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# CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful Easter break. We have been blessed with some lovely weather which always improves the school holidays. We are currently making plans for the Summer Term with lots of exciting activities already booked in. Please keep an eye on the dates section in the Newsletter and we will send additional details just as soon as we have them.

## Holiday Club

The Holiday Club was a great success, the children enjoyed the activities provided, being with adults and in an environment which they knew well. Thank you to all the staff involved and especially to Lauren who did all the organising. Booking is now open for the Summer holidays and can be booked on School Money. The Holiday Club will run from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July for 4 weeks. We have also been approached by an independent provider who would like to run an Art Club at the end of the holiday. More details will be sent soon.

## Uniform

We are very proud of our children and want them to be proud to be part of their school. One way we can show this is by wearing Cradley uniform with pride. Parents, please work with us to make sure that when children are in school or representing us outside school they look their very best. The correct uniform can be found on our school website.

PE uniform should only be worn on PE days. This is a white t-shirt, red shorts, black or grey leggings or tracksuit bottoms, school jumpers or cardigans or a plain red hoodie. No other colours or anything with logos is permitted.

Class teachers will let you know which day children have PE.

## Reading

Children being able to read is the most important skill that we can teach them. It opens up so many opportunities for learning and for pleasure. Children learn to read using phonics in Early Years but there are then different skills taught as they go through school. Comprehension, fluency and inference are some key skills taught in a variety of ways at school. Regularly reading aloud to an adult is very important and children who read regularly at home and are supported by talking about what they have read or are reading, have the most success.

Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school.

Here are some tips for reading with your child at home:

1. Make time to read, even ten minutes a day.
2. Choose different types of books.
3. Take turns to read.
4. Talk about the book - ask your child questions.
5. Visit the local library together and enjoy book-talk about your favourite texts.
6. Read comics, websites, environmental signs, instructions - in fact, anything at all!

Please record when and what you have read at home in your child's reading record. Children of all ages should be encouraged to read with an adult.

### Sports Day

This will be held on Tuesday 24th May. It will start at 10.00am. Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us and then to stay for a Platinum Picnic. After this, children will be able to go home at 1pm, however, children can stay in school until 3pm if you need them to.

### Platinum Jubilee

We will be celebrating this event in a number of ways. Sports Day will have a Commonwealth theme and we will have a Platinum Picnic together on the field after. We will be having a Mix-up Day based around the decades of the Queen's Reign and we will be having a Street Party lunch on the playground followed by a Garden Party on the field on Friday 27th May.

We have been asked to be an integral part of the village Jubilee Fete on Saturday 4th June. FoCS will be having some games and stalls, we will be Maypole Dancing (children who want to take part must sign up for the Maypole Dancing Club), we will be displaying art work in church and we will be leading a procession from the school to the fete field.

Please support us with these activities so that we can make this event something children will remember for years to come.

We have included an additional day's holiday at the end of term in lieu of the extra bank holiday.

Class Welcome Wednesday and Collective Worship dates for this term.

4th May WW Class 2

18th May CCW Class 4

8th June WW Class 5

15th June CCW Class 1

29th June CCW Class 3

### Covid 19

Children and staff are no longer required to test when showing symptoms of COVID-19 .

The symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections are very similar. It is not possible to tell if you have COVID-19, flu or another respiratory infection based on symptoms alone. If children have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to come to school or carry out normal activities, you are advised to keep them at home and avoid contact with other people until they are well or for 3 days, whichever is later.

As we start the new term now living with COVID, we will continue to take precautions in school, with handwashing, sanitising, encouraging good respiratory hygiene, ventilation and following guidance from Public Health in the event of an outbreak of an illness which we must report.

If you have any questions please ask class teachers on Tapestry or email the school office. We will update you about the events this term just as soon as we have finalised details.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jones

