families for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in school this term for some of our events.

Please refer to our website www.cpps.swindon.sch.uk for more information.

A handy list of dates

24th November Table Top Sale

27th November E-Safety meeting at 3:30pm

29th November Open Morning at 9:30am

6th December Rocksteady Concerts

6th December Christmas Lunch

12th December KS1 Nativity for FS at 1:30pm

13th December KS1 Nativity for Yr1 at 1:30pm

14th December KS1 Nativity for Yr2 at 1:30pm

15th December Christmas at church

19th December Last day of Term2

19th December School Disco

4th January Term3 Begins

5th January Jungle Jonathan in to visit FS

Monday 19th February TD Day

Thursday 28th March TD Day

Friday 24th May TD Day



Messy Nativity

Sunday 10th December 2023

10am St Timothy's Church, Liden, SN3 6HP
with breakfast

4pm St Paul's Church, Covingham, SN3 5BY
with afternoon tea

Join in the fun, activities and games and hear the amazing story about the first Messy Nativity.
Feel free to dress up as your favourite character from the Christmas story, costumes also available!

THE DORCAN CHURCH OFFICE
Email: dorcan.church.office@gmail.com 01793 435 987
Facebook: "Messy Church Dorcan" www.dorcanchurch.org.uk

If you are looking for a new school for your child in the East of Swindon with lots of outdoor space. Please call us for an appointment to view on 01793 525465



ATTENDANCE

The DfE guidance to parents. If your child is unexpectedly absent from school, please notify the school as soon as possible, we would appreciate you telling us the type of illness your child is experiencing or reason for absence.

We require 10 days notice for absence requests. Holiday should be taken in school holidays, not in term time.

When changing pick up arrangements please inform the school at the earliest possible time, not just before the end of the school day.

2023/24 academic year test dates:

Reception baseline assessment for each child in the first 6 weeks after they enter reception.

Key stage 1 test period: May 2024

KS1 phonics screening check: Week commencing Monday 10th June 2024

KS2 (Year6): the key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024

KS2 (Year4): Multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Monday 3rd June 2024

2024/25 academic year test dates:

Reception baseline assessment for each child in the first 6 weeks after they enter reception.

Key stage 1 test period: May 2025

KS1 phonics screening check : Week commencing Monday 9th June 2025

KS2 (Year6) the key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025

KS2 (Year4): Multiplication tables check with the 2-week period from Monday 2nd June 2025

We are now a cashless school; all payments to be made through PlusPay.

School Lunches

School lunches will be available shortly to order on ParentMail for Term 2 and can be booked up to Thursday before the week required.

Reminders

School finishes at the usual time on Tuesday 19th December

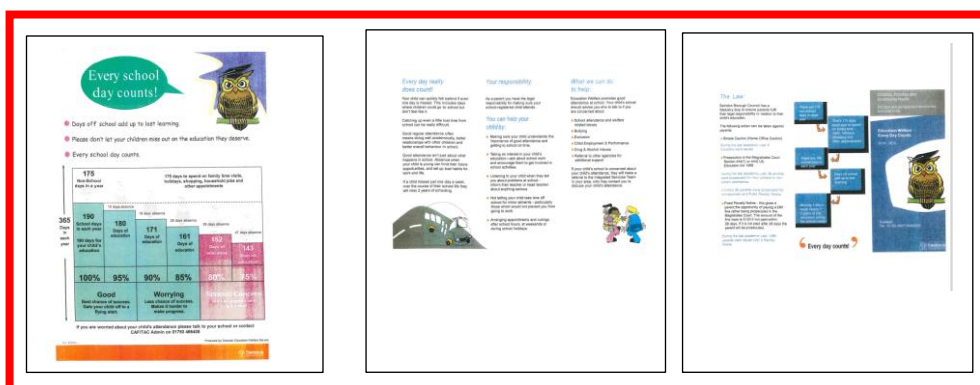
Upper school healthy snacks for breaktime: fruit/vegetables/cereal bars (nut free).

Please be respectful to our neighbours when parking outside the school as we have received a number of complaints, also be aware of the new parking restrictions markings outside gates on zig zags.

Can pupils please remember their belongings before coming to school? e.g., Pack lunches, water bottles, PE kit and homework. When dropping off things to school please park outside school gates.

If your child requires medicines in school please fill in a form from the office. If your child already has medication in school, please check expiry dates for medication.

Collect all medication before end of Term 6.



Data we hold about your child

Please remember to let us know if you change your address, telephone numbers or contact details.

Please complete the attached form and return to the school office.

If you would like to know more about the data we hold, please contact with our Business Manager, Mrs C Bacon, or our Co-Headteachers, Mrs C Polley and Mrs J Crabbe.

SWINDON MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB
AGES 4-12
FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES
DECEMBER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB
18th - 22nd December 2023
BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
MAKE NEW FRIENDS FUN ACTIVITIES
 A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including, Football, basketball, cricket, table football a nature walk, outdoor gym equipment, 2 play areas, and much more.....
 www.swindonmultisports.co.uk

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023-24
 Swindon Borough Council

	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23
Monday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26

	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug 24 / Sept 24
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26 2
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27 3
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28 4
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29 5
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30 6
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25 1

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2023	Term 1	34
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2023	Term 2	36
New Years Holiday	1st January 2024	Term 3	20
Good Friday	29th March 2024	Term 4	20
Easter Monday	1st April 2024	Term 5	39
May Day Holiday	6th May 2024	Term 6	29
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2024	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2024		

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The girls' football team attended their first tournament of the year on Tuesday the 21st November. They played valiantly and won one of their group games 4 – 0. Across the tournament, there were goals for Libby, Darcey, Pixie-Lou and Boe! We are looking forward to the start of our Girls' League in January

Experience...
CHRISTMAS AT STEAM
 £3.50 Adults
 £1.00 Children
 Under 2s go free
 10am to 5pm
2 & 3 December 2023
 Enjoy live choir performances and browse over 50 artisan market stalls set amidst famous GWR locomotives.
 Santa's Storytime* completes the festive magic.
 *For an extra charge.
 Tickets must be booked in advance: www.steam-museum.org.uk
 @steam_museum @steamuseum @steamuseum
 STEAM Museum of the Great Western Railway
 First Fly Avenue, Swindon, SN4 2EY Swindon

Congratulations to the school football team for WINNING their Swindon-wide tournament at Foundation Park. They will now go forward and represent Swindon in the 'Regional' round of the competition. Well done to the lads!

