

Coopersale and Theydon Garnon C. of E. Primary School Newsletter – 20th September 2019

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A huge welcome back to all our families! We trust that you have had an amazing Summer, revitalised and ready to learn!

Individual and Sibling Photos

<u>Next Tuesday 24th September</u> is our individual, sibling and whole school photo day. If your child attending our school has siblings of pre-school age, you are more than welcome to come to the school hall for 8.15am prompt, to have their photo taken. Please ensure children are dressed in our full school uniform and only school colour or plain hair clips/bands are to be worn. The children with longer hair, will be given the option of having their hair down for the photos, with hair put back up straight after the photos to adhere to school policy.

OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

It gives me great pleasure to announce that our new school website has now gone live. Please do wait a week or two for us to now update files, images, calendars etc., as most data has been moved across from our previous website for the interim. The link to the website is as it was before: www.coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk

OUR NEW SCHOOL APP (School Jotter)

As well as our new school website, we also have our own school app for you to download and use on your mobile devices. This will become our main notification app to send out news, newsletters, calendar events, gallery photos of events and many more. In many ways you will find this in sync with our website, with a few extra features. We will still be using Studybugs as our message service to contact you for personal messages... and please continue to use Studybugs as the preferred way of notifying the school of your child's absences. To download the app onto your mobile device, please use the attached School Jotter information page.

Mr Bateman will be hosting a training session for parents soon, to see how to access and use the website and school app to its full use. A date will be confirmed soon of this event.

Children left unattended before school

A reminder that no child should be at school before 8.30am without parent supervision. The school staff do not come on duty until 8.30am.

School Dinners £2.20

A reminder that school dinners are now £2.20 for Key Stage 2 pupils (unless entitled to Free School Meals). This will be £11.00 for a week. A reminder that you can pay online or send cash/cheque at the start of the week to the front office in an envelope with your child's name and class details.

Healthy Schools Food Policy

Next week our governing board will be looking at a first draft of a new school food policy. After this, the draft policy will go out to parents and other key members of our school community to have their say. More information to come to you soon.

Shine Clubs

Our breakfast and after-school club is now in its 3rd week and pupil numbers attending are growing daily. We've had really positive feedback from parents so far, and we will be sending out a survey in October to gather more feedback. For enquiries on admissions, registrations and attendance, please contact the club via their website: https://www.shineclubs.com or alternatively call using the phone number on the morning entrance door to the school.

Year 6 Residential – September 2019

Monday 9th to Friday 13th September, our Year 6's spent the week on their residential camp. What an amazing bunch they were – challenging themselves in a range of activities. We will be posting a photo gallery soon on our school app and website. A huge thank you to Miss Kendell, Mrs Kimber and Mrs Atwal, who all volunteered their time to stay overnight with the children across the week.

PTA Update and Forthcoming Events

Today we had our AGM for the school PTA. Minutes will come to you shortly, informing you of appointed personnel, spending review and dates for fundraising events across this academic year. The school can't thank the PTA enough for all the pledged funding towards many areas of school resourcing. Once again, dates of upcoming events will be on our school app and website by next week. In the interim, Movies and Munch will be the first event, held on Friday 4th October after school.

Other Letters you will receive today are:

- School Jotter app (hard copy sent home)
- Reception class newsletter (sent via Studybugs app)
- Year 5 & 6 newsletter (sent via Studybugs app)
- Secondary School Admissions Letter (sent via Studybugs to all Year 6 parents)
- Shooters Adverts X 2 Half Term Camp and upcoming Tournament (sent via school app or website)
- Pact for Autism Invite (sent via Studybugs app)

Dates for the Diary

(Coming soon... go to our school jotter app or our school website for a full list of events)

Dates	Events
Monday 16 th September	Girls Football Club starts
Friday 20 th September	Community Football starts on the school field
Tuesday 24 th September	Individual, Sibling and Whole School Photo Day
Monday 30 th September	Staff after school led clubs begin
Thursday 3 rd October	National Poetry Day
Friday 4 th October	PTA led Movies and Munch (after school – more information to come)
Wednesday 9 th October	Harvest Celebrations for all year groups at St Alban's Church
Thursday 10 th October	Reception pupils' Height and Weight Check by School Nurse Team
Friday 11 th October	Year 6 pupils' Height and Weight Check by School Nurse Team









