



Autumn 1

September 16th 2016

Welcome to my first newsletter as your interim Headteacher and to a brand new school year.

My aim is to make this as useful and easy to read as possible.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made me feel so at ease over the last fortnight. It was great to see many of you at the new starters' lunch on Friday and in the transition meetings this week. A special welcome to any new families who have joined our school since the end of the last term. I have really enjoyed meeting some of you on the playground in the morning: if you haven't done so, please come and say hello - even if I am still looking a little bewildered !!

I would like to congratulate all the children on a fantastic start to the new school year. I have been popping in and out of classrooms and have had regular visitors to the office. I have been so impressed with the children's manners and their attitude towards their learning.

Long may it continue!
Have a lovely weekend,

Regards,

Shan Brough Jones

Staff news

Welcome back to Mrs Rawes who is steadily building up her working week after her illness.

Mrs Tomsett is our new class 4 teacher, working with Mrs Rawes. She teaches every Thursday and Friday and is working some additional days until Mrs Rawes is in full working order!

Mrs Moore is working every morning in the office with Mrs Lister. She has also joined our Midday Supervisor team.

A welcome to Mrs Hodgson who has joined our school team this term and Mrs Patterson who is our new school cook. You will have seen that both Mrs Walker and Mrs Coulthard are teaching everyday which is great news.

Vacancy in school

We have a vacancy for a full time midday supervisor. This is a crucial role in all schools. It is for an hour a day and a perfect opportunity for someone to join the wonderful team at Cawood. Please contact Mrs Lister in the office if you are interested.

A note from Mr Smith....

I wanted to write to say a very big thank you for all that was done to mark my leaving at the end of the summer term. I was very touched by all the messages of thanks and good wishes for the future which came by email and in discussion with people over the last few weeks of term. The gifts I was given will all be put to good use - my next holiday flight is covered, there will be new pots in the front garden shortly and my toilet is proudly sporting its twinning certificate! The final Together Time was lovely and thank you to all the staff and children for making it such a special occasion.

I have settled into my new role in the diocese and everyone has made me feel most welcome. My first week has been mainly office based and then I start getting out and about over the next few weeks.

I wish everyone the very best for the year ahead and thank you once again.

Andrew

General information

Journeys to School

If your child is cycling or scooting to school

The children are welcome to continue to cycle or 'scoot' to school. Please can I remind you and your child of the simple rules of cycling to school:

1. A helmet should be worn when riding to school. **This is a requirement not an option.** Helmets can be brought into school and stored.
2. When arriving at the school gate, everyone should dismount their bike or scooter and push it around the back of school for storage. To minimise the risks of any accidents, there should be no cycling or scooting on the playground.

Parking around school

Please park with consideration for our neighbours

Please also observe the no waiting markings outside the front of school, nor park opposite them on the other side of the road. Thank you.

AND remember that you can still park in the Castle pub car park at drop off and pick up times, which would ease parking around school.

Home School Link Worker

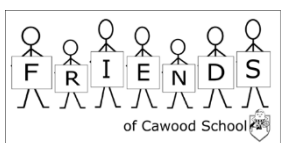
Carol Ramsden is our Home School Link Worker (HSLW) and she is available each morning on the playground (usually near the KS2 doors) from 8.45 - 9.00am. There is space in school for you to come in and discuss any issues you may have with her.

The role of the HSLW is to

- help to identify concerns or issues relating to early signs of social, emotional, learning, health or behavioural issues
- provide support and advice to children and families
- signpost links to appropriate agencies for families facing difficult situations
- help support transition, either into school, from class to class, or up to High School
- work with children and families to connect with the ethos of the school

I know of many families who have really benefited from the support of a Home School Link Worker. Please do use her; she may well be able to help or signpost you to someone who can offer you support when it is most needed. If you don't know Carol, please speak with me and I can introduce you.

The Friends of Cawood School



The Friends have started to plan their year. Please read on to see how you may be able to contribute at the annual Beer Festival. I hope you may be able to support this event again for the village, as all the proceeds will come to school. If you can offer help on the day, I know that it would be really appreciated.

Office hours

Just a reminder that school office working hours are now 8.30 - 4.00 every day.

Water

Please provide fresh water for your child every day; it is really important that children keep themselves well hydrated during the school day.

Nut Allergies

We have several children in school who have very severe nut allergies - it is a life threatening condition if they eat, or possibly even touch them. It is therefore very important that we minimise any risk by avoiding food containing any nuts in packed lunches.

Dinners

A reminder that all dinner money should be sent on a Monday, clearly stating on which days a dinner will be taken. All money must be handed in to class teachers in the classroom and not the school office. We are looking to adopt an electronic payment system. Watch this space!

Website reminder

You will find a wealth of information on the school website including information about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding and what to do if your child is absent from school. Cawoodprimary.co.uk

Uniform

Thankyou to you all for sending your children to school looking so smart and wearing our school uniform.

If at any point you need to convince your child that red nails are not part of the uniform code (!), you will also find our uniform code on the website.

Important dates Holidays and training days

	School closes	School re-opens	Training Days		School closes	School re-opens	Training Days
Autumn		Tue 6 Sep 2016	Mon 5 Sep 2016			Tue 5 Sep 2017	Friday 1 Sept 2017 Mon 4 Sep 2016
Autumn Half term	Fri 21 Oct 2016	Tues 1 Nov 2016	Mon 31 Oct 2016		Fri 20 Oct 2017	Mon 30 Oct 2017	
Christmas	Fri 16 Dec 2016	Weds 4 Jan 2017	Tues 3 Jan 2017		Fri 22 Dec 2017	Tue 9 Jan 2018	Mon 8 Jan 2018
Spring half-term	Fri 17 Feb 2017	Mon 27 Feb 2017			Fri 09 Feb 2018	Mon 19 Feb 2018	
Easter	Fri 7 Apr 2017	Tue 25 Apr 2017	Mon 24 Apr 2017		Thur 29 Mar 2018	Tue 17 Apr 2018	Mon 16 Apr 2018
May Day	Mon 1 May 2017				Mon 7 May 2018		
Summer Half-term	Fri 26 May 2017	Tues 6 Jun 2017	Mon 5 Jun 2017		Fri 25 May 2018	Mon 4 Jun 2018	
Summer	Tues 25 Jul 2017				Fri 20 Jul 2018		Mon 23 Jul 2018